



Local communities and institutions: a social movements perspective

Research project: Collective action around Disaster Risk Management in
Central America

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Agenda

- Presentation
 - Questions
- Group Discussion
 - “World Cafe”*

Introduction

- Introduction to theme
 - Research project
 - The Risk Management Networks:
collective action
- Networked Social Mobilization: partial conclusions
- Dilemmas

Presentation based on study:

Collective action around disaster risk management in Central America!

*“No prevention
Without
organization”*



*“Collective action
Is the heart of Disaster
Risk Management”*

Hurricane Mitch 1998



Catalyst of social mobilization:
emergence of wide platforms of civil society organizations



Emergence of collective action around Disaster Risk Management



Risk Management Networks



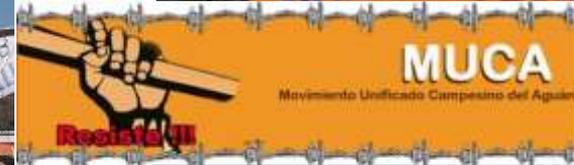
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Risk Management Networks

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Central America in the XXI Century

Collective action emerging around multiple other issues



Collective action emerging around multiple other issues

Research project

Period of implementation: 2010 - 2013

Location: Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras

Interactive research

Collective reconstruction and analysis of the processes of collective action around Disaster Risk Management together with local actors, interviews, internet forum, observation, documents and literature

Focus

- Emergence, development and dynamics of collective action involving The Risk Management Networks
- Relation collective action and Disaster Risk Management
- Social Movement Theory perspective

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The Risk Management Networks

Collective action in pictures

Community organization working on prevention



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Implementing Community Risk Mapping



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Prevention and preparedness in own hands



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Educating



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Communicating



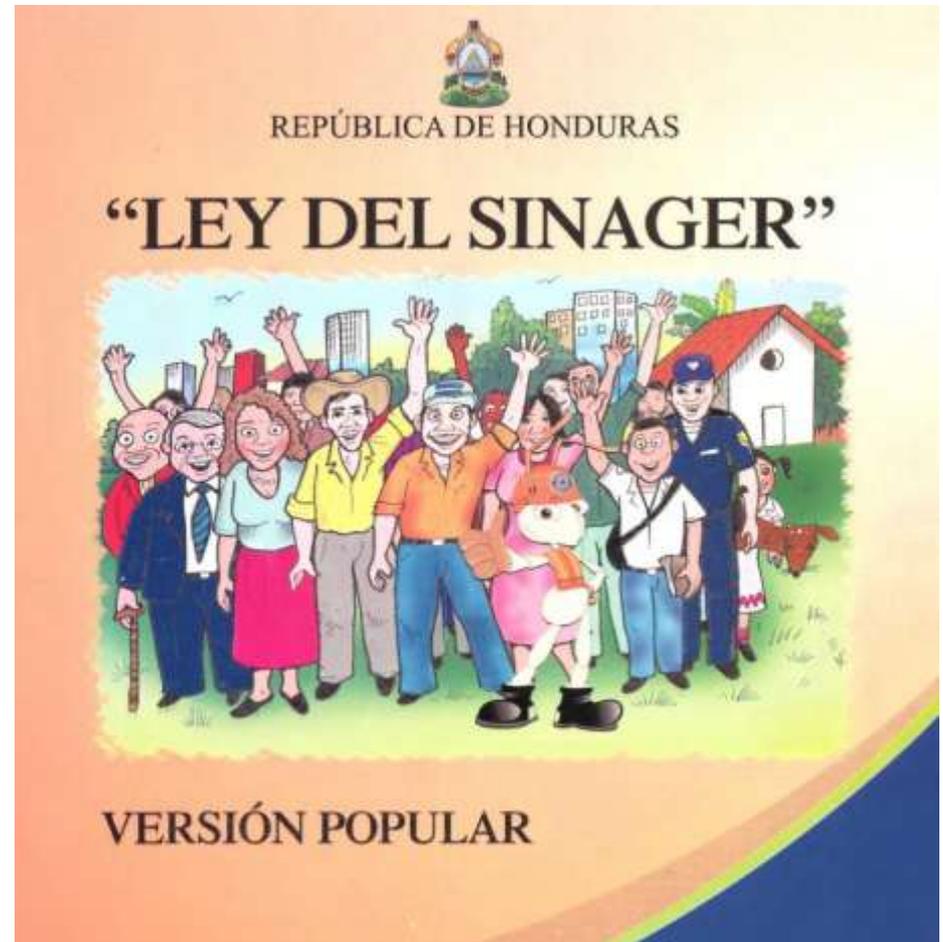
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Lobbying



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In de redaction of the
Law
National Risk Management
System
And
Its divulgation
Honduras



Demonstrating in the streets, joining other movements



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Confrontation / Repression



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Joining International Networks and Campaigns



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- # 1
- The Risk Management Networks are the continuity of previous processes of social mobilization
- Mitch as a catalyst of social mobilization
 - Axis of social mobilization from the 90's to these days:
 - the development model (social and environmental sustainability)
 - the political system (legitimacy)
 - Collective action is a permanent factor



Disaster Risk Management is one way
civil society organizations
define and approach problems related to
the development model

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Disaster Risk Management: Collective Action Frame

