

From Commons to Commonism?

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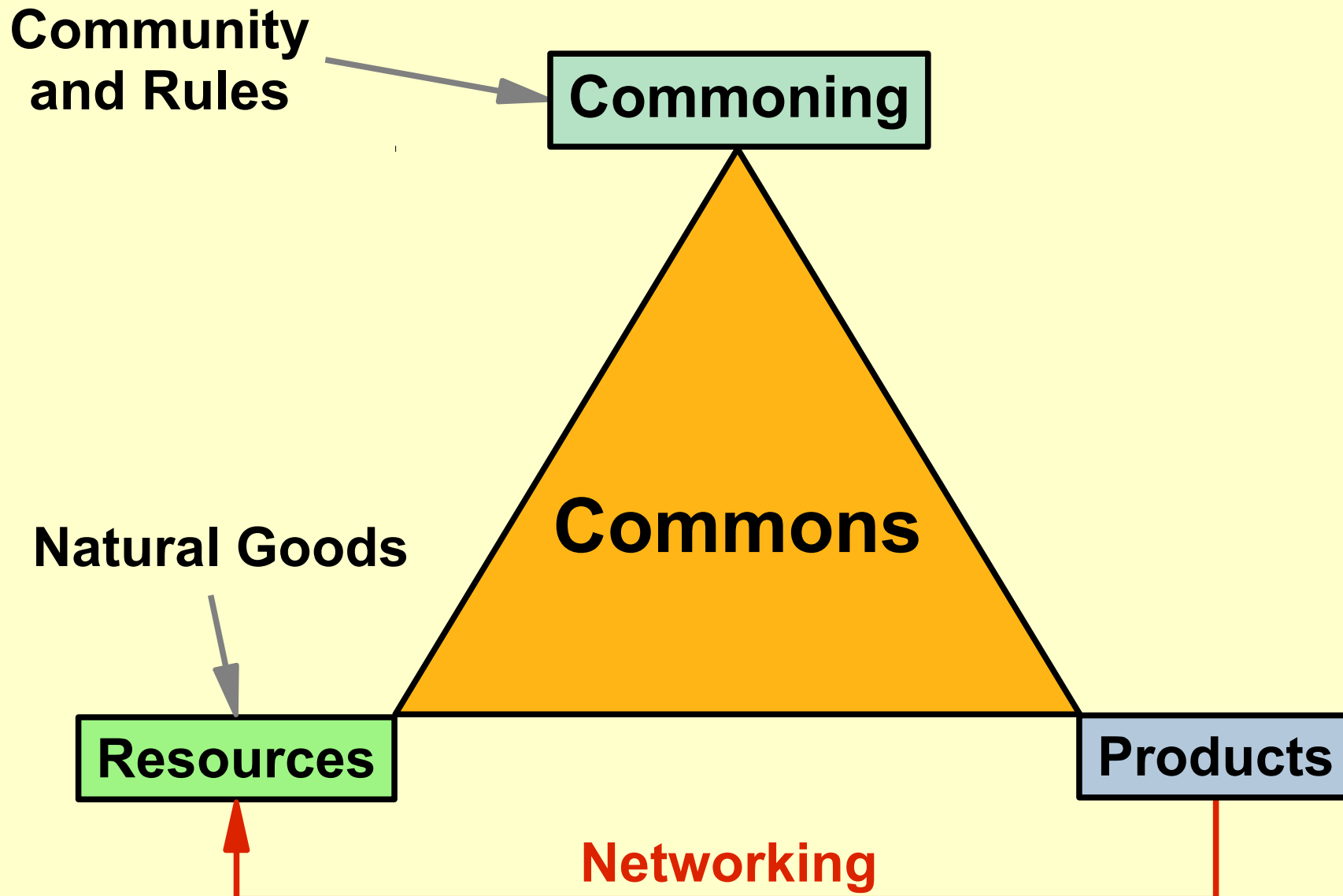
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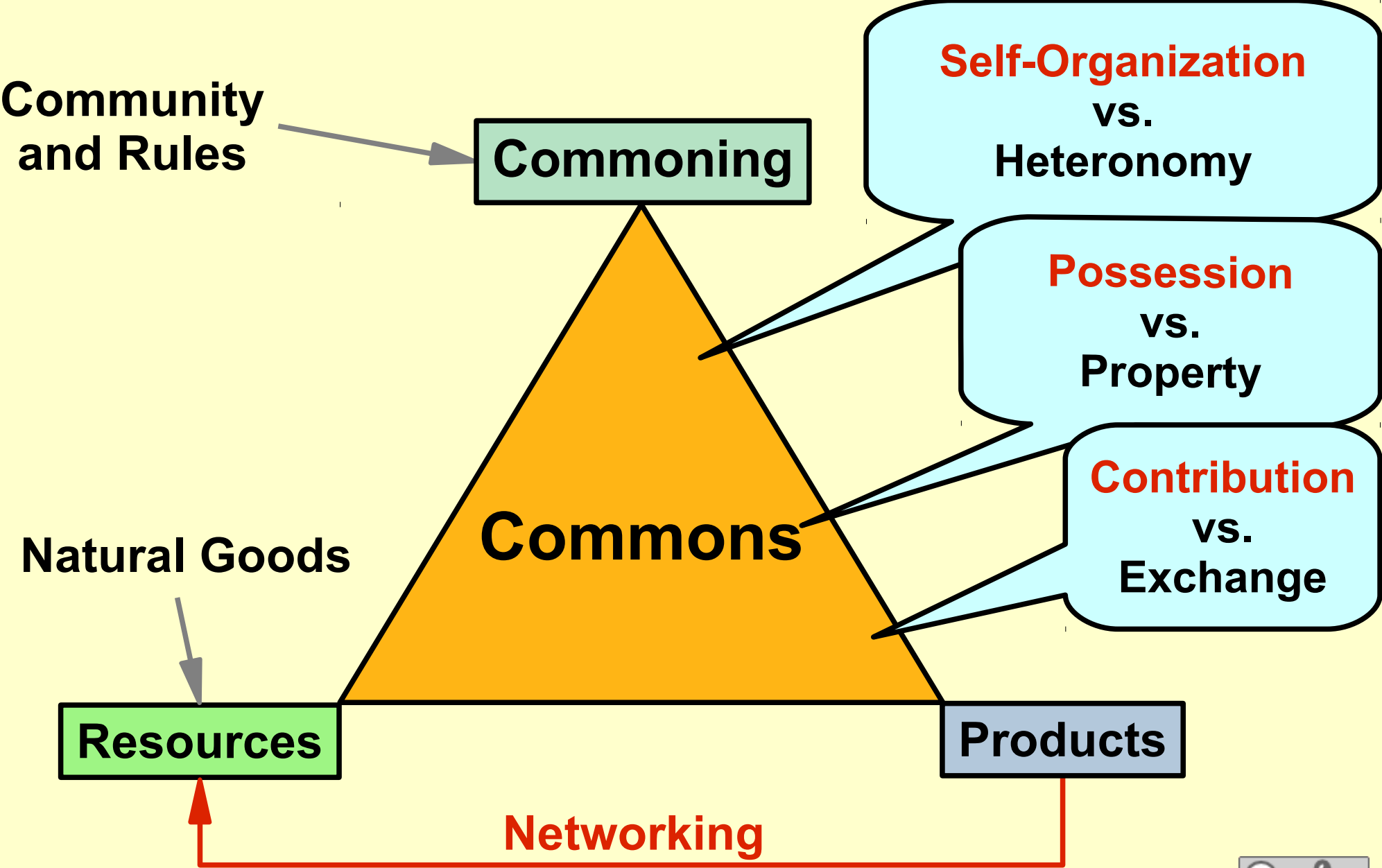
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1. Commons – what is it?

