Insights into the relationship between think tanks and policymakers

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CSTEP, in India, has published the 4th edition of their Aditi Bulletin. Aditi deals with a number of interesting issues related to think tanks from the perspective of the South Asian region.

It also offers an interesting effort from a research centre in a developing country to study think tanks and their environment -something that On Think Tanks has always advocated for.

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**Articles**

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Ravi S Jha, Senior Public Policy Administrator, Toronto, Canada

Policy Making: A Serious Matter
Dr. Annapoorna Ravichander, Head CPE, CSTEP and Arushi Sen, Senior Communications Officer, CSTEP

Policymakers: Unravelling a Heterogeneous World
Vanesa Weyrauch, Co-founder, Politics&Ideas and Leandro Echt, Member en Politics & Ideas: A Think Net and On Think Tanks

Case Studies

Best Public Policy is Achieved Through Dialogue: Rural Dialogue Group’s Experience in Latin America
Juan Fernández Labbé, Researcher and coordinator Unit M&E, Rimisp-Centro Latinoamericano para el Desarrollo Rural

Research, Relevance and Stress-testing Recommendations
Richard Darlington, Head of Strategic Advocacy, Well Told Story

Interviews

John Parker, Beijing Bureau Chief, The Economist
Ibrahima Wade, Secretary General to the Strategy of Accelerated Growth
Interviewed by Dououd Ndiaye, Director of Communications, Carnegi

George Perkovich, Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Peter Taylor, Program Leader, Think Tank Initiative, IDRC

The general public in my country sees think tanks as:

- Generally positive and valuable to society; they wish we had more
- Generally negative; nothing more than rent seekers or lobbyists
- What is a think tank? They do not know what a think tank is
- Other:

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