



Lessons from history for development:

Explaining stagnating food production in Zimbabwe Communal Areas: what are the gendered drivers?

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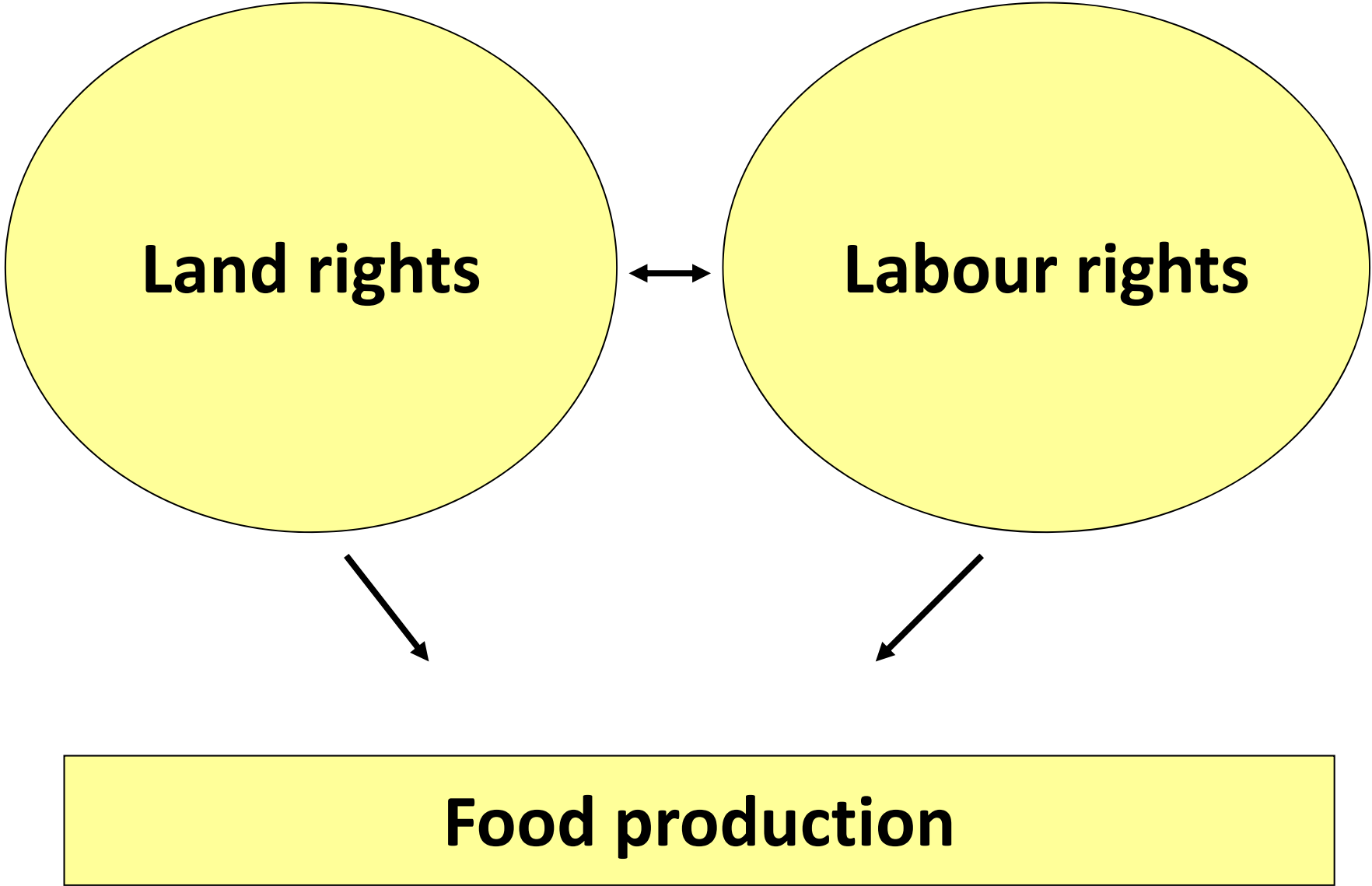
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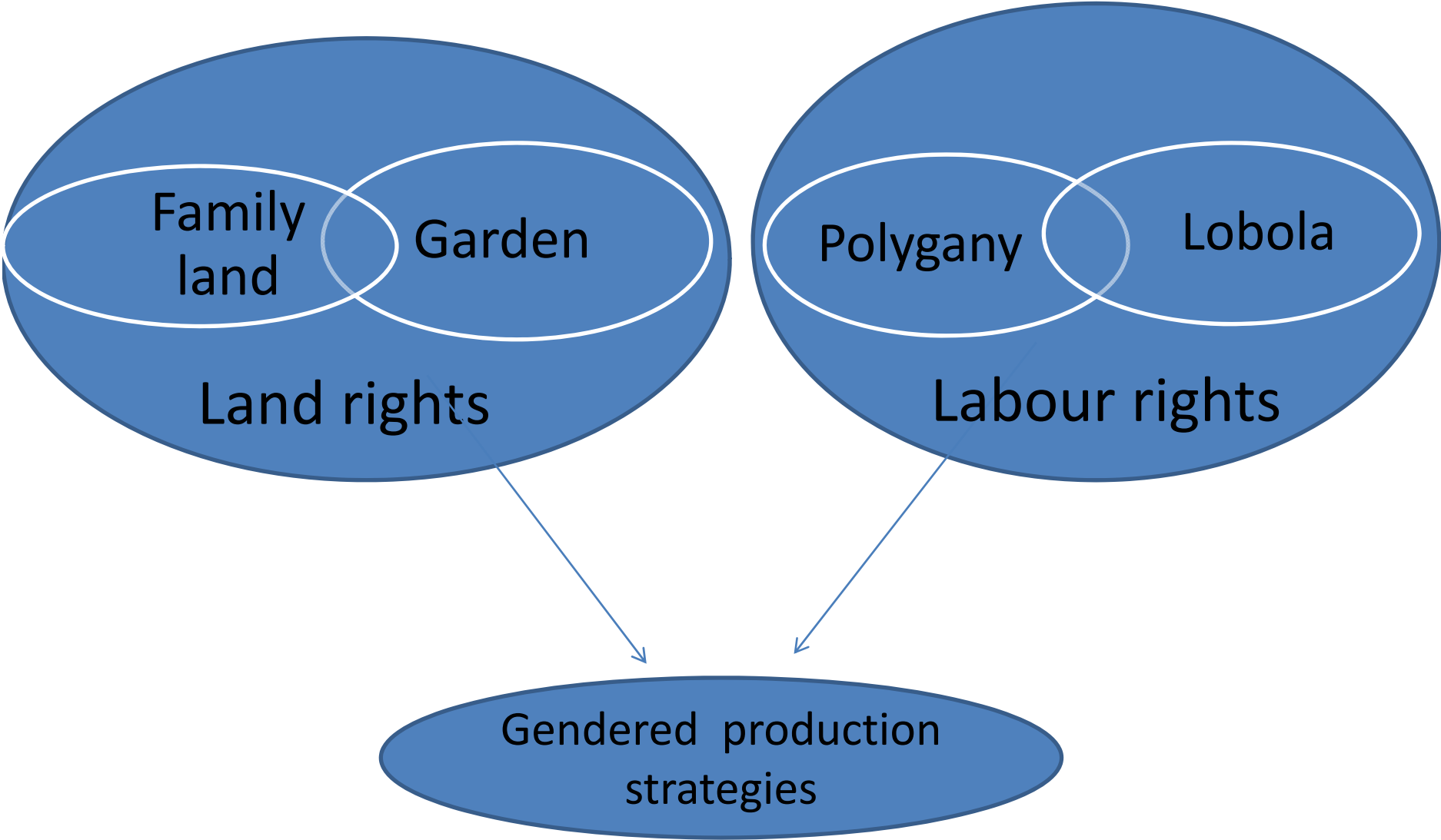
African food crisis

