

Information poverty - a critical analysis

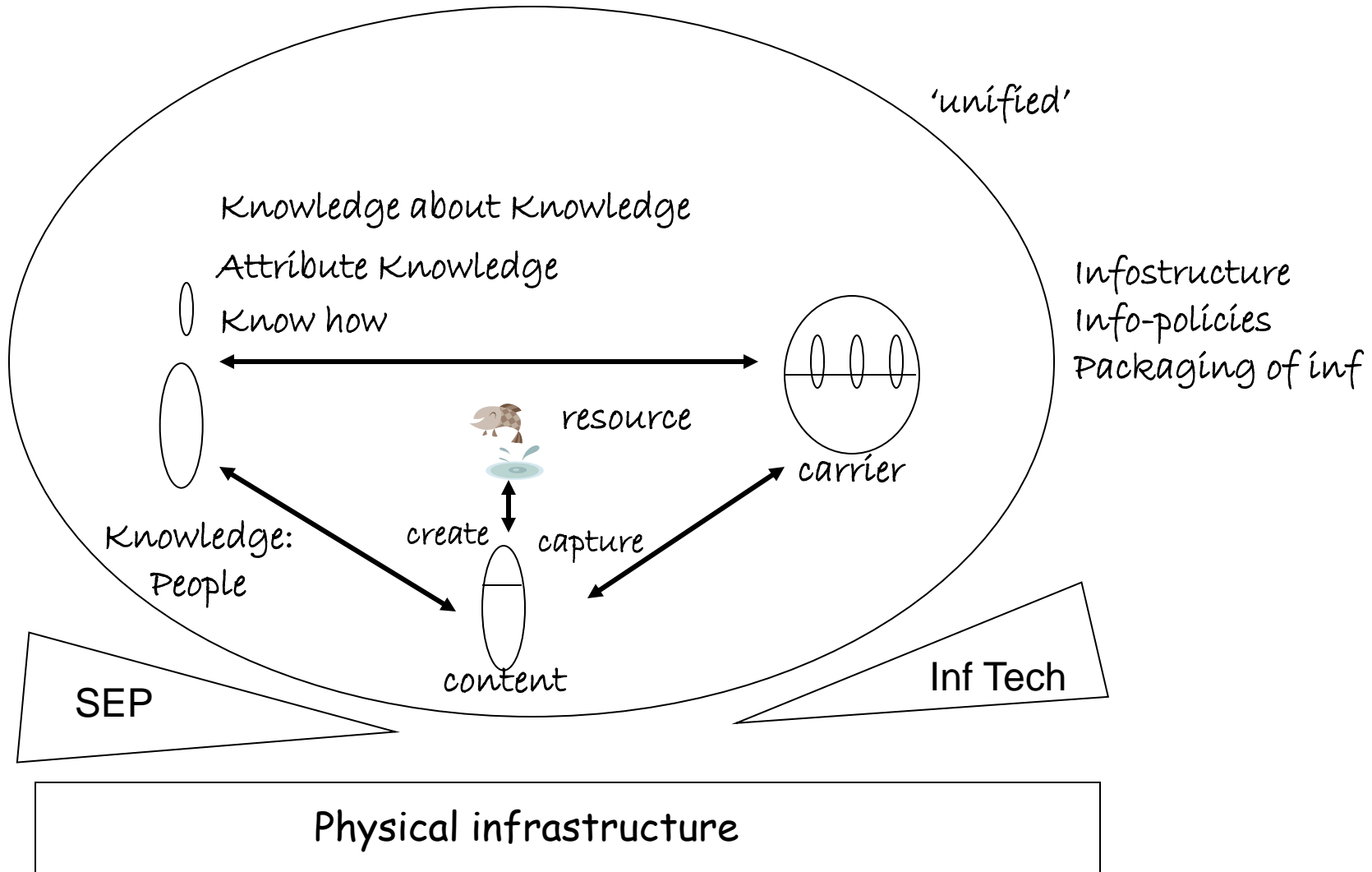


