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Introduction: Positioning Research

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This edited volume brings together researchers, academicians and practitioners from different disciplines and theoretical orientations, and the claims to knowledge they make. The book attempts to highlight the intersections between interdisciplinarity, indigeneity and research, and emphasizes the shifting paradigms in the conduct and presentation of research. It also brings together experienced researchers, academicians and early career researchers to share with the audience a wealth of information as to why it is important to position research and the challenges that early career researchers are likely to face. It highlights the problematic nature of the contexts in which research questions are conceptualized and designed and with the implications of the research for the various partners and the communities that participate. It focuses on the subjectivities and subjugation of various peoples, which renders them silent and invisible in research and action. This book goes beyond disrupting relationships between researchers (non-Indigenous) and researched (Indigenous) (Smith 2012) and begins to address collaborative researches, research capacity building and building peer groups while conducting multidisciplinary researches.

The seeds for this book, *Positioning Research: Shifting Paradigms, Interdisciplinarity and Indigeneity*, were sown with the term 'dilemma'. We found that we were always at loggerheads deliberating on issues that were at times confusing, puzzling and at other times downright confounding. There was a constant shuffling and reshuffling of thoughts which often led to a predicament on how to address and relate to issues. We could say that a proportion of this predicament came from the fact that we were encompassing anomalous social environments from differing continents and countries, living within cultures that are often referred