- Disaster Risk Management: social claim

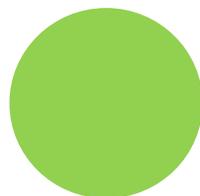


Other frames for disaster risk



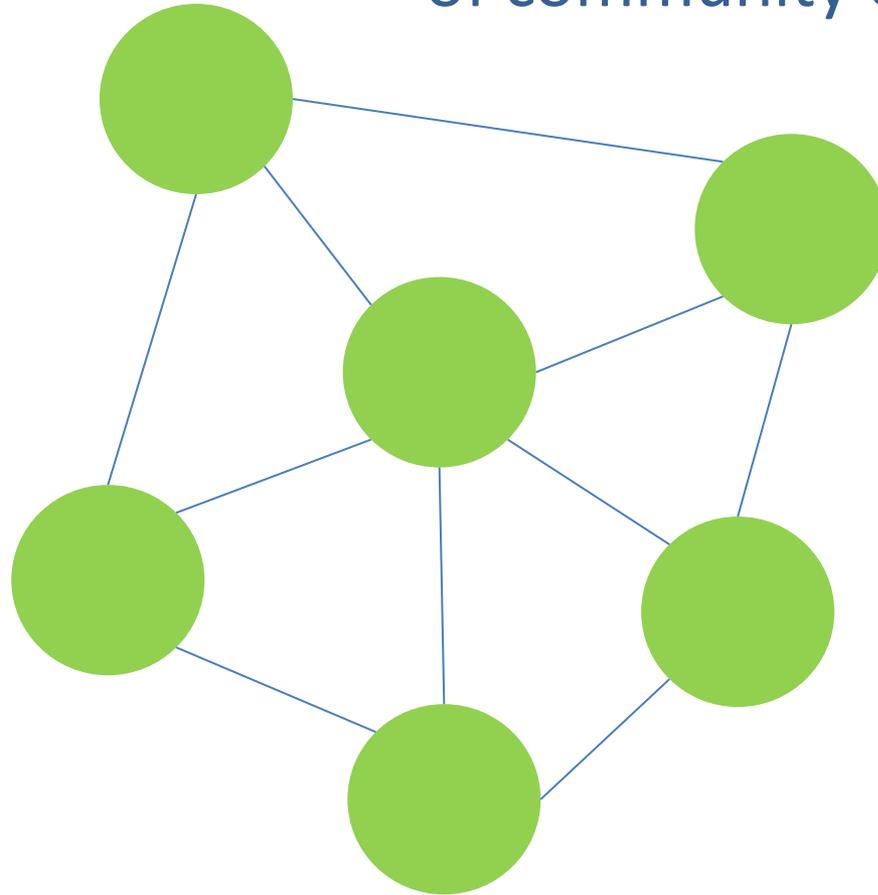
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3 Analysis of the Risk Management Networks reveals: “networked” social movements/ social mobilization