The Commons Triangle



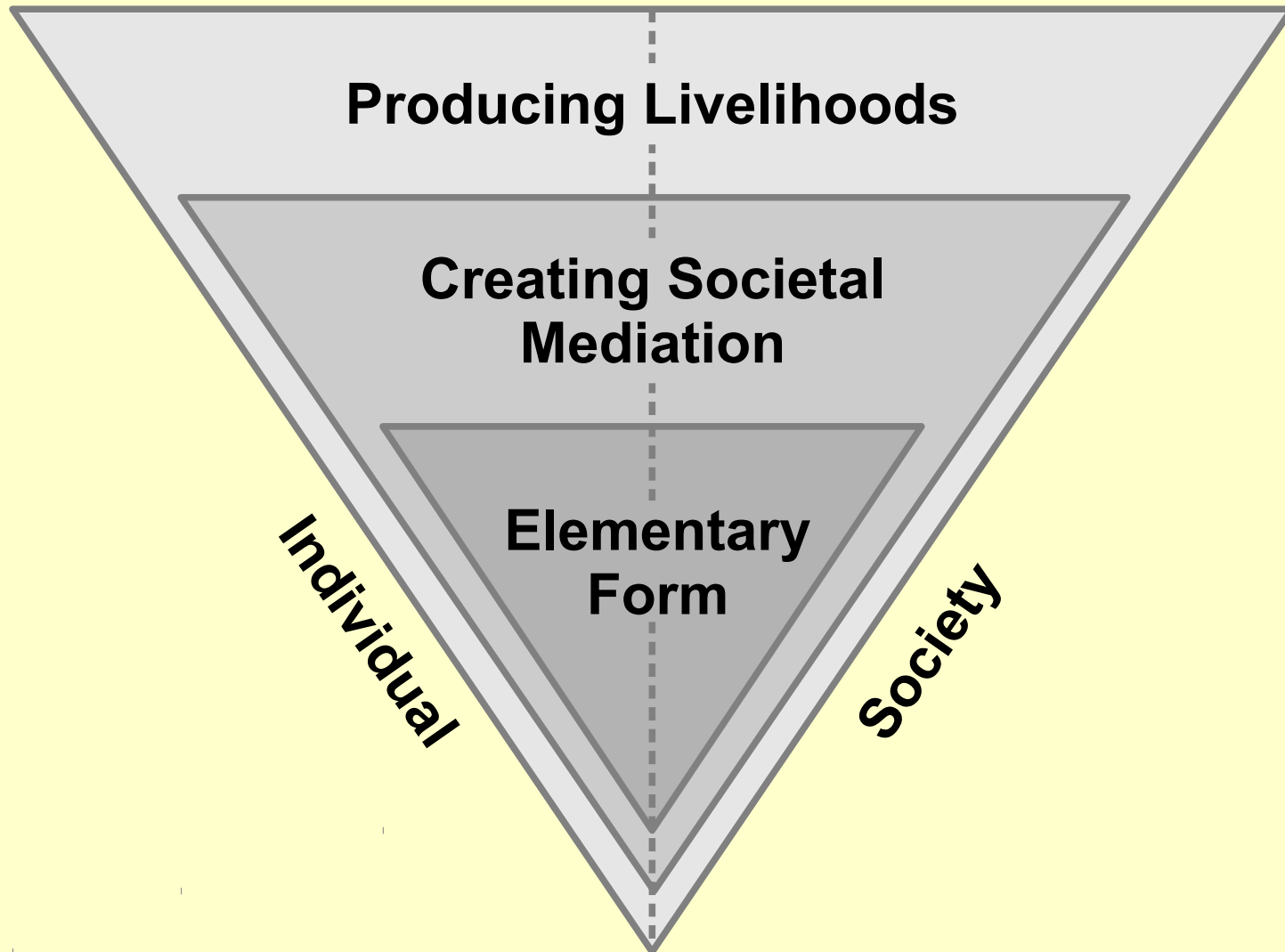
The Commons Triangle



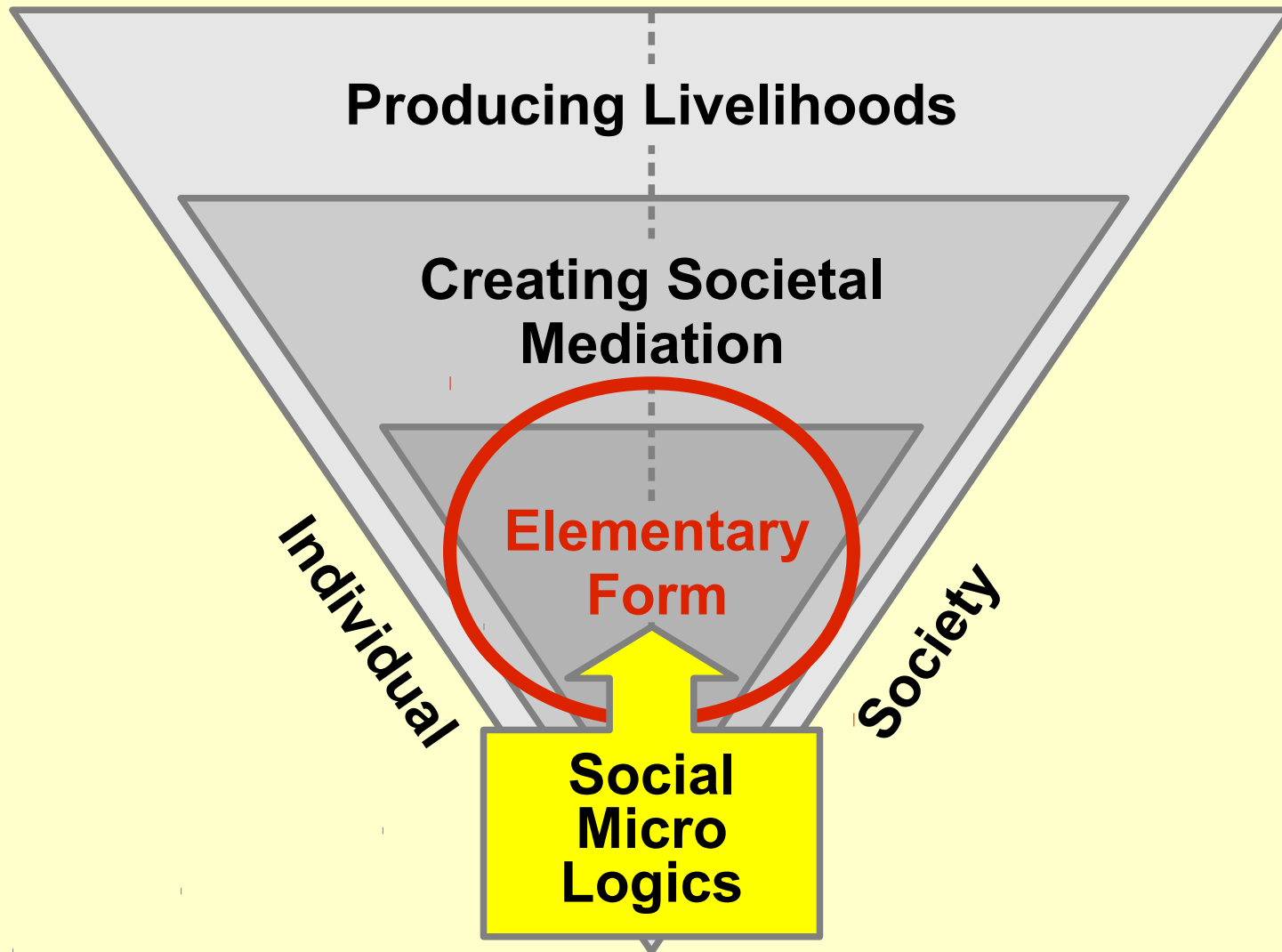
New Commons = Peer Commons

- Hackerspaces & FabLabs
- Community Gardens
- Community Supported Agriculture
- Tenement Syndicate
- Free Local Wireless Networks
- Free Cargo Bikes
- Open Architecture
- Open Furniture
- Open Wear / Open Fashion
- Open Prosthetics
- Open Hardware
- Open Manufacturing
- **Open Everything**

