

Advocacy for Agroecology

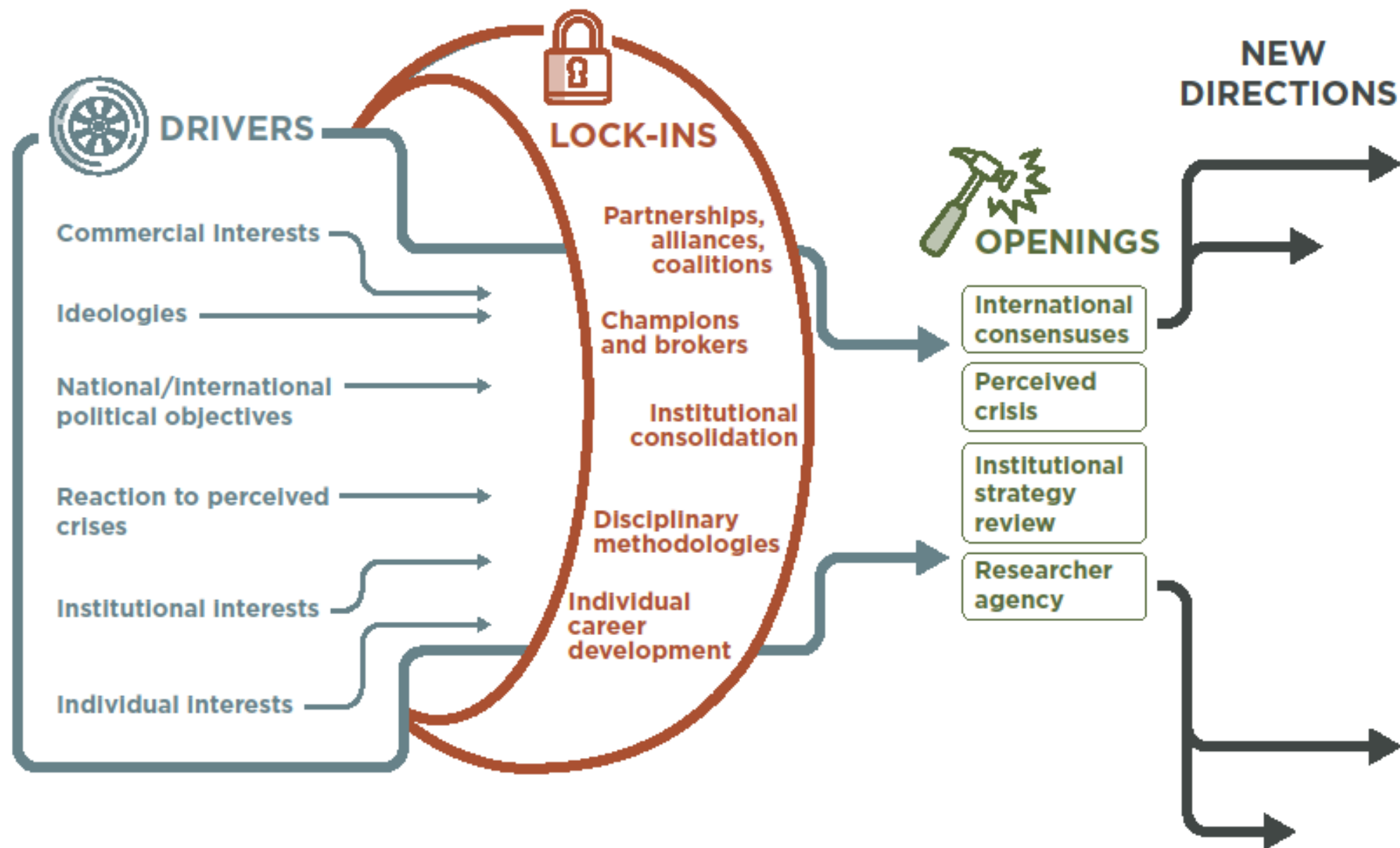
Political Economy/ Knowledge Politics chapter