Gendered land
and labour rights

Land
shortage



Polyganous production system in subsistence farming



Gendered obligations, goals and strategies

Wanting, doing, reflecting

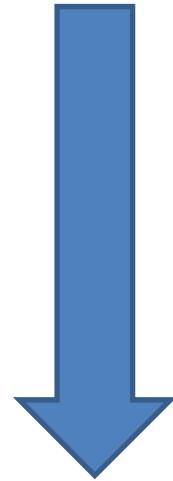


Claiming land in the community
Claiming labour



Claiming land in the family
Claiming land in the community

Gendered obligations, goals and strategies



Shared and conflicting interests

Lesson one

Gendered organisation of production may hamper productivity and food security.

Theory for analysis

Capturing institutional changes

Mostly New Institutional theories

Creative combinations

Waylen (2007) *Periodicity of change*
Feminist political science

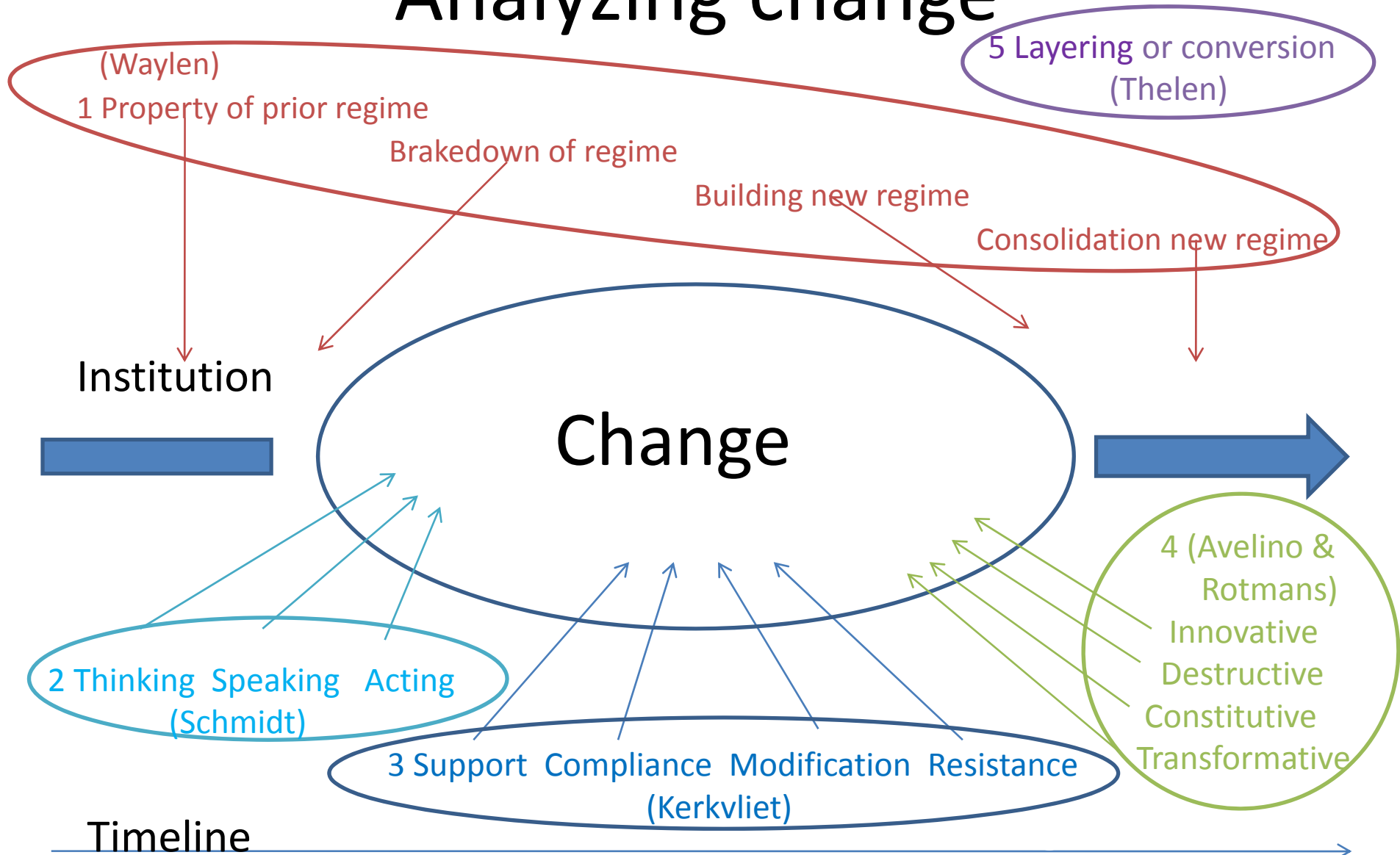
Schmidt (2008) *Discursive abilities*
Discursive new institutionalism