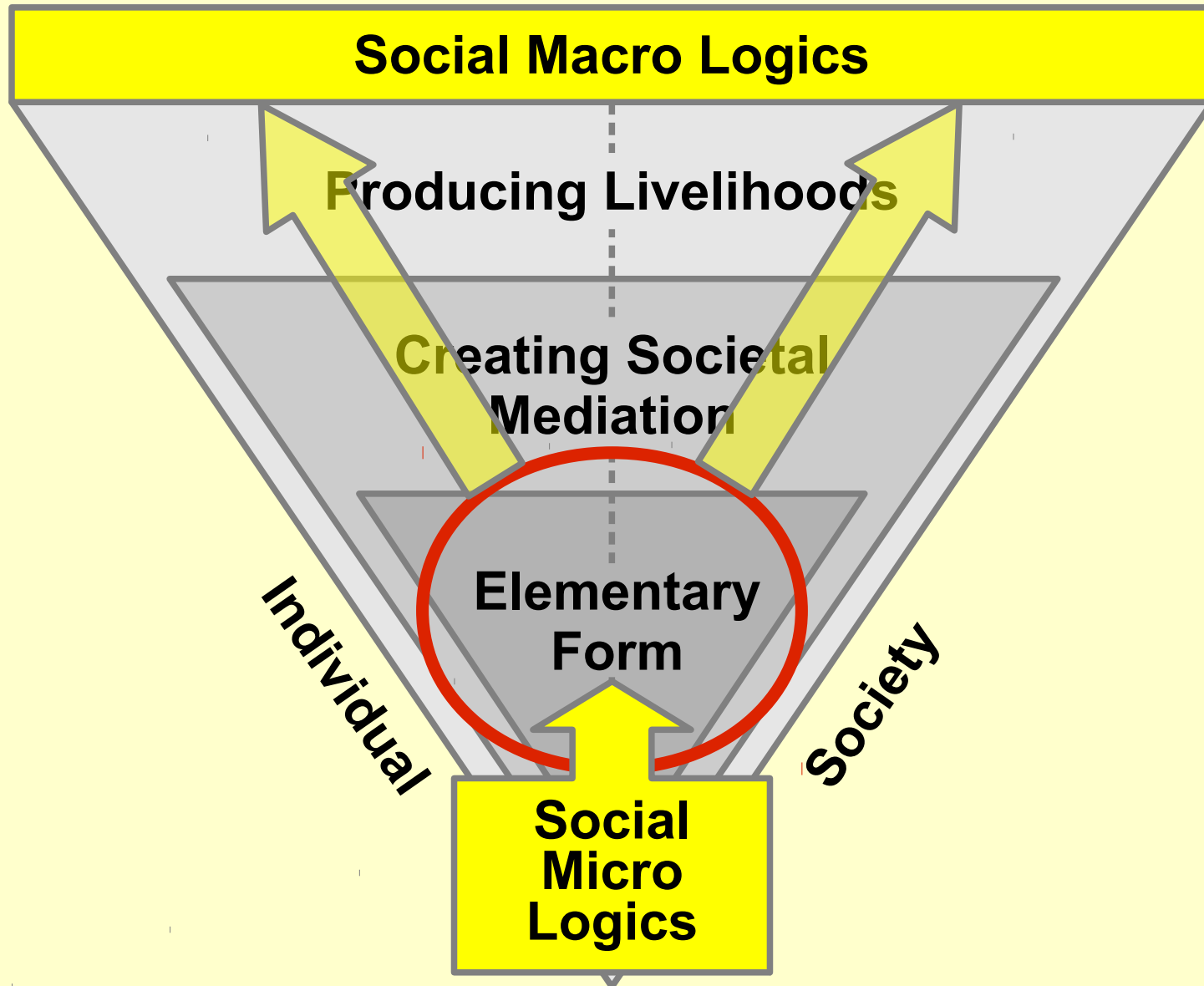
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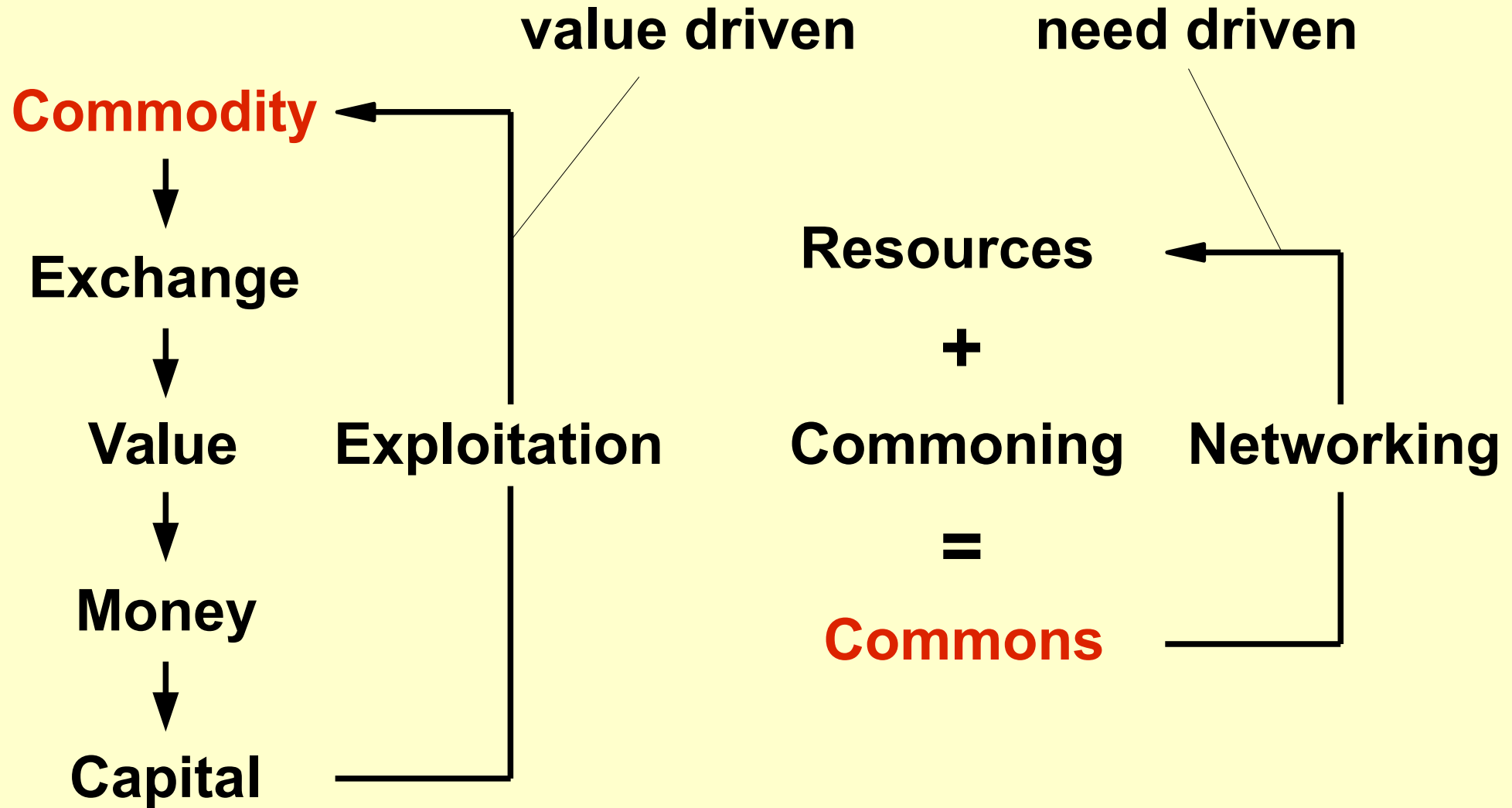


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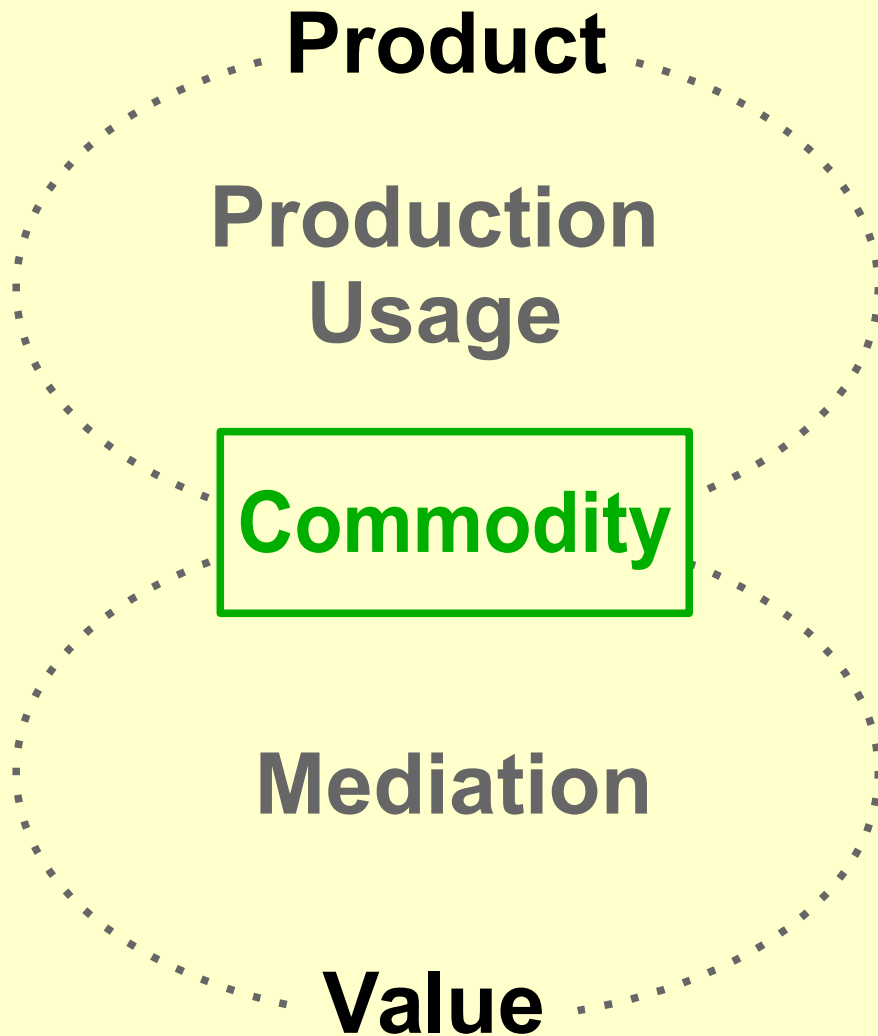