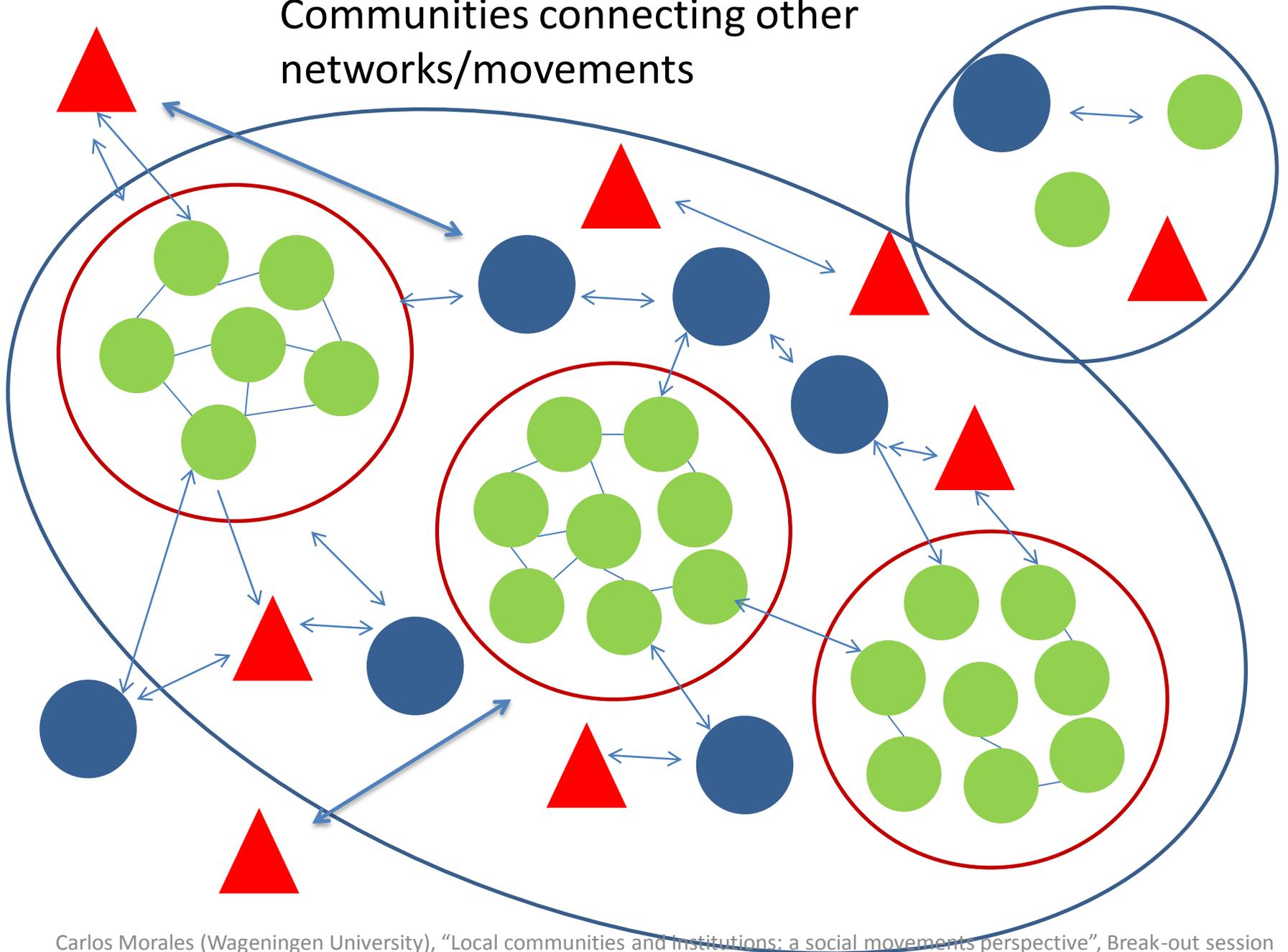


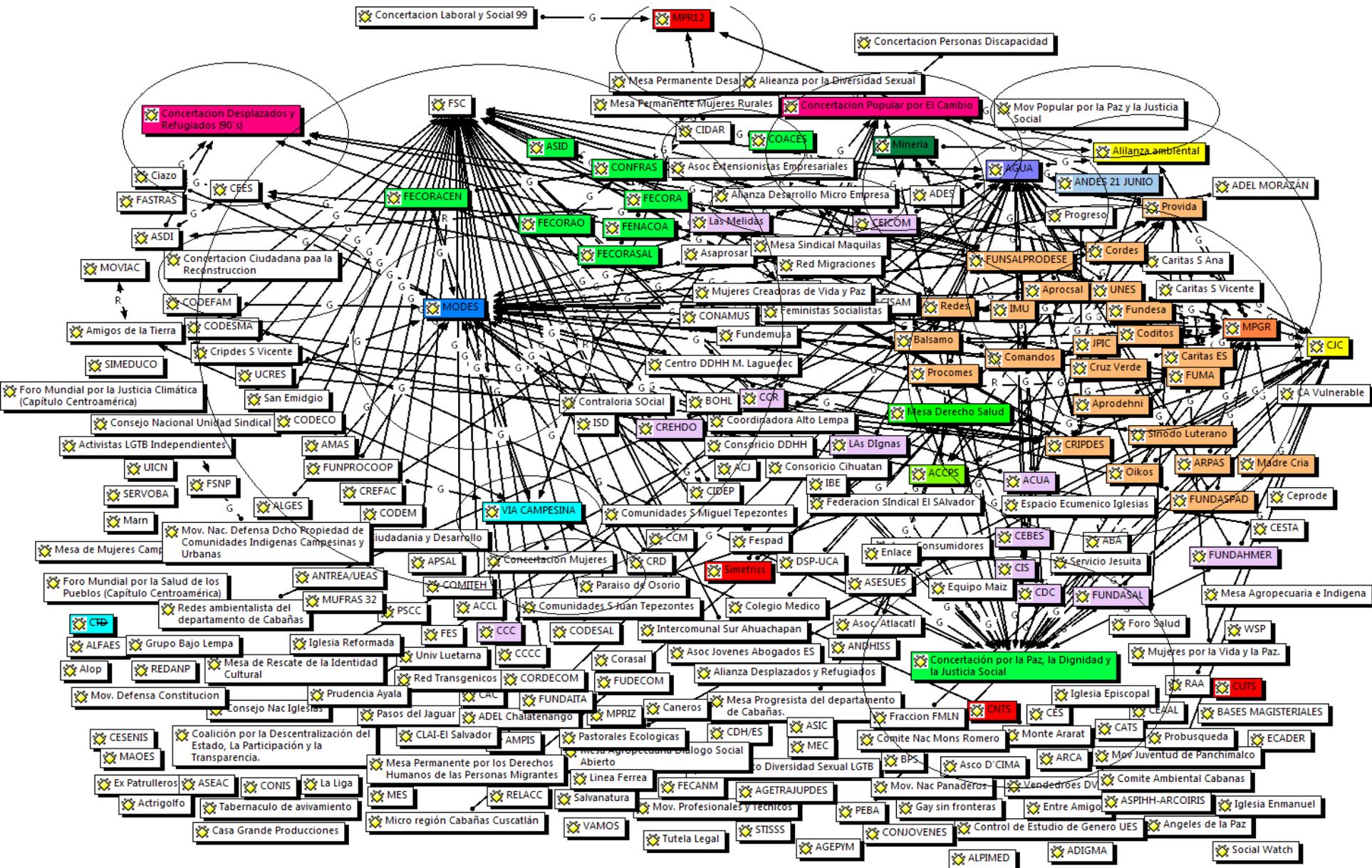
Community
organization

Networks of community organizations



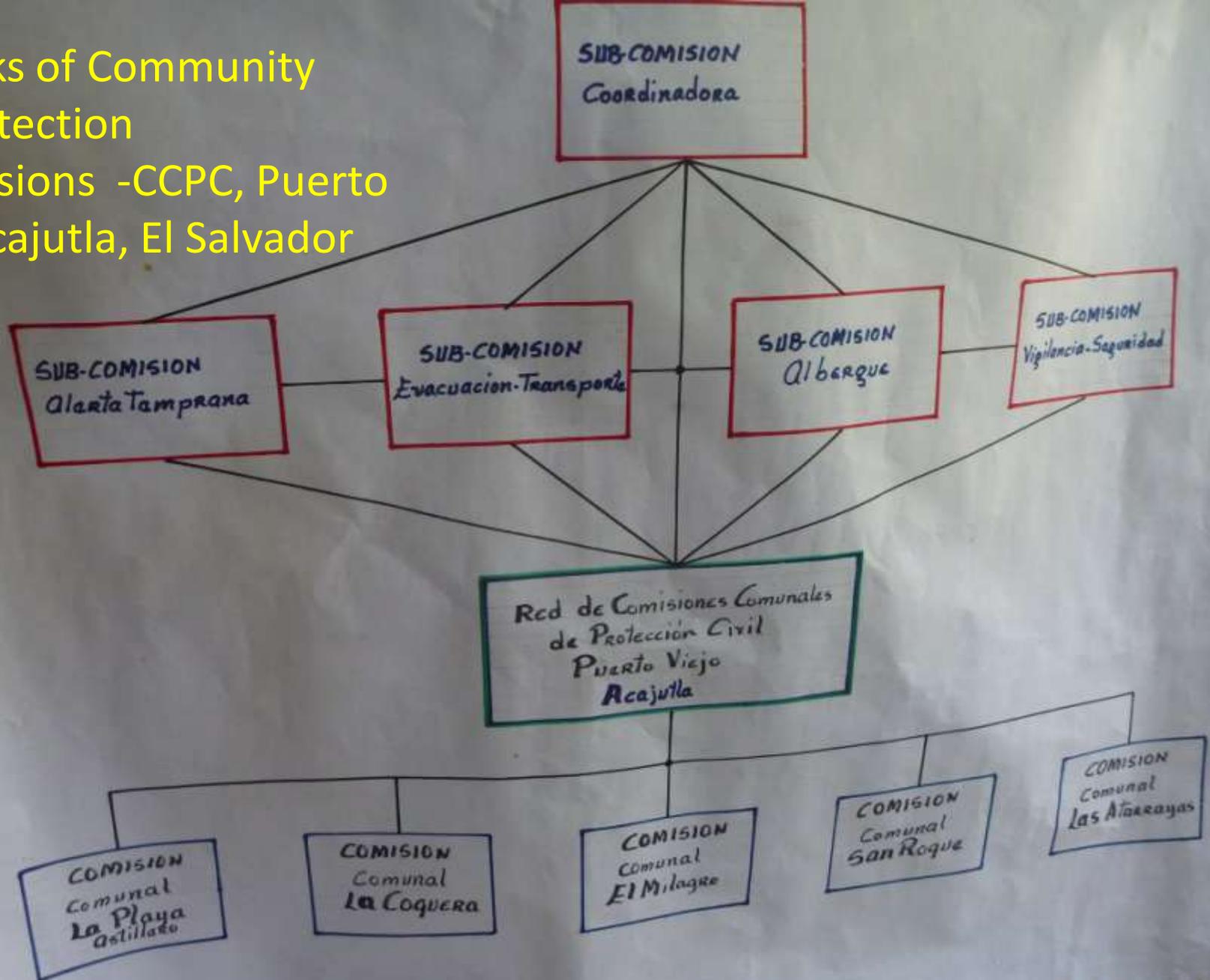
Communities connecting other networks/movements



