

# EIA Teaching at Tertiary Level Institutions in Pakistan



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# The project

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- NIAP (strengthening EIA and SEA in development planning – 2009-2014)
- review of EIA teaching at tertiary level academic institutions in Pakistan
- 33 institutions teach EIA in various courses, almost entirely within environmental science and engineering faculties and departments (there's 74 HE institutions)
- None is offering a specific EIA degree programme.
- Various workshops and assignments

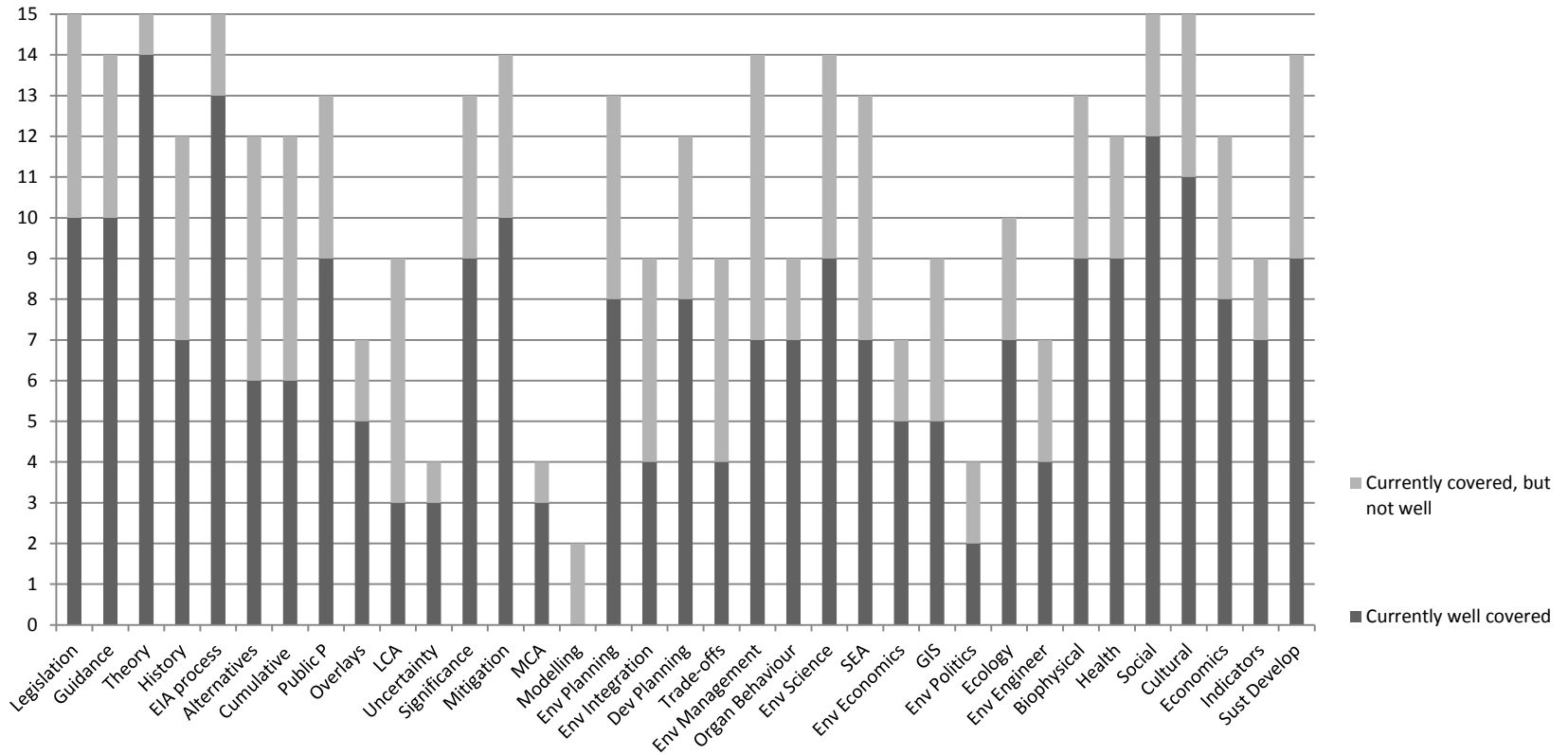
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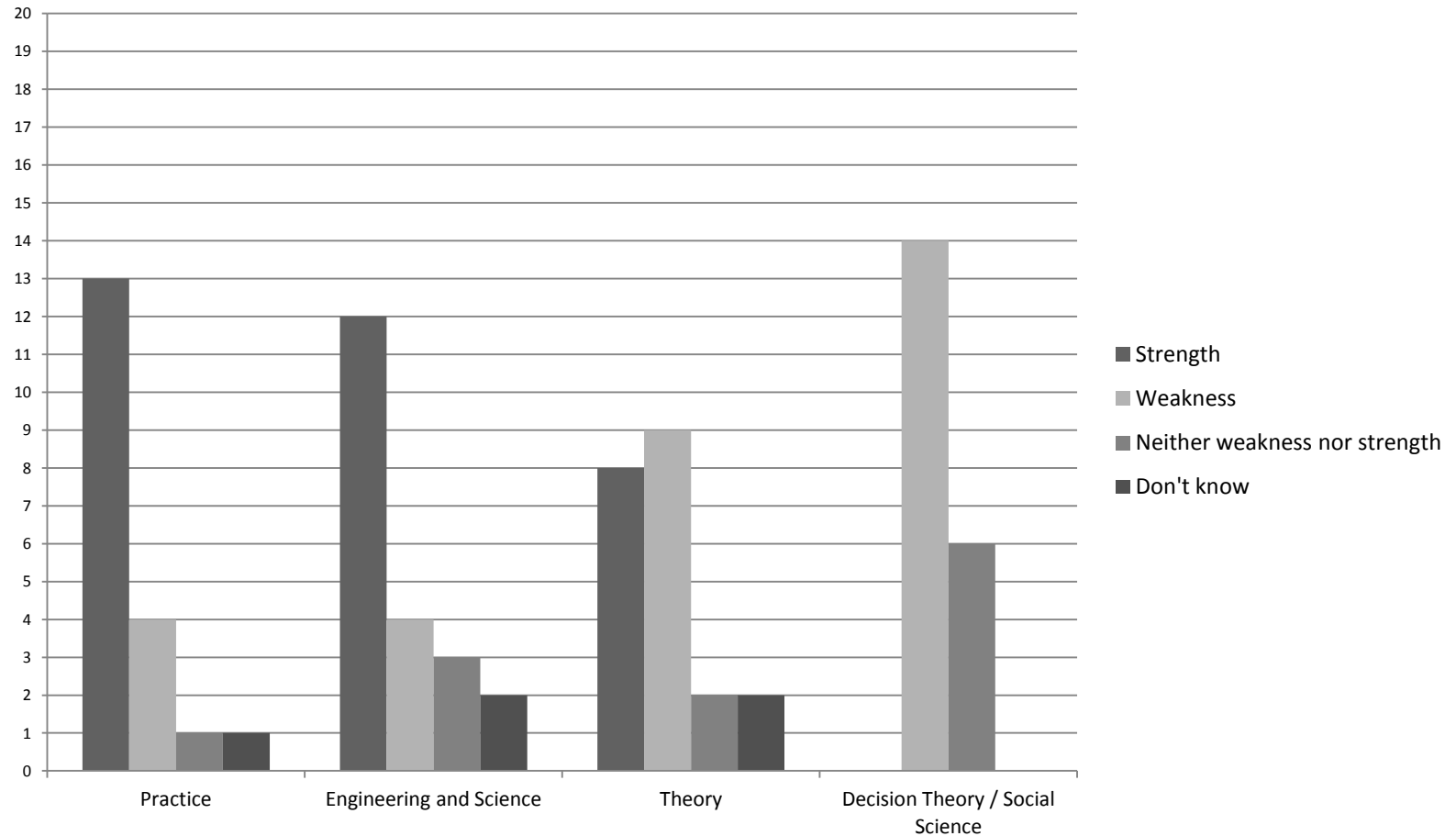
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses of current Pakistani higher EIA education
  - Written questionnaire survey with 17 HE representatives
  - Anonymous survey, using an audience response system
  - Group work...



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- ***Specific training needs:***
  - Collaboration between national and international EIA Experts.
  - Sharing of knowledge/data with consultants, EPA's and other stakeholders.
  - Practical exposure to EIA concerned projects and sites and exchange of views with EIA experts and related stakeholders.
- ***Initiatives for effective training***
  - EIA data availability.
  - Access to literature related to best practices/success stories.
  - Short training sessions (from NIAP).
  - Workshops for all EIA teaching faculty from a university.
  - Provision of funds for EIA trainings for EIA faculty abroad.

# Conclusions

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- Extent to which different EIA related topics are covered in Pakistan not dissimilar from elsewhere in the world
- Cultural and social aspects are covered well
- No Pakistani specific textbooks
- Insufficient connections between academic and practice worlds



## National Impact Assessment Programme

### Improvement of EIA Curricula of Tertiary Level Academic Institutions: EIA Teaching in Pakistan

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