2. Logics of Commodity and Commons

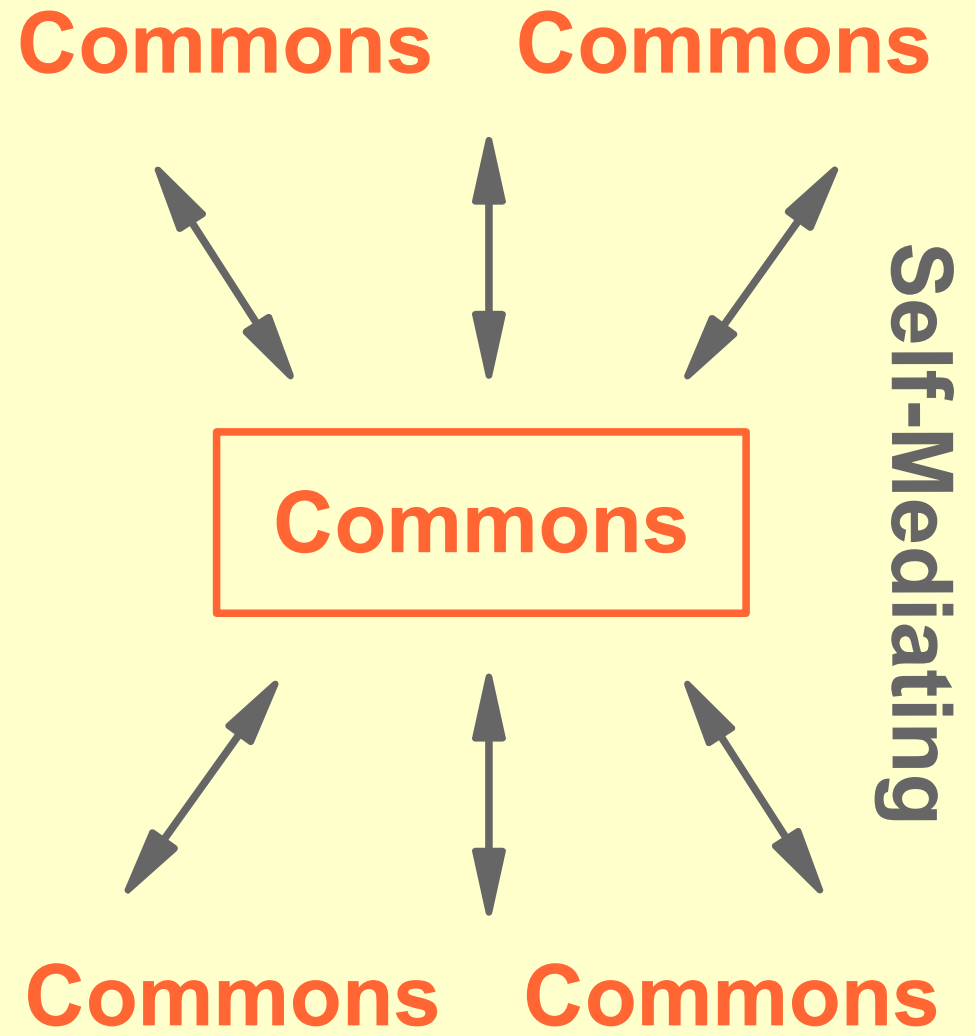
Commodity and Commons Cycles



The **Commodity** breaks into two



A **Commons** is a **Commons**



Commodity

homo
oeconomicus
negative reciprocity
structural separation
demands
abstract equality
formal justice
alien purposes
logics of competition
logics of exclusion
externalization
time saving
as coercion

Commons

human
being
positive reciprocity
structural communality
needs
concrete speciality
experienced fairness
own purposes
logics of cooperation
logics of inclusion
internalization
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Commodity

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»Individual development
on the expense of the
development of others«

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»Free development of each
being the condition of the
free development of all«

logics of cooperation

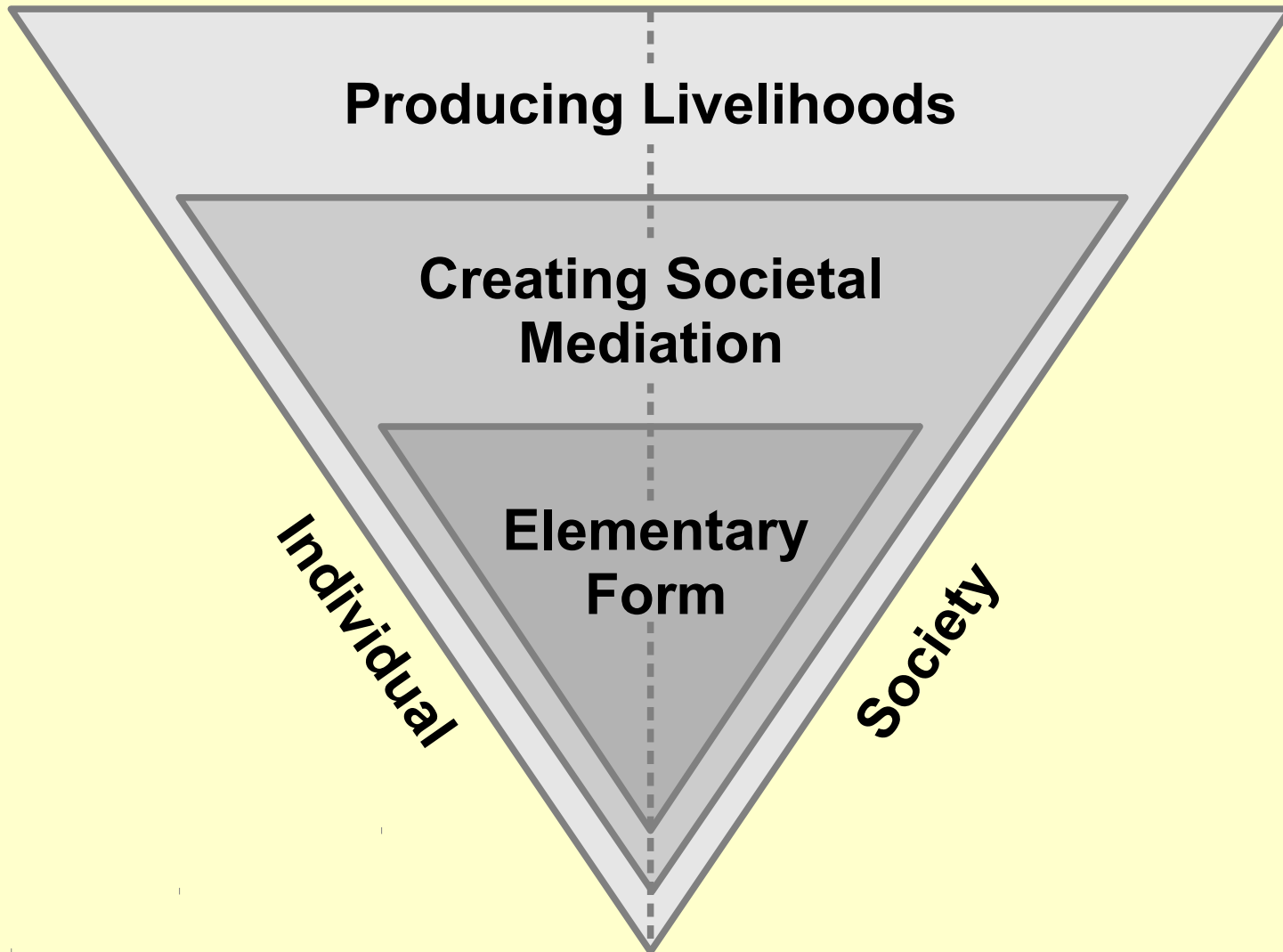
logics of inclusion

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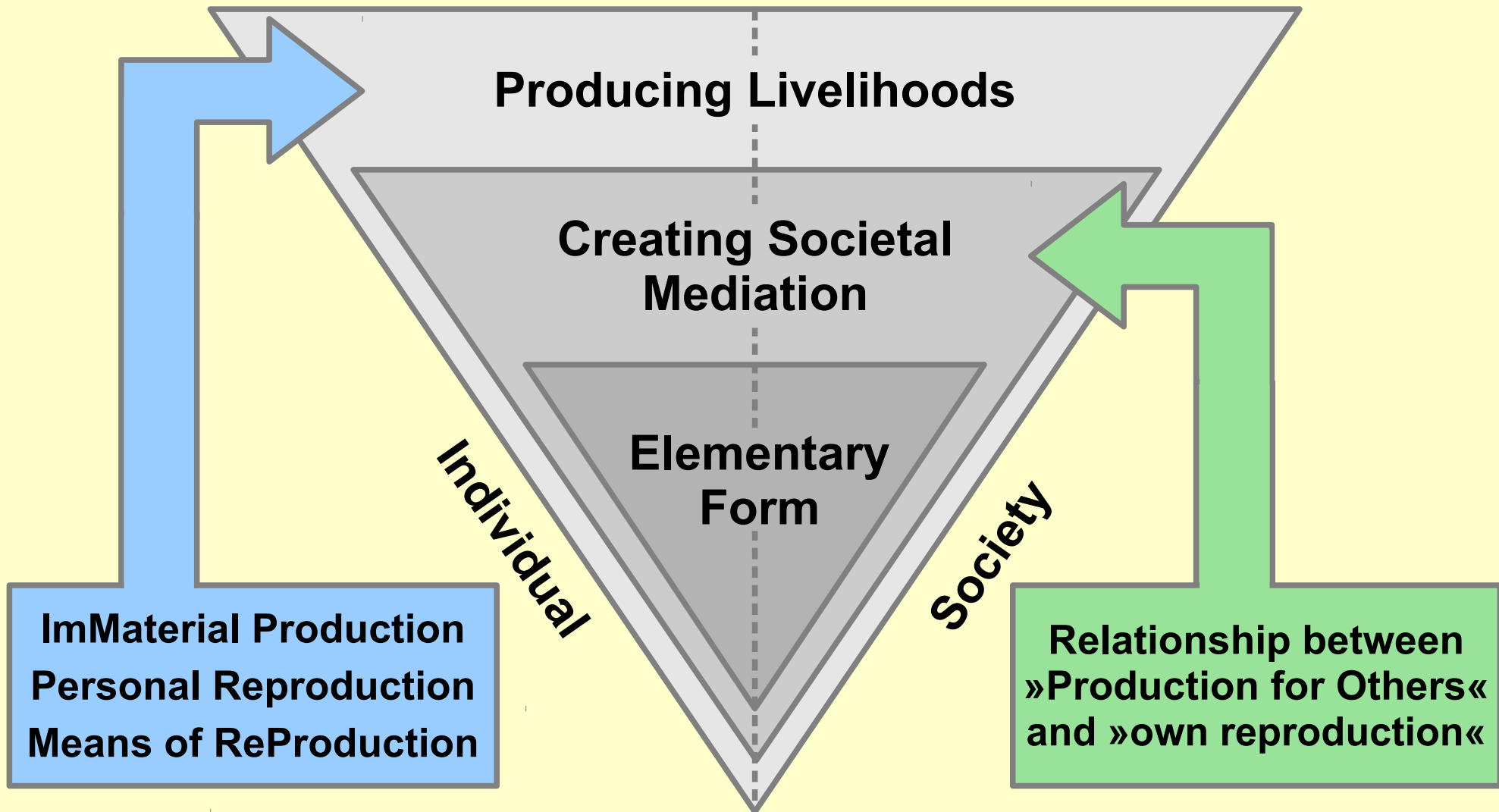
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3. Capitalist Societal Mediation