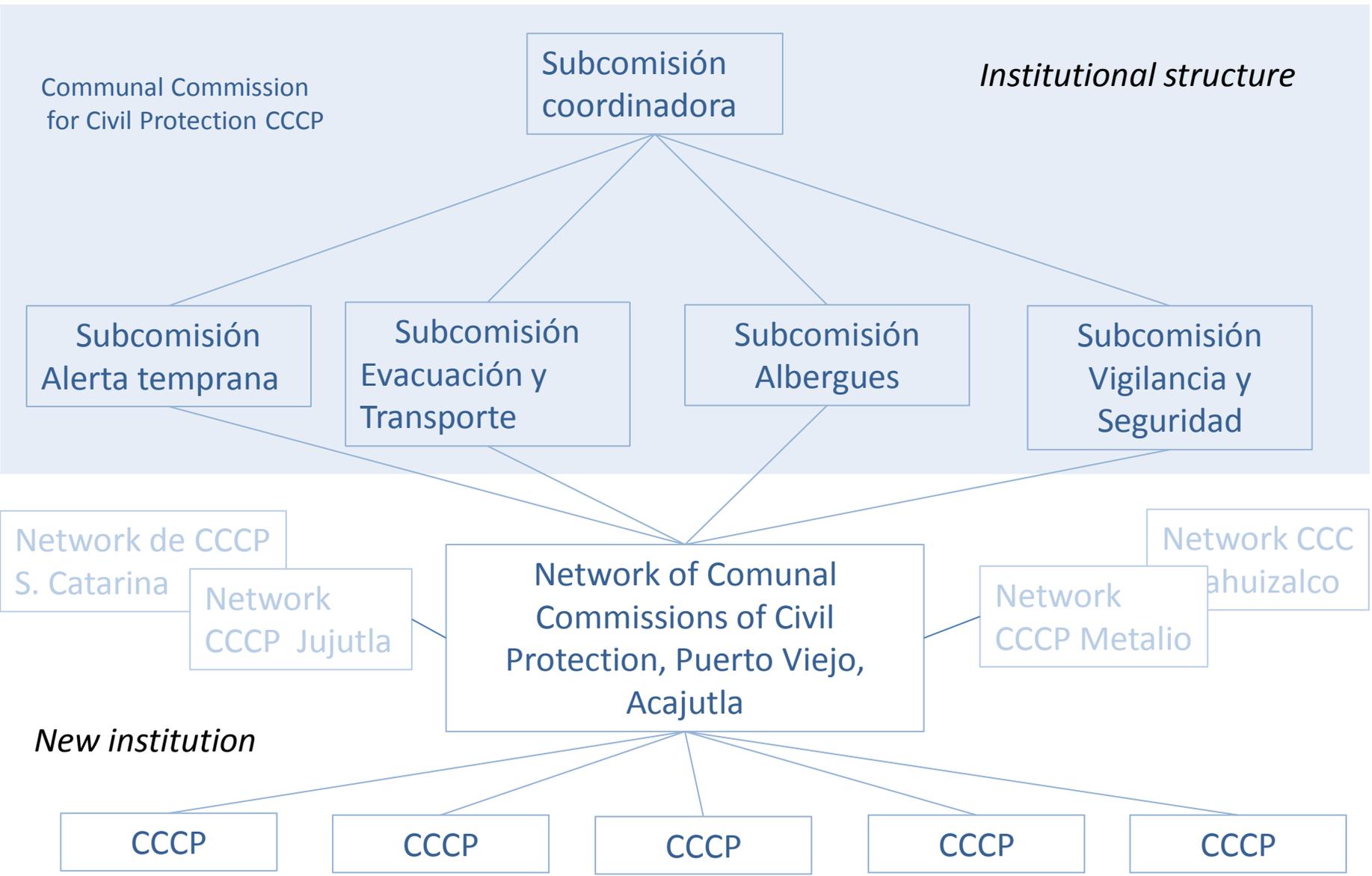


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Networks of Community
Civil Protection
Commissions -CCPC, Puerto
Viejo, Acajutla, El Salvador



CCPCs Puerto Viejo, Acajutla, El Salvador



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Acajutla: Local Civil Protection Commissions CCPC