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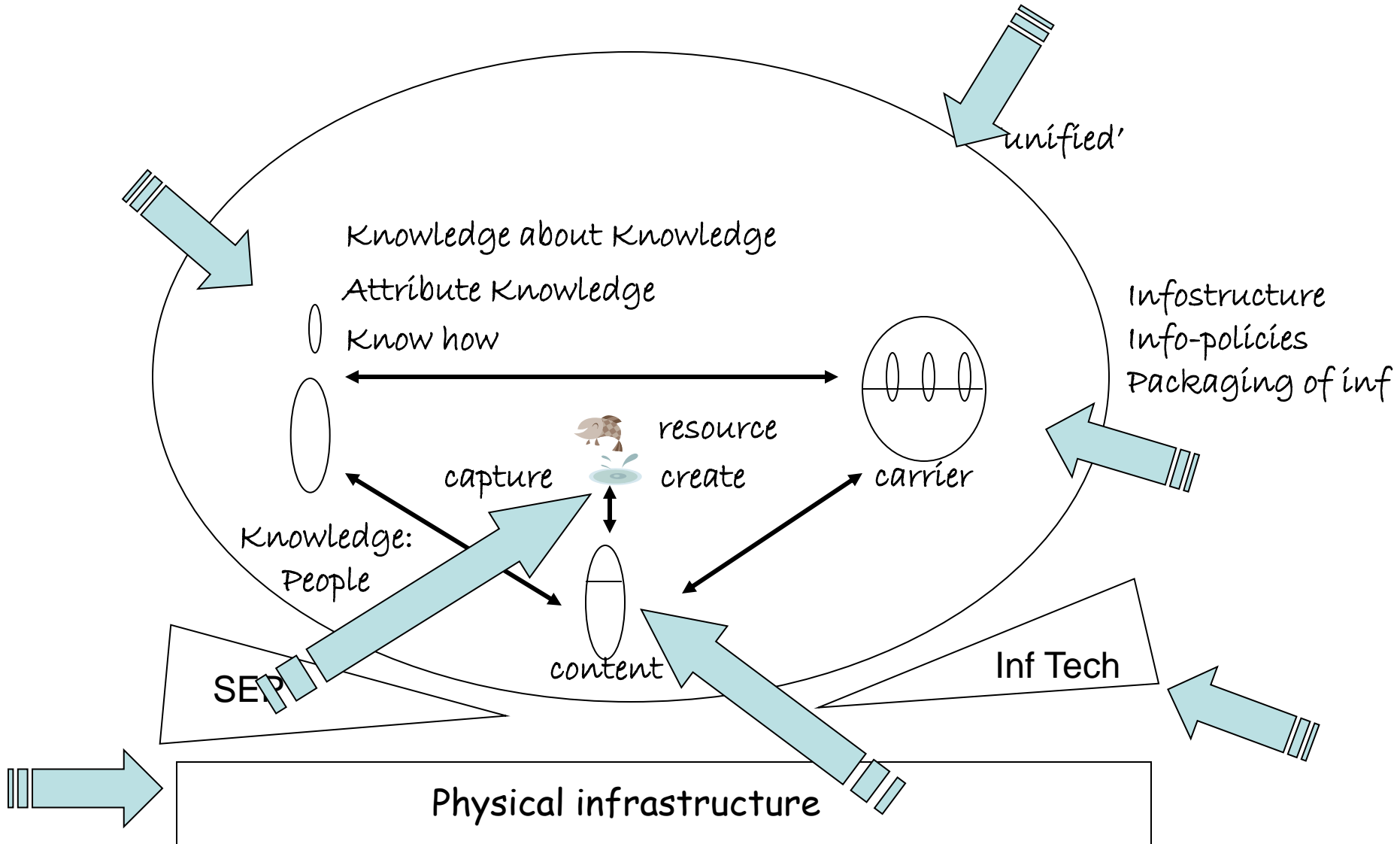