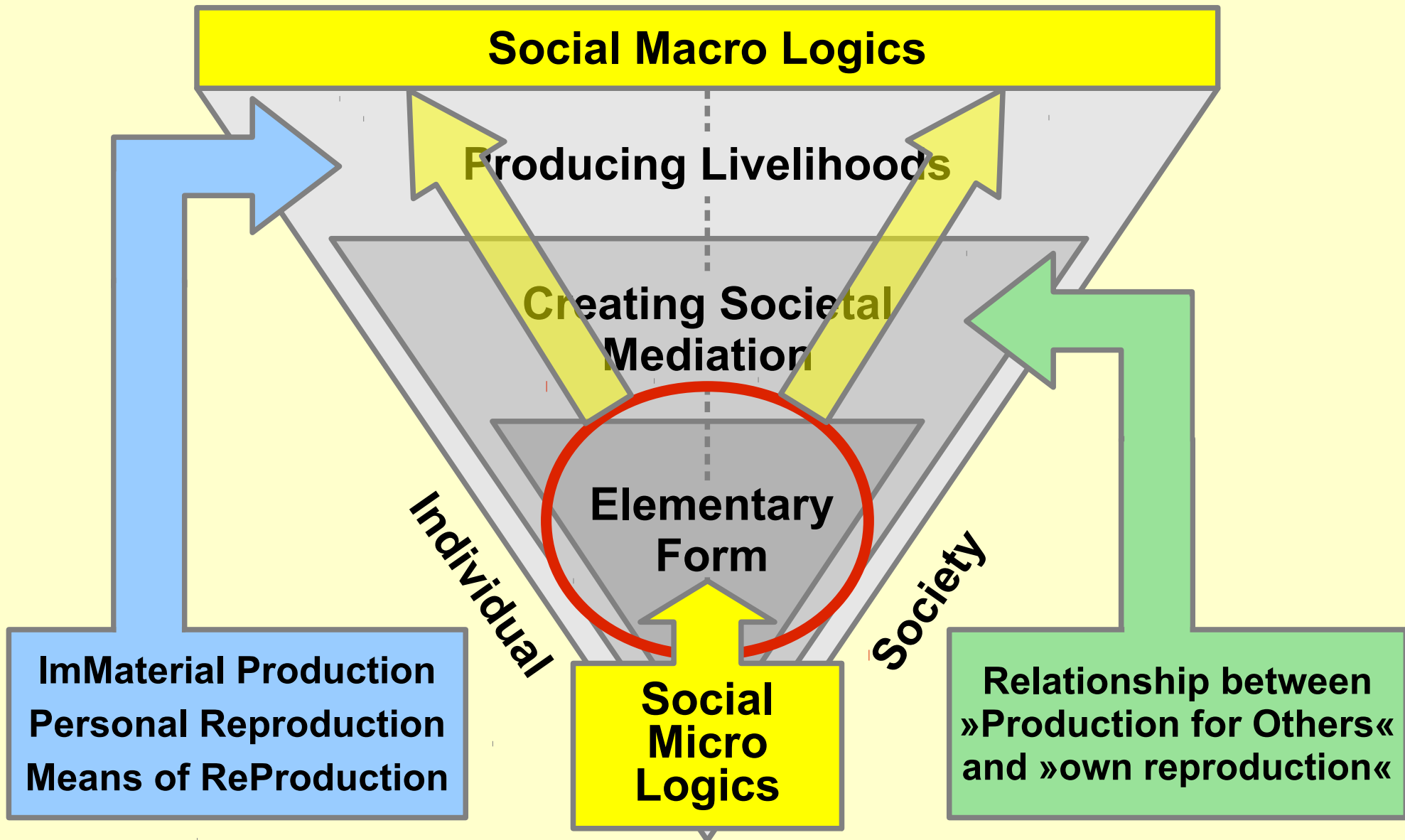
First Back to Society in General



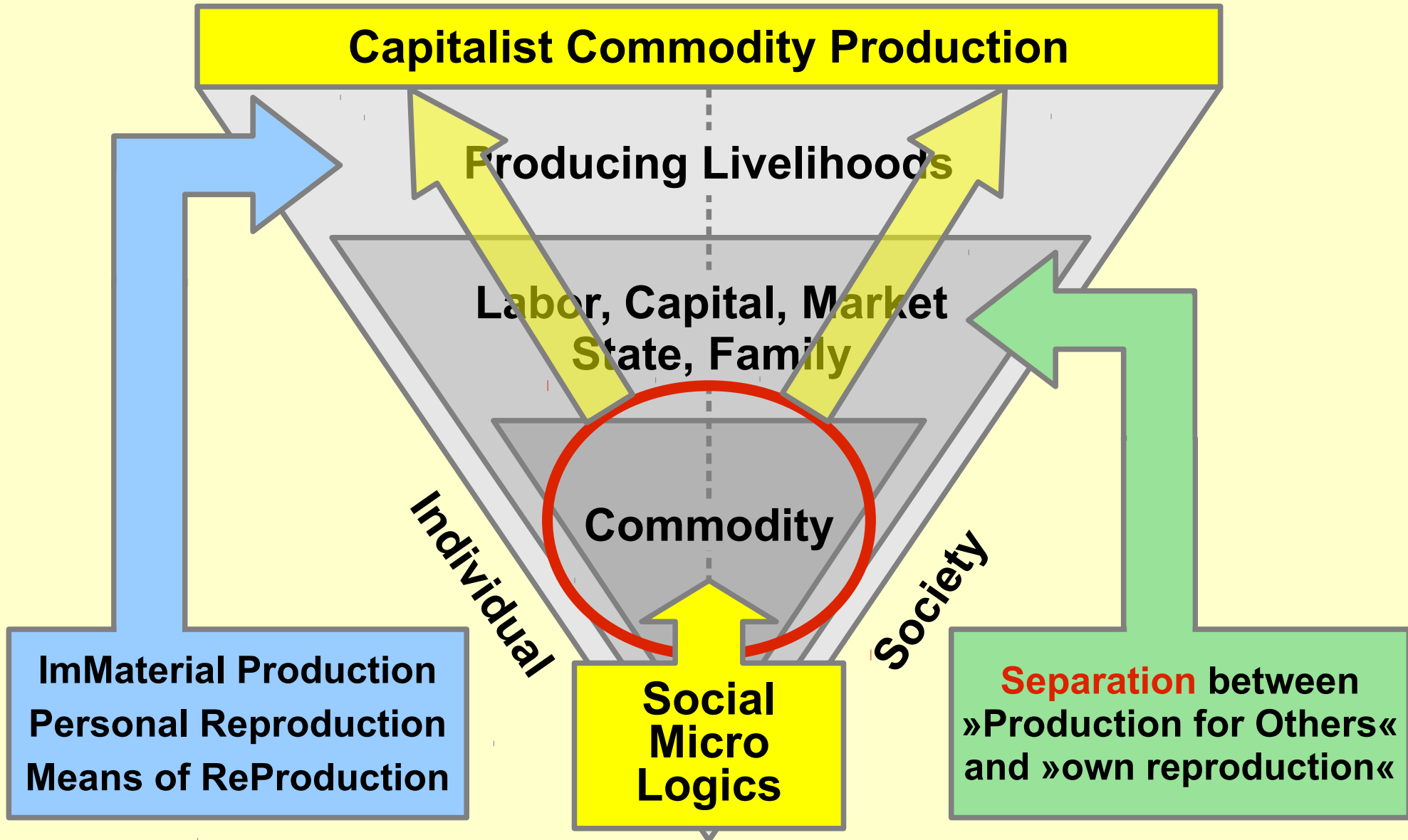
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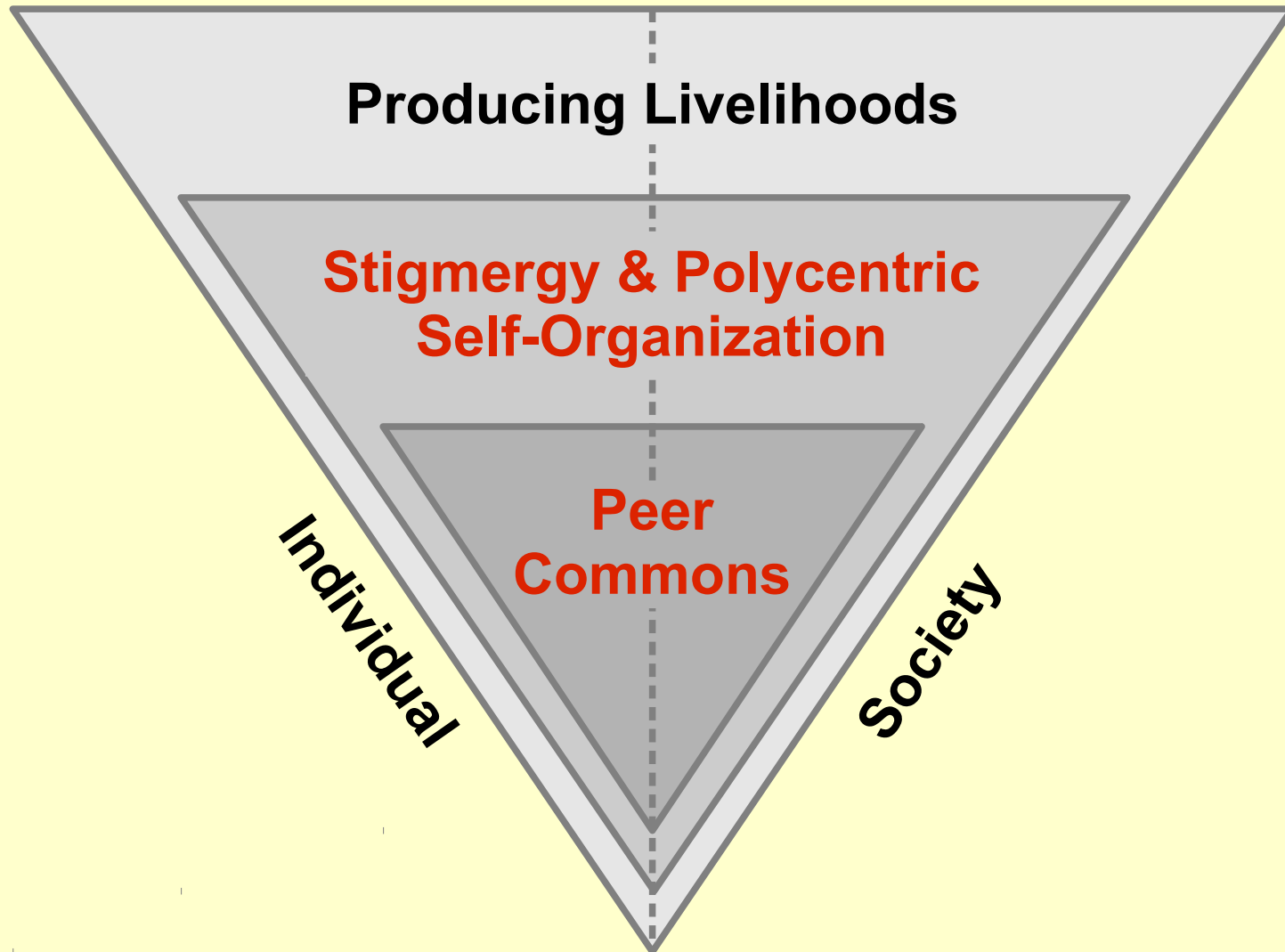