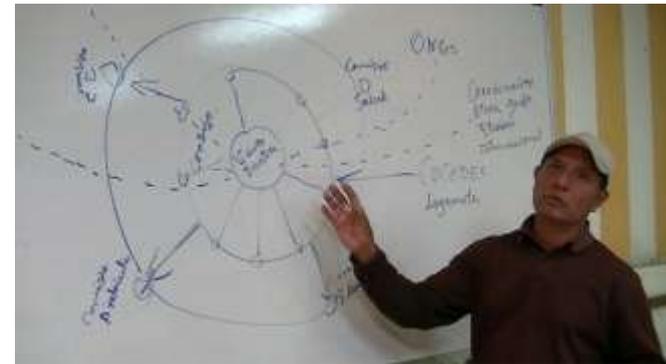
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Regional Network of Local Civil Protection Commissions CCPCs



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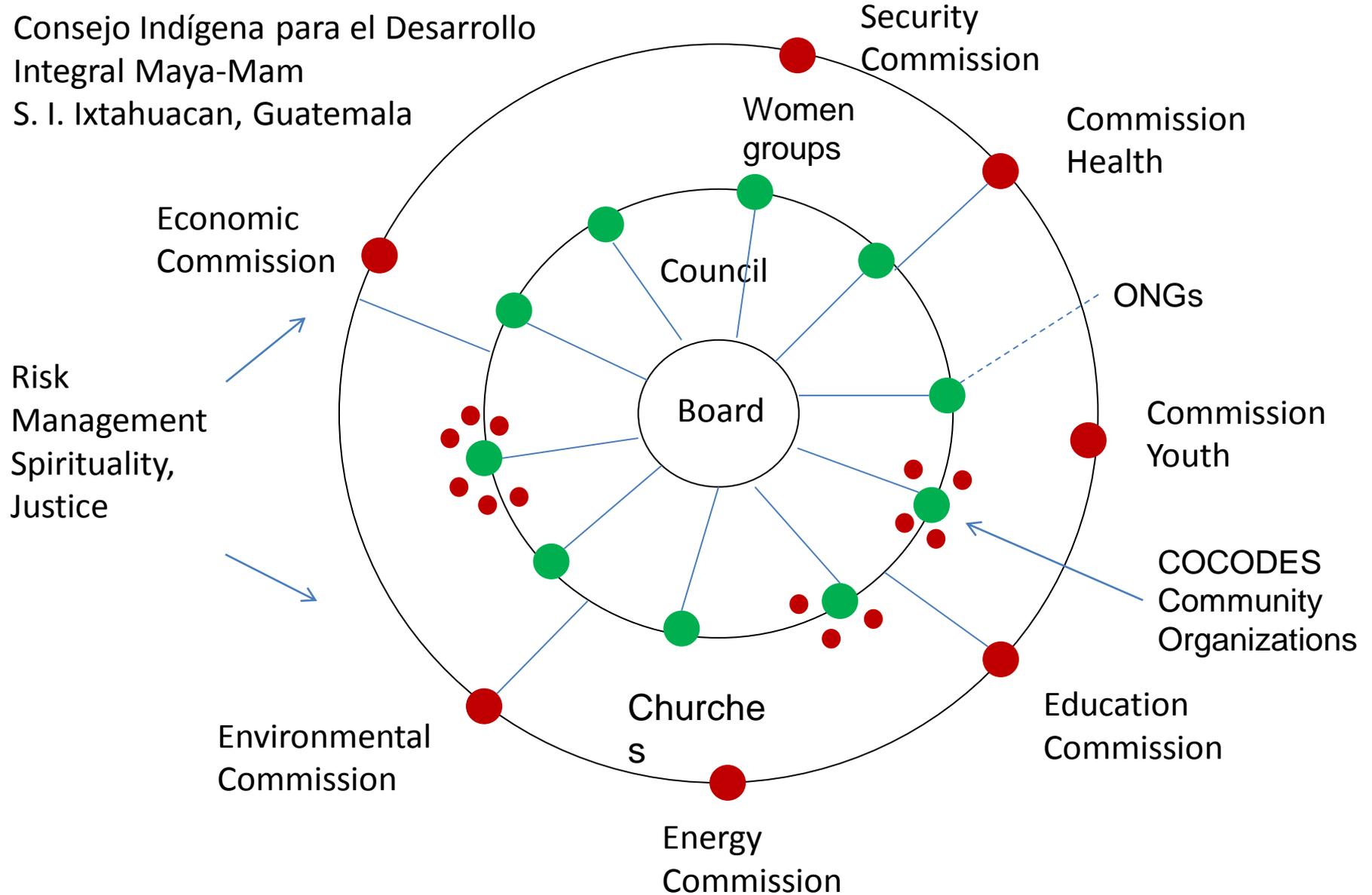
Marcos explains the concept of risk management of the Indigenous Council San Ildefonso Ixtahuacan, Guatemala



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Integral DRM

Consejo Indígena para el Desarrollo
Integral Maya-Mam
S. I. Ixtahuacan, Guatemala



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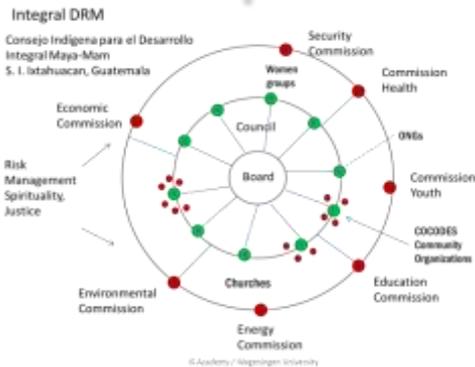
Asamblea Departamental por la Defensa del Territorio



Provincial Assembly for the Defense of the Territory -ADH



Western People's Council - CPO
For the defense of the territory and **Buen Vivir**



Indigenous Council

The right to popular consultation and peace (in relation to the construction of Hydroelectric Dam San Cruz Barrillas, Huehuetenango