Kerkvliet (2006) *Everyday politics*
Comparative politics

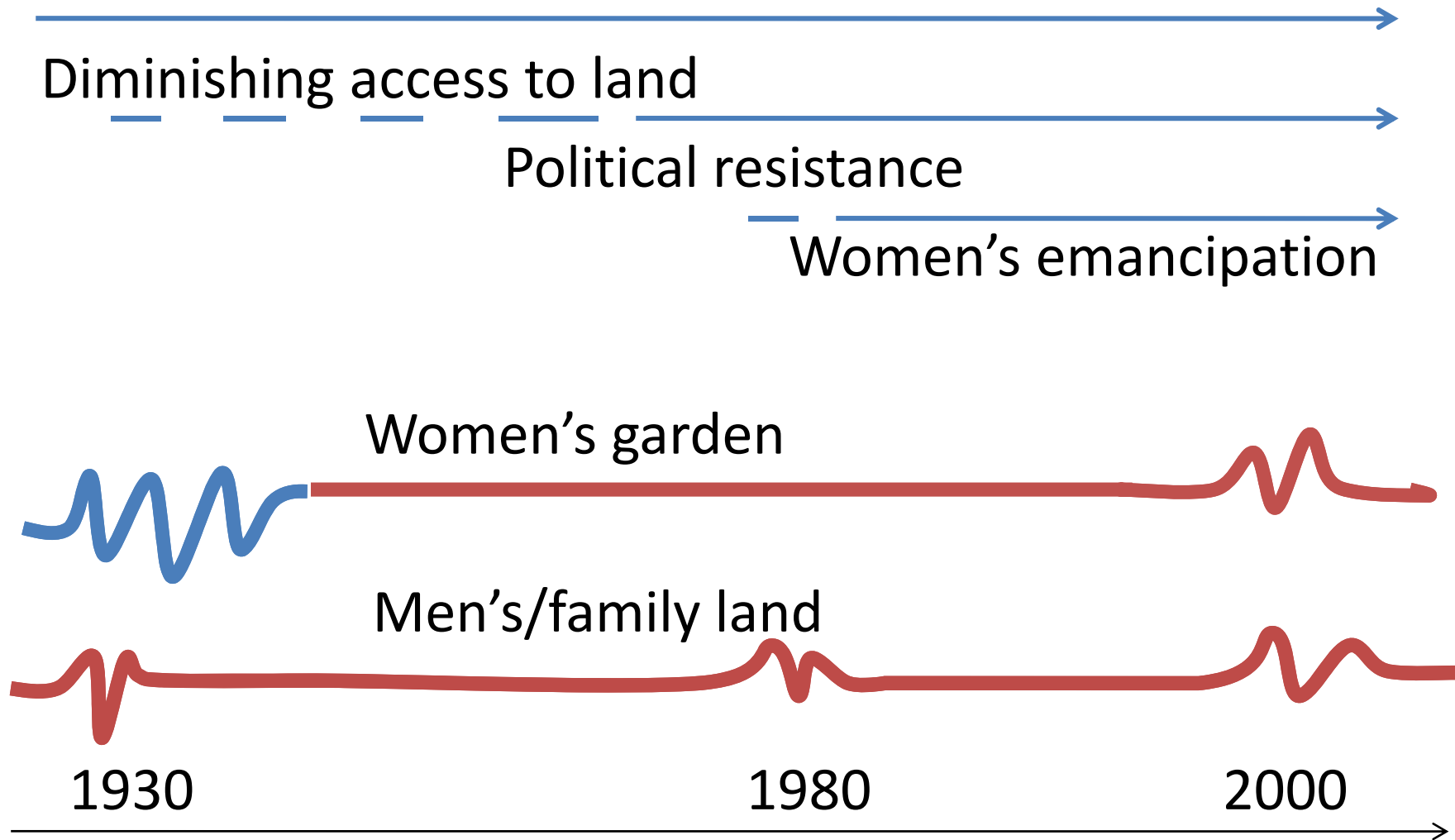
Avelino & Rotmans (2009) *Power*
Transition theory