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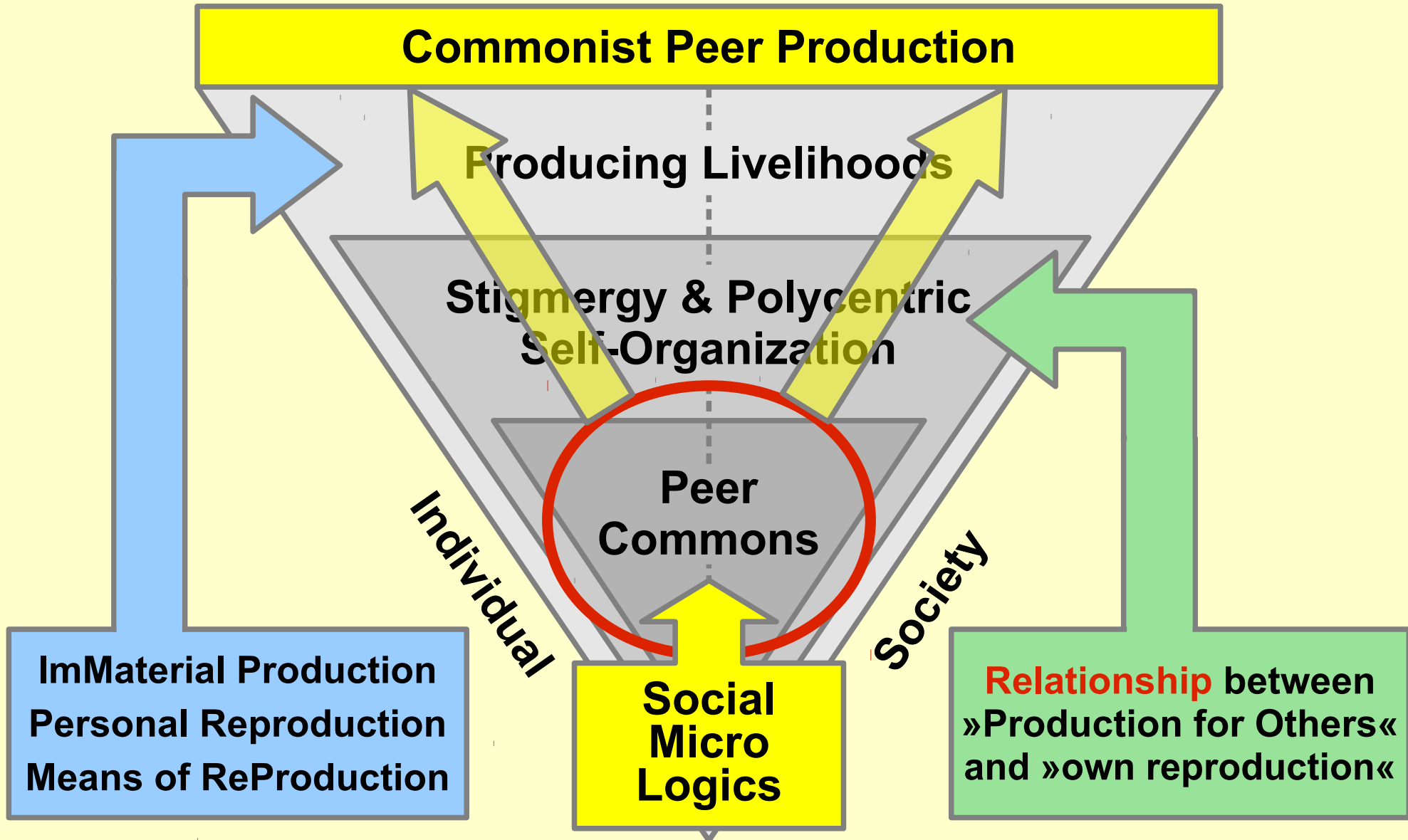


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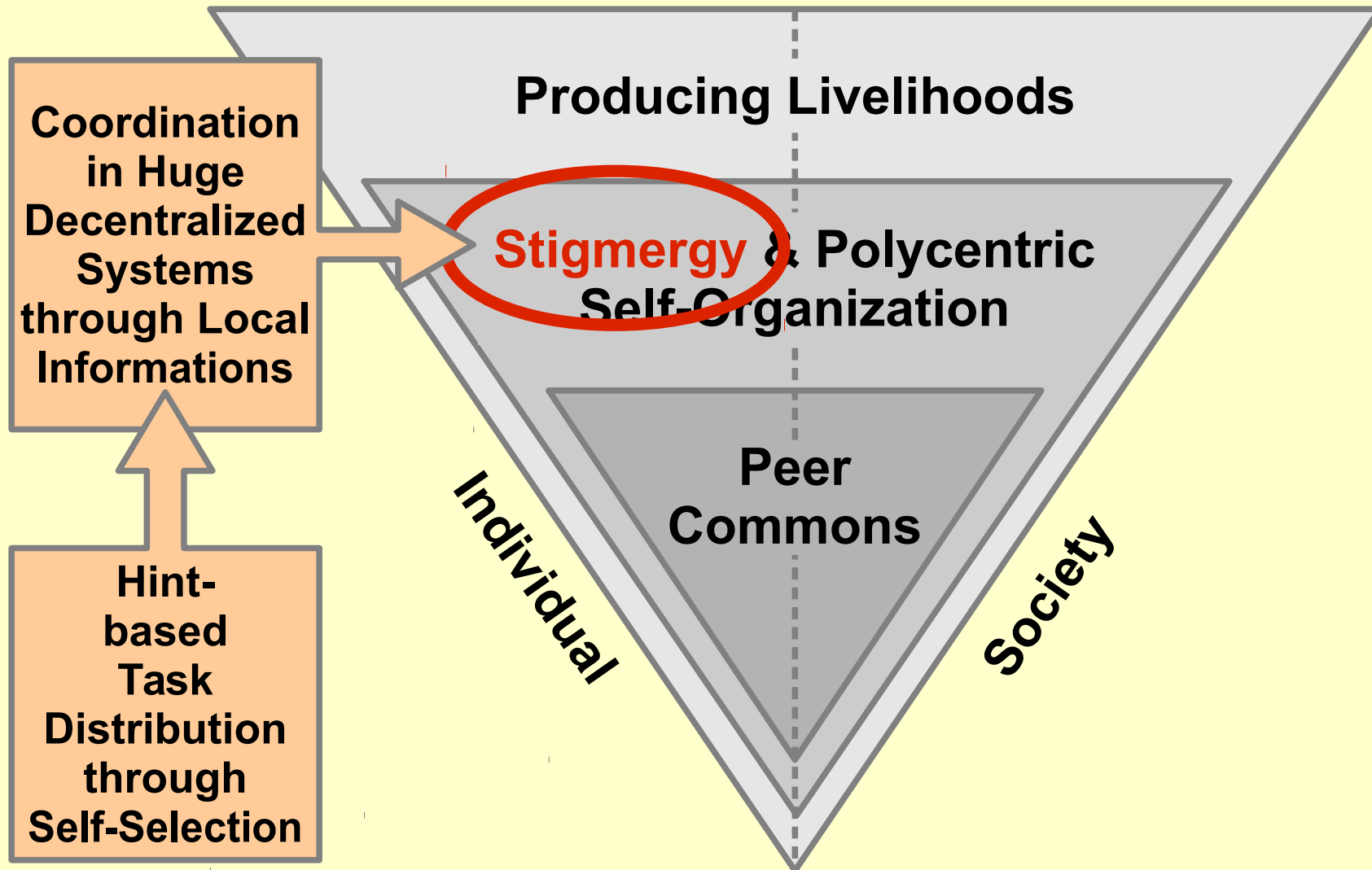
What's new in Commonism?