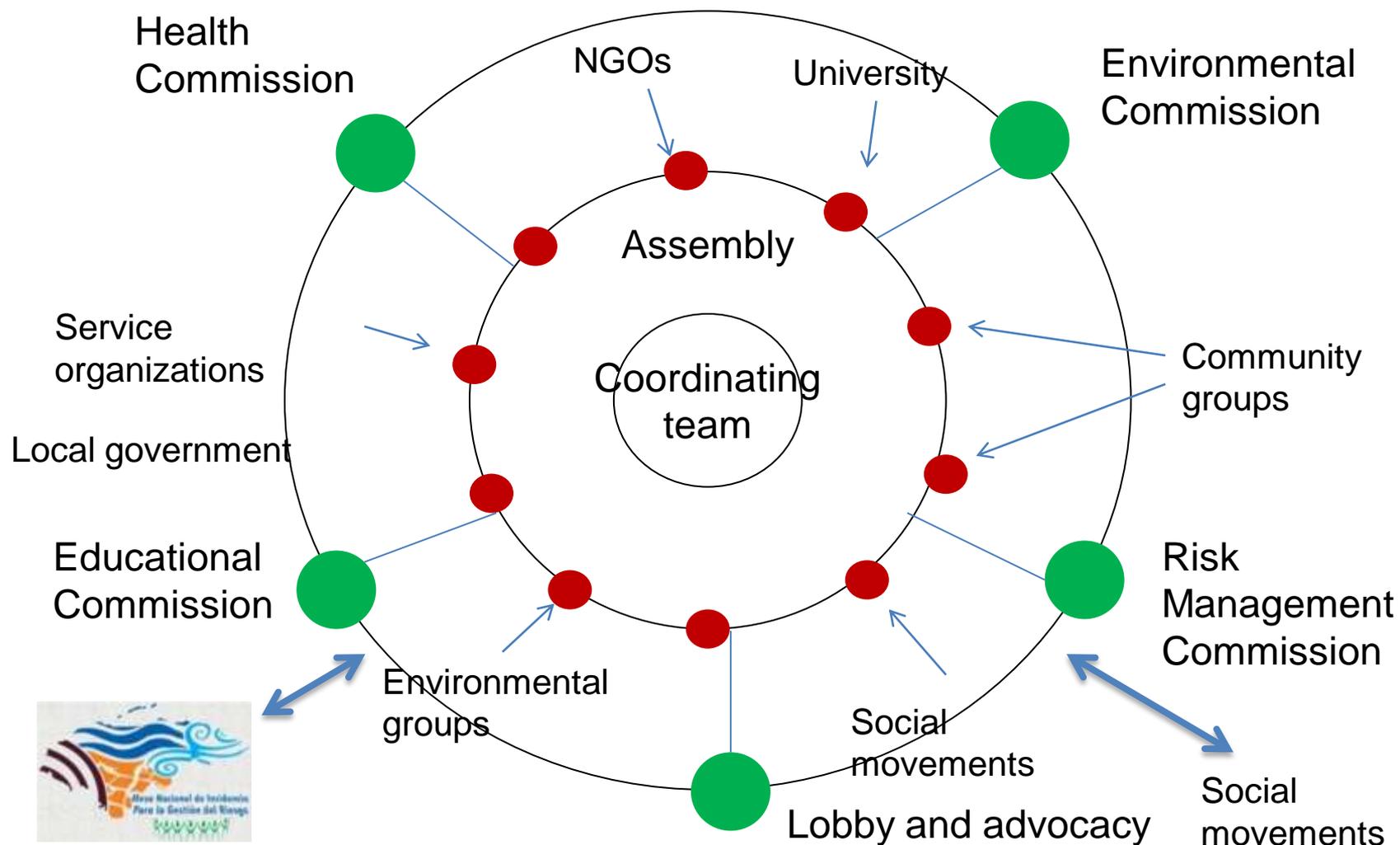


Gloria and Carla explain their idea of risk management and collective action, El Aguan, Honduras



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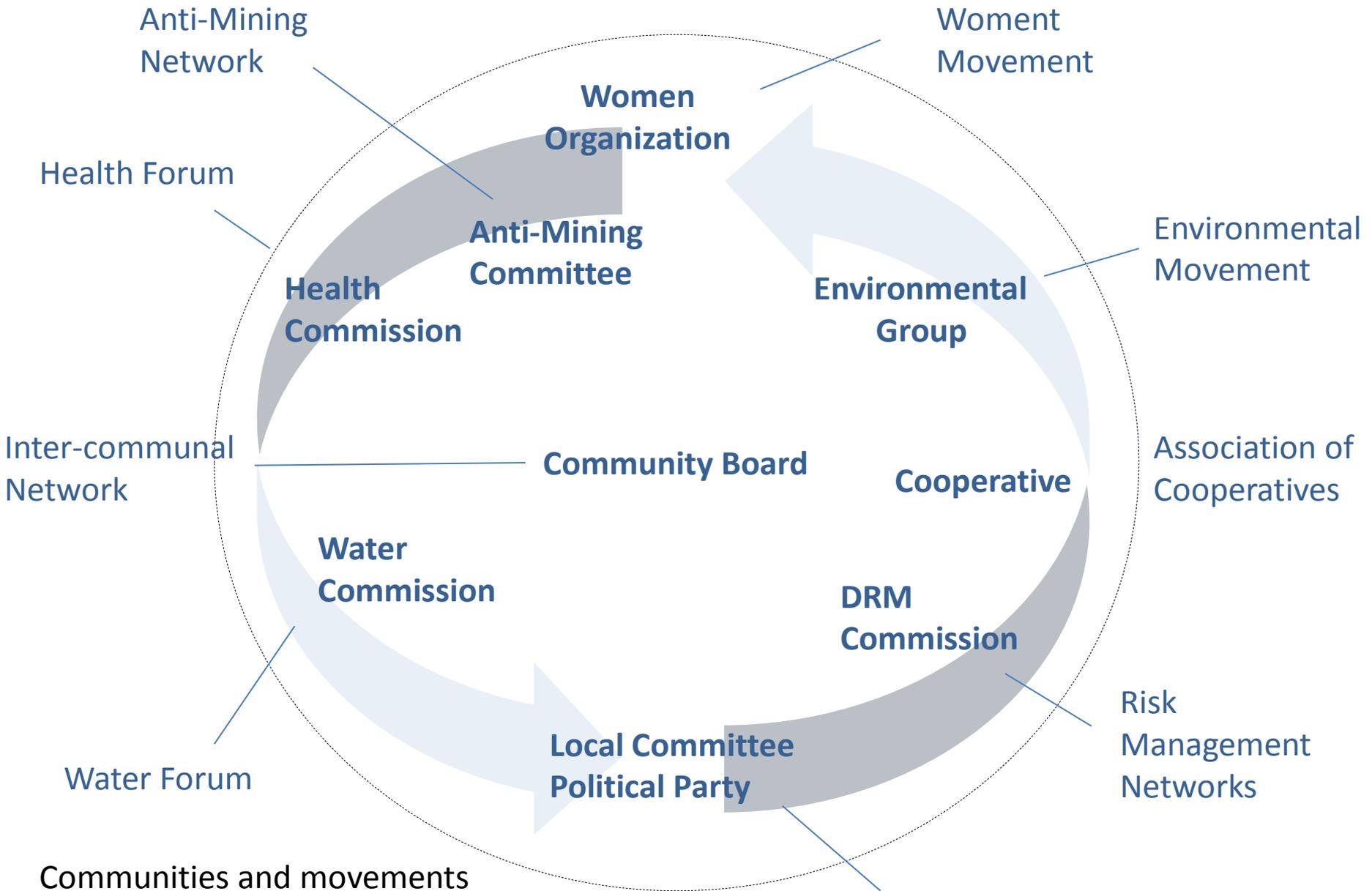
Mesa de Gestión de Riesgo, Bajo Aguan, Honduras