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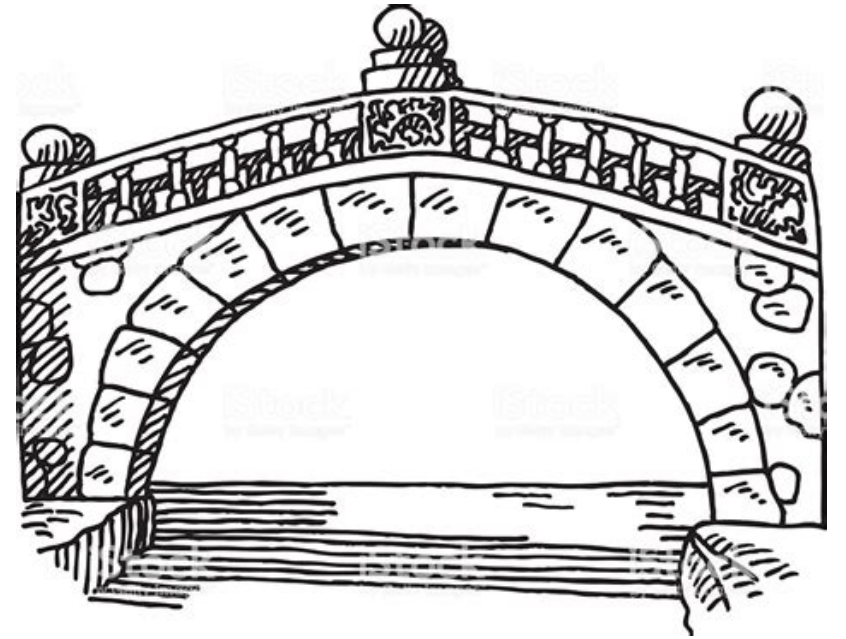
HOW RESEARCH TRAJECTORIES ARE FORMED, REINFORCED, AND OPENED UP



1. No concept of agroecology
2. Ecological agriculture
3. Ecotechnical solutions
4. Agroecology as environmentally sustainable agriculture
5. Agroecology as environmentally sustainable agriculture with political and cultural components

Recommendations






- Bridge divides between agricultural paradigms by emphasising common drivers that can deliver on agroecology
- Enrol prestigious champions in agroecological alliances
- Emphasise interdisciplinarity and a range of metrics



	Agricultural ecology, ecological agriculture: recognition of ecological basis of agriculture	Eco-technical solutions: promotion of sustainable intensification, conservation agriculture and climate smart agriculture as sustainable forms of intensification and yield raising	Environmental agroecology: Agroecology is a distinct set of sustainable agricultural practices that works harmoniously with natural processes.	Political Agroecology: Agroecology is not only a distinct set of sustainable agricultural practices, but crucially a normative valorisation of social justice and food sovereignty.
New Green Revolution	Productivity	Productivity, resource efficiency		Gender equity
Agriculture as economic sector	Livelihoods	Resource efficiency	Resource efficiency	
Focus on research impact		Synergy between local and expert knowledge, focus on scalability	Recognition of local knowledge	Recognition of local knowledge
Resilience	Ecological functionality	Environmental sustainability	Environmental sustainability	Ecological functionality
Agrarian justice			Local knowledge	Social justice, collective action, people's empowerment
Pragmatic agroecology, eco-technical solutions	Productivity, resource efficiency, environmental sustainability, livelihoods	Productivity, resource efficiency, environmental sustainability, livelihoods	Resource efficiency, environmental sustainability	Environmental sustainability

Technical	Normative
Productivity Collective action Resource efficiency Livelihoods Focus on scalability	Gender equity Environmental sustainability Ecological functionality Recognition of local knowledge People's empowerment Social justice

Discussion points

-  Which drivers to choose? Who to advocate to?
-  Who are our champions; what are their characteristics?
-  How, where and to who do we promote interdisciplinarity and appropriate metrics?
-  How do we deal with risks of co-option, for example when engaging (or not) with private sector?
-  How can debates be constructed in which agroecology is not undermined?