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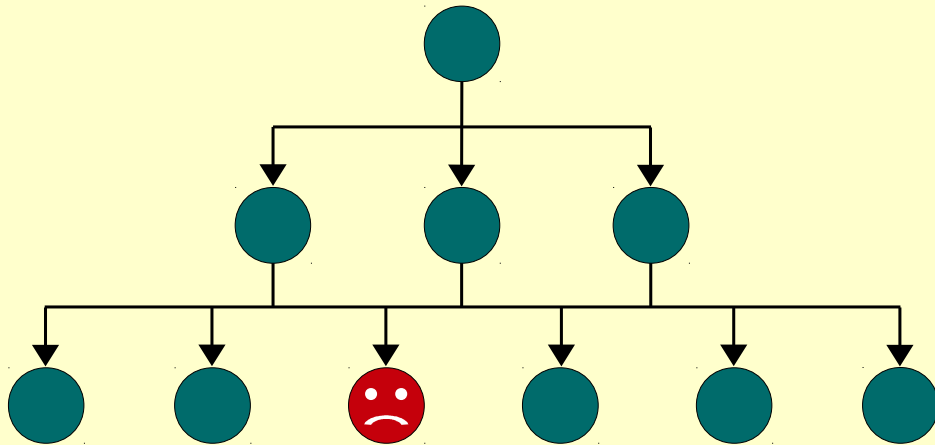


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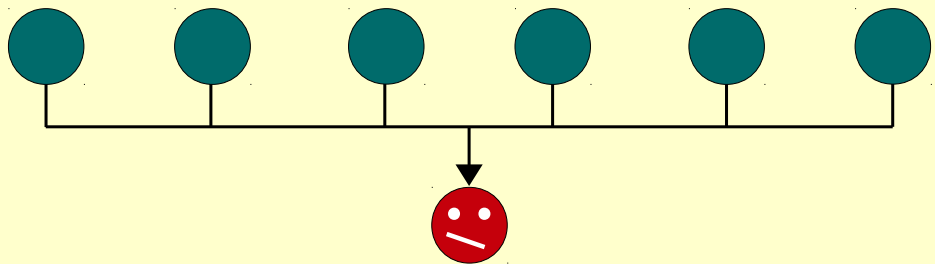