Comunidad Ignacio Ellacuria, El Salvador

- Reinserted FMLN combatants
- Civil war relations dominating post-war relations
 - Political Conflict through war time divides
 - Personal and family conflicts
 - Political-economic and social development marked by positioning during civil war
 - Social movements dispute

Ralph Sprenkels (2014), *Revolution & Accommodation. Post-Insurgency in El Salvador/*
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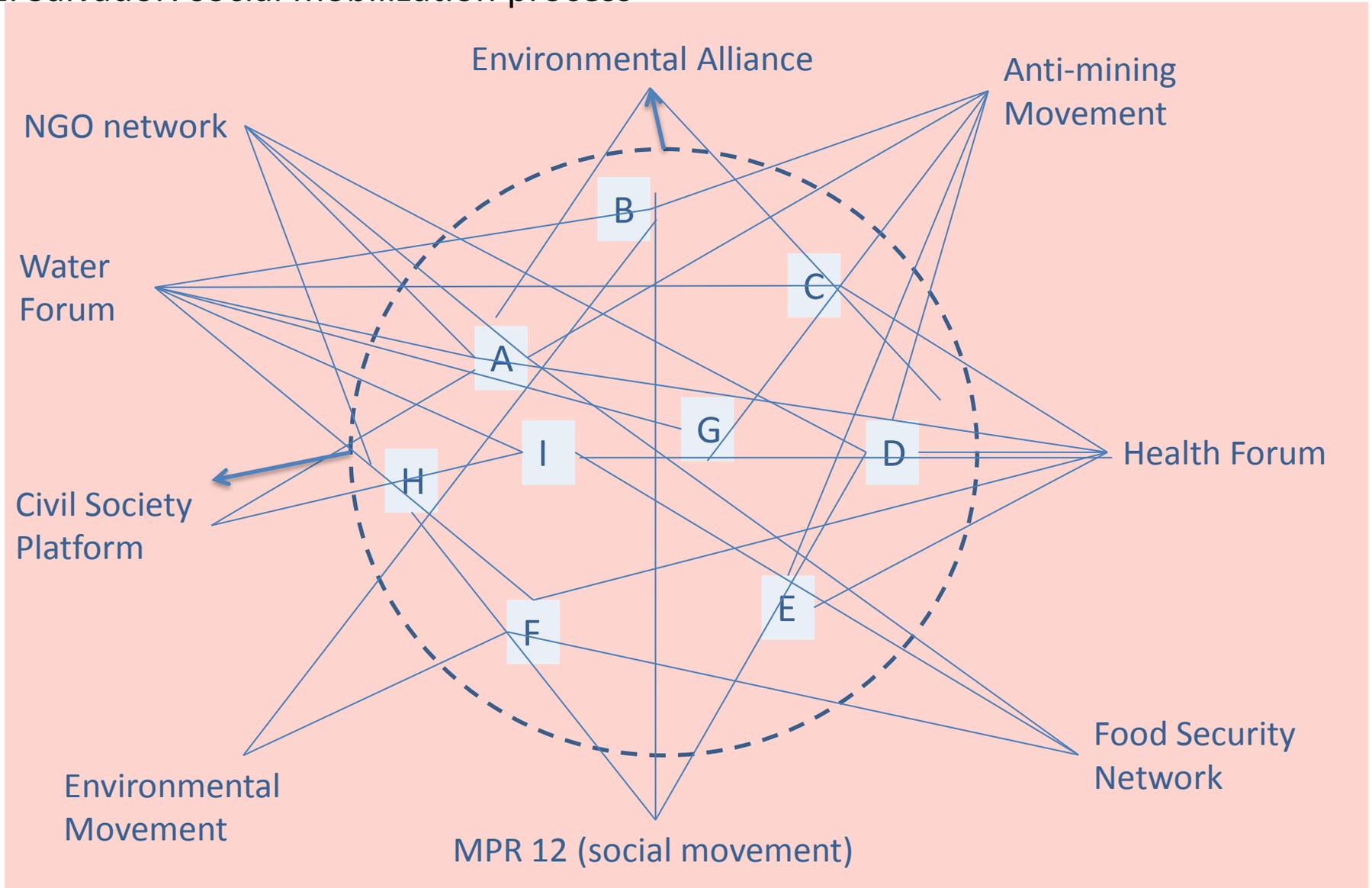