Thelen (2003) *Typology of institutional change*
Historical new institutionalism

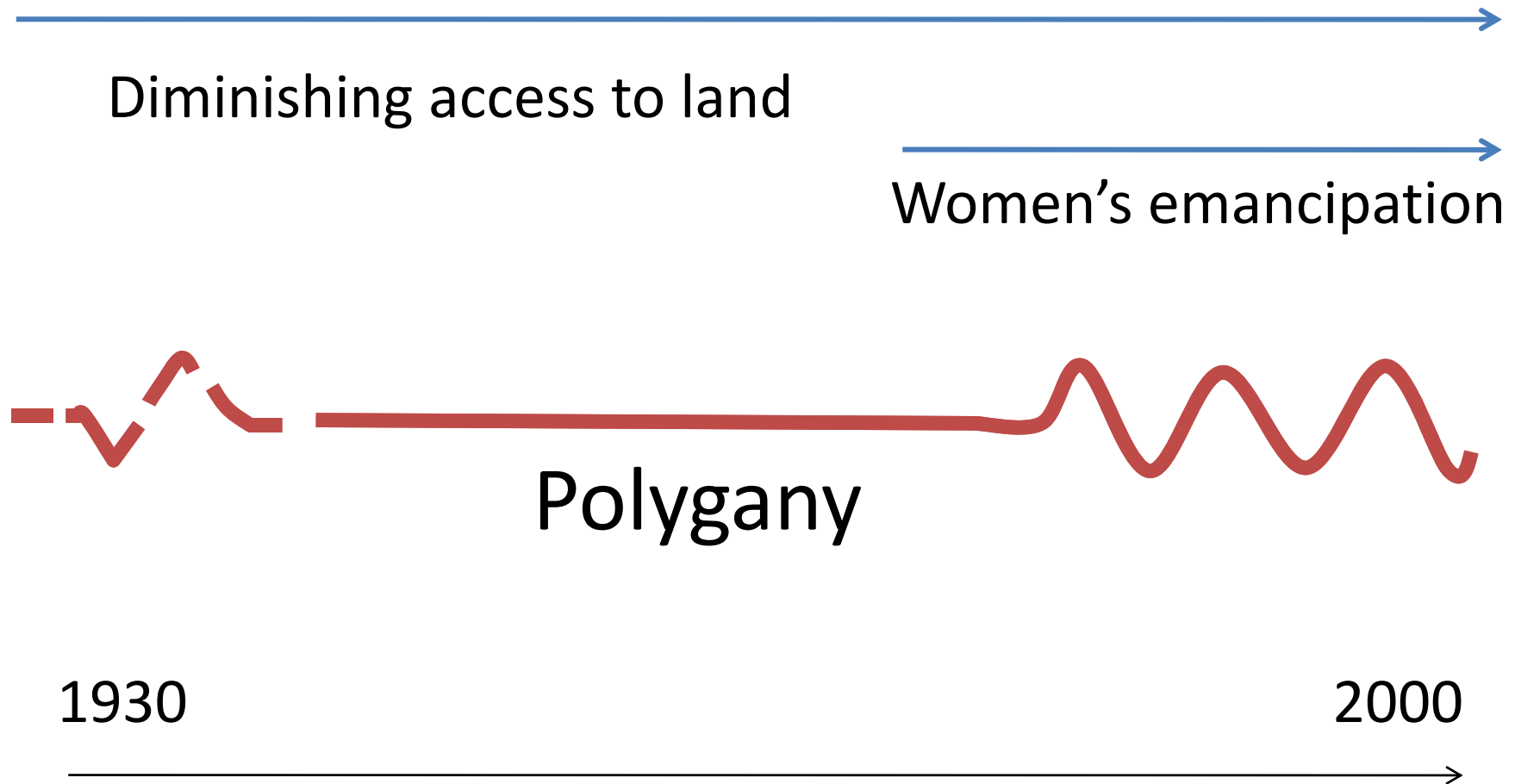
Analyzing change



Land rights institutions



Labour rights institutions



Lesson two

Persistence of institution –

Same in terms of name but not in *content*?

Questions

Is this a plausible description of land and labour rights institutions in agricultural production in terms of periodicity, gender, politics...?

To what extent does this theoretical framework capture all decisive aspects of institutional changes in my data?

Are there other relevant frameworks?

Is there any other relevant research?