Stigmergy: Self-Selection

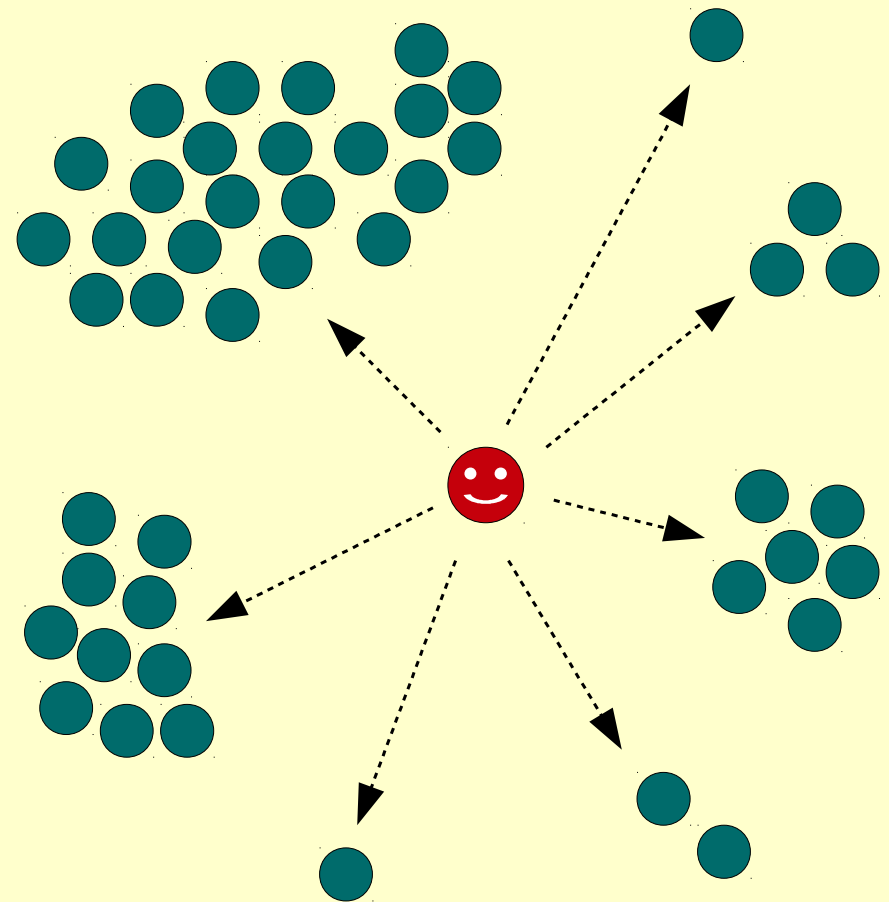
Hierarchical Systems



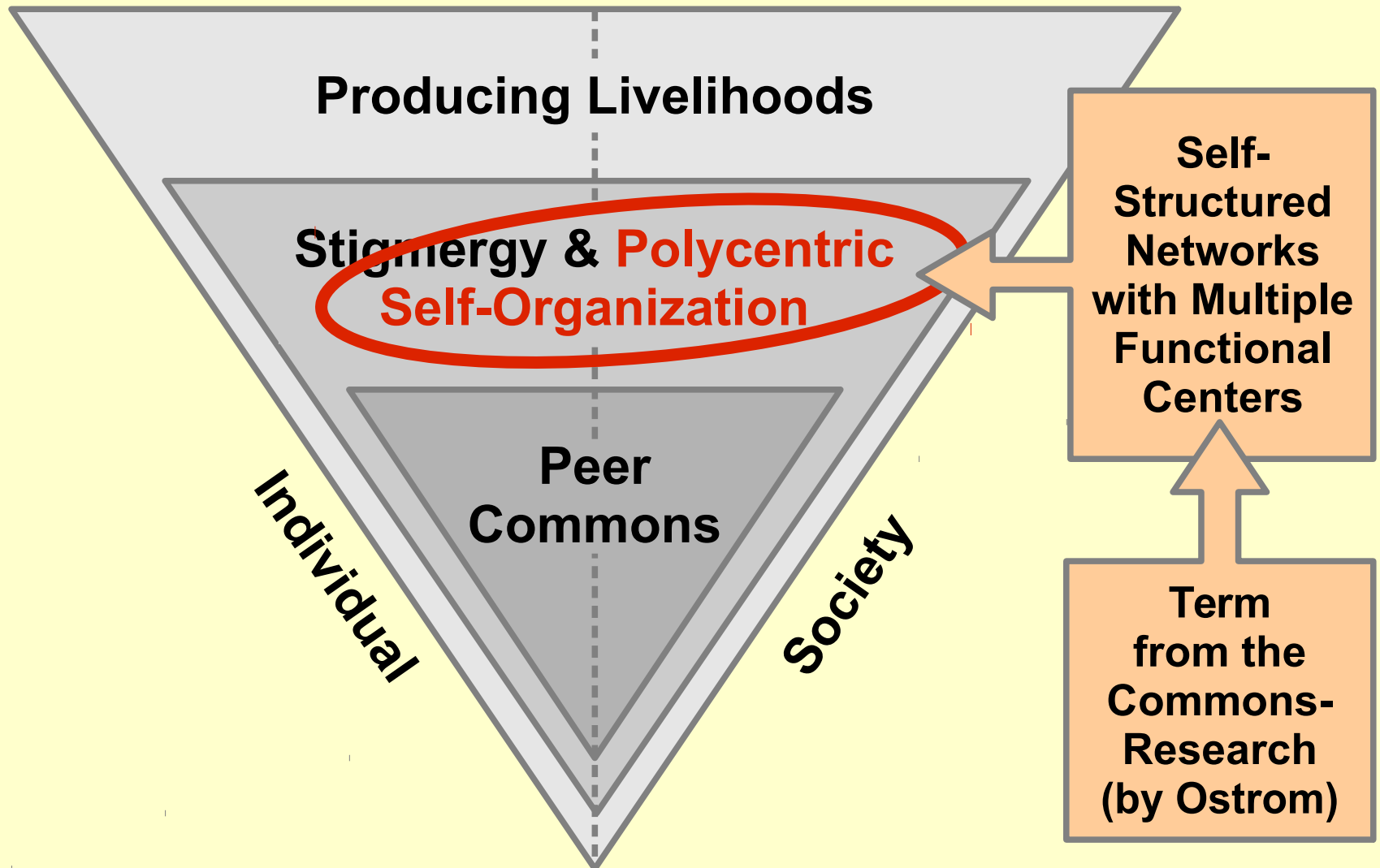
Consensus-Hierarchy



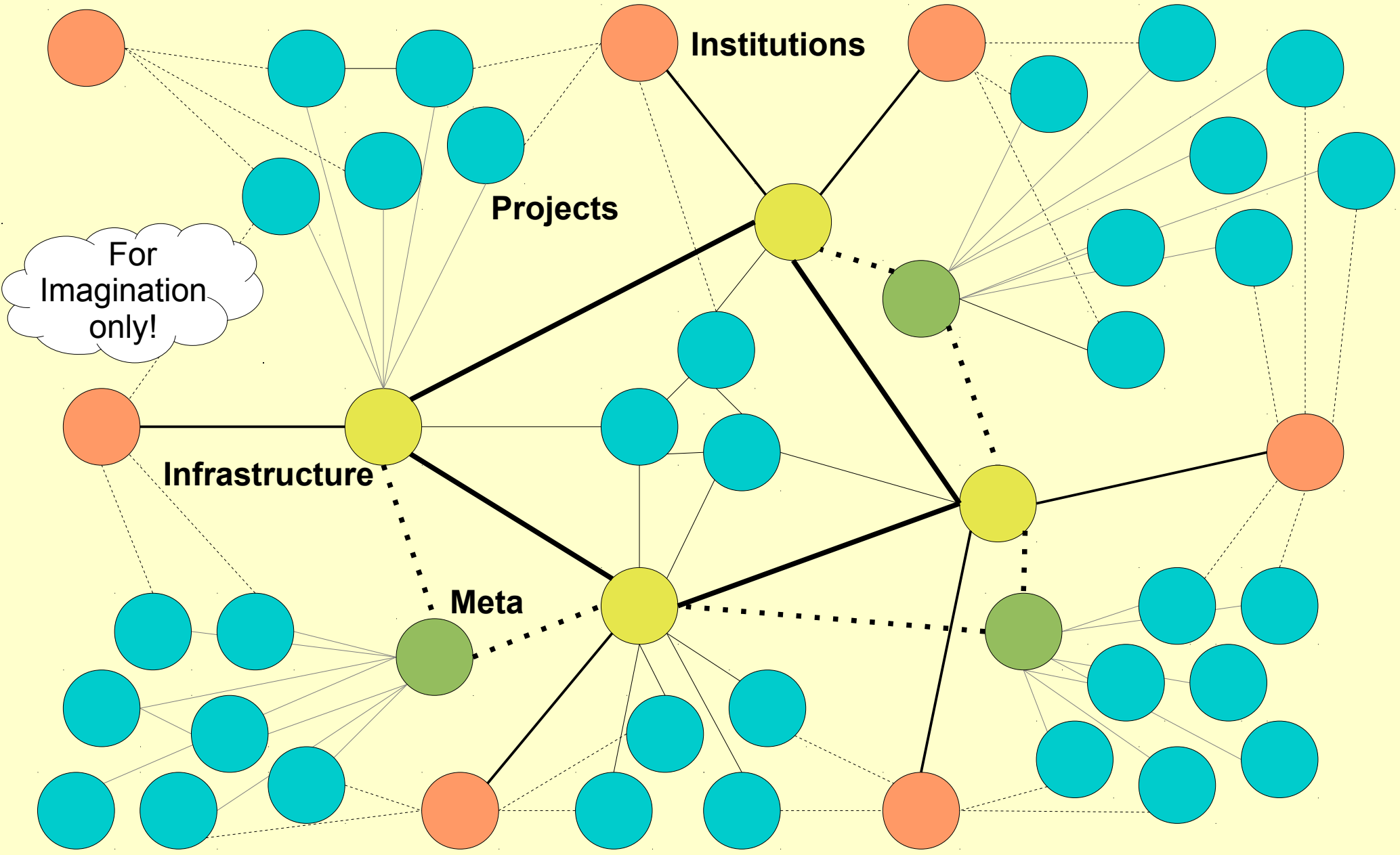
Stigmergy



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Polycentric Self-Organization



S t i g m e r g i c M e d i a t i o n

5. Societal Transformation

Five Step Model After Klaus Holzkamp (1983)

1. Appearing of an **embryonic form** determining the future development
2. Rising **crisis** which can no longer be coped with by the dominant system
3. **Function shift** of the embryonic form towards an important mode of development within the dominant system
4. **Dominance shift** of the new mode of development becoming the prevalent mode
5. **Restructuring** of whole systems processes towards the new mode of development

Five Steps Graphically

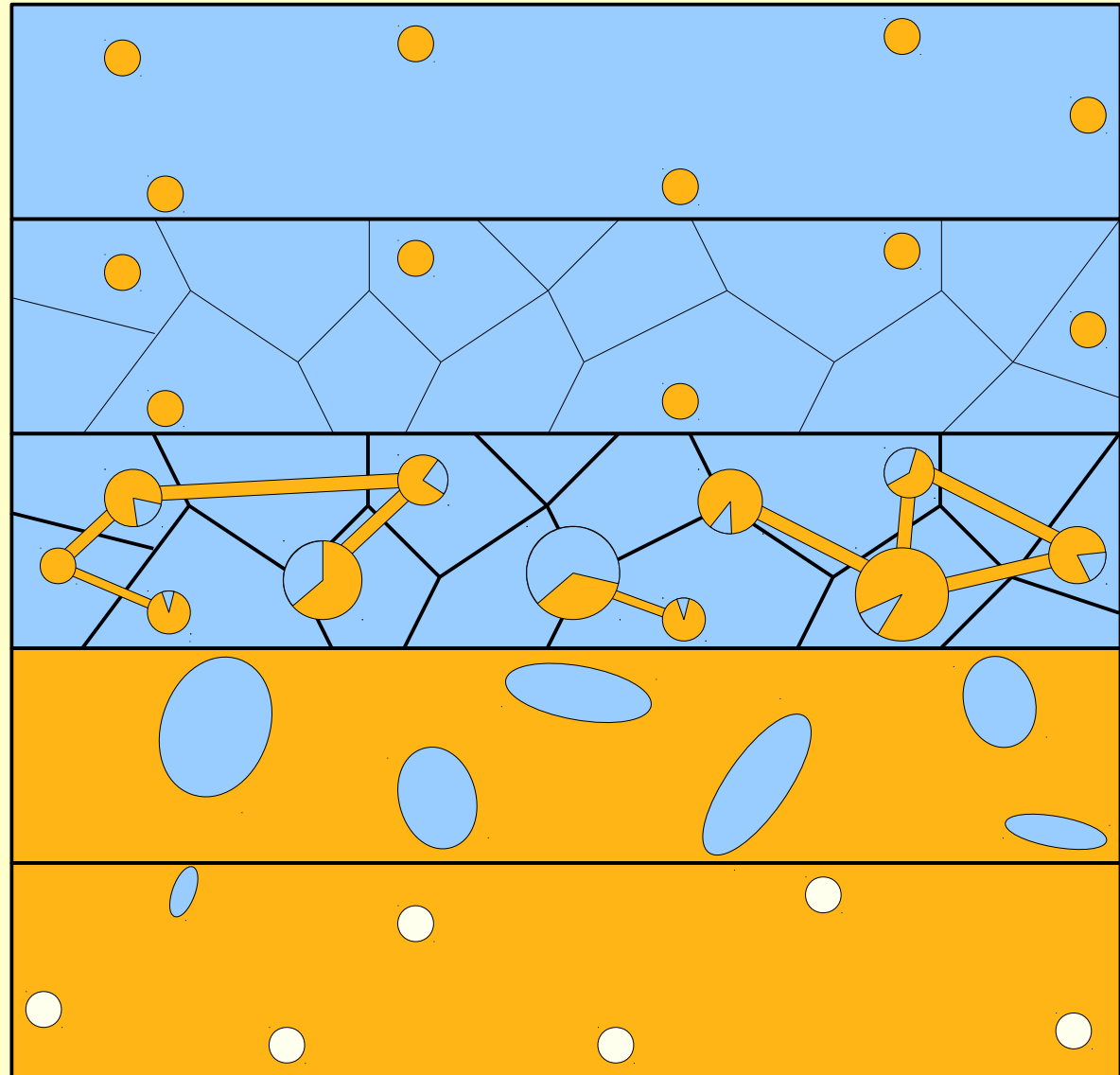
Embryonic Form

Crisis

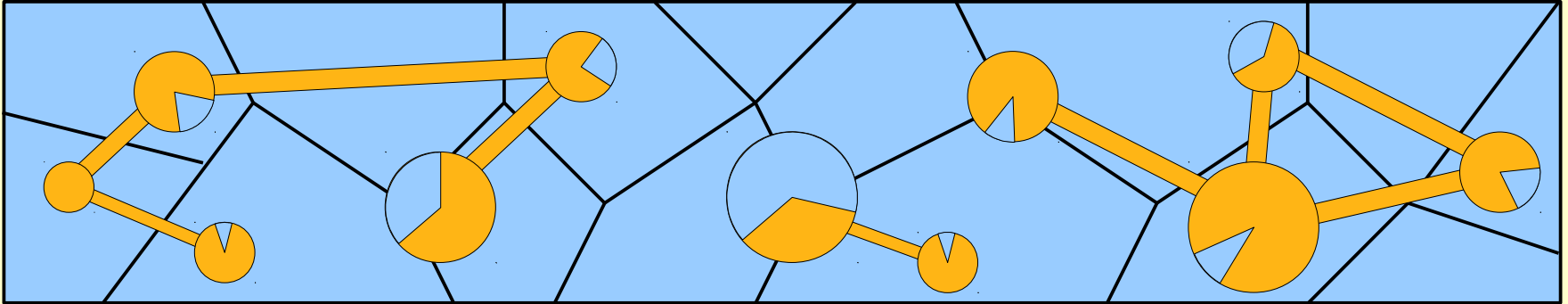
Function shift

Dominance shift

Restructuring



What Does „Function Shift“ Mean?



- **Peer commons become relevant for capitalism**
- **Capitalism supports the commons**
- **Logic of money and markets penetrate the commons**
- **Contradictions between own logic of the commons and alien logic of money and markets evolve**
- ▶ **Double-faced contradictions go right through individuals**

Thank you!



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