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Risk Management Networks

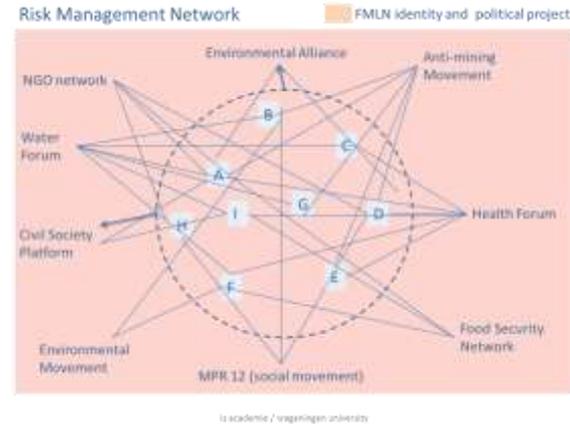
El Salvador: social mobilization process

 FMLN identity and political project

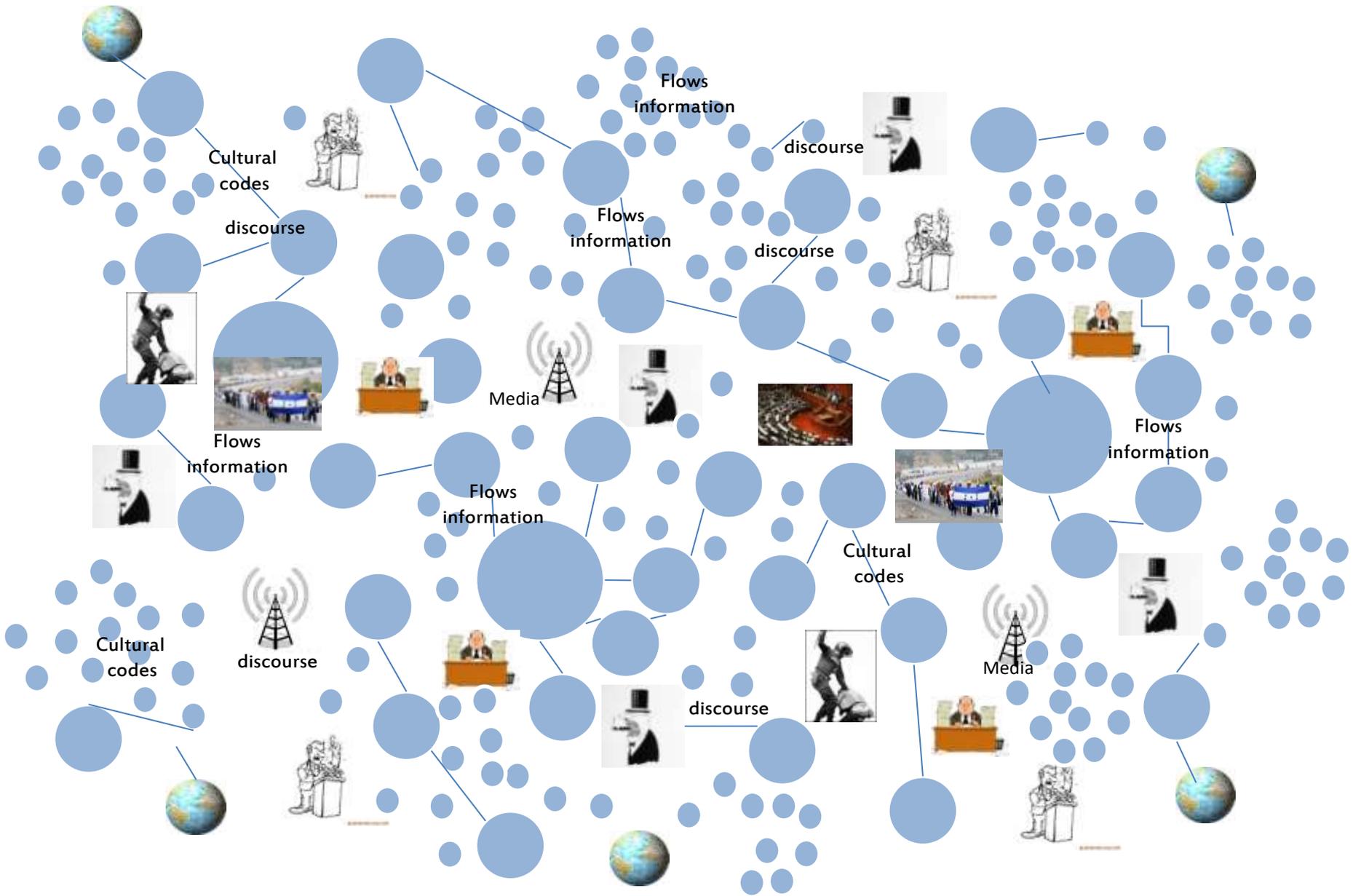


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Political Arenas



- Negotiation
- Conflict
- Plural (diverse pluralities)
- Horizontal, permanent, latent collective action
- Consensus – dissent as mechanism for negotiation
- Multiple levels



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4 Networked social movements

- Political influence
 - Power: mobilization
 - Access to the state
- Cultural change: Movement is the message
- Change process in itself: consciousness, behavior, alternative institutions, etc.



Collective Action :

Cooperation, Institutional lobby ↔ Contentious action

5 Some dilemmas

Processes of social mobilization

Political :

- Challenging the polity and cultural codes
- Mobilization and counter-mobilization

Governability? Adaptation?...

Contingent:

- Processes of interaction
- Processes not only outcomes
- Structural factors

PME? Institutional DRM policies?

Participation – Domestication?



Thanks!!!

Questions for discussion

To what extent are international policy interventions (e.g. humanitarian aid, disaster risk management, or development policies in general) aware of the existence and development of social movements in local settings?

What are the possible consequences of social movement dynamics for international intervention strategies?

How do social movement processes connect to political objectives (such as democratization and state building) that the international community embraces in fragile settings?
How to make international interventions more sensitive to the socio-political dynamics of local community organizing?