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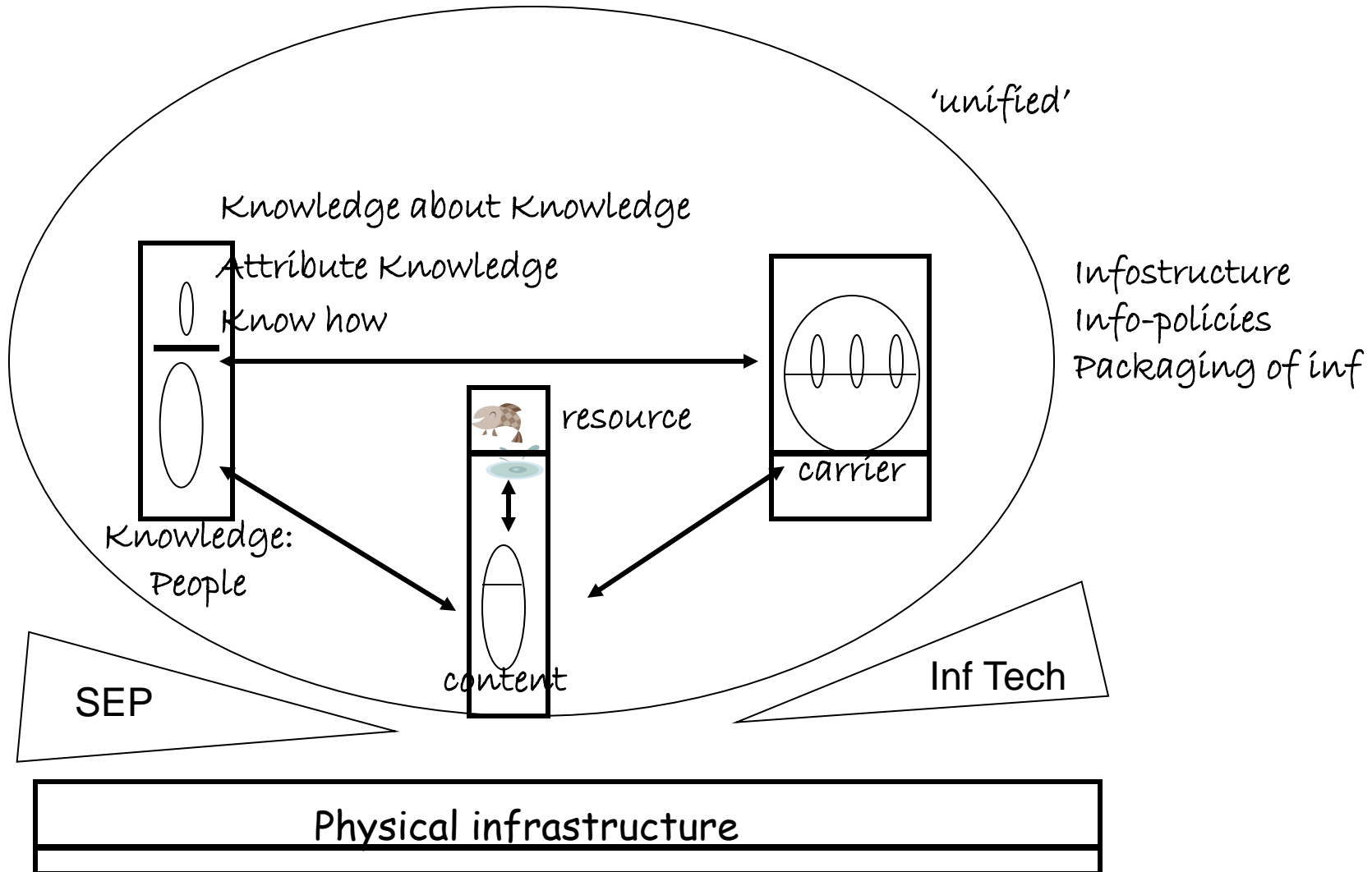
The ideal information-rich society [within this new paradigm]



Contributing factors to information poverty



The measurement of information richness



Understanding the issue... everything is information... ICT 'unbundle' information

Introduced a radical new economic model....
with socio-political implications

The new information
paradigm

versus

The old information
paradigm


Reach


bandwidth
customization
interactivity
control
update
reproduction

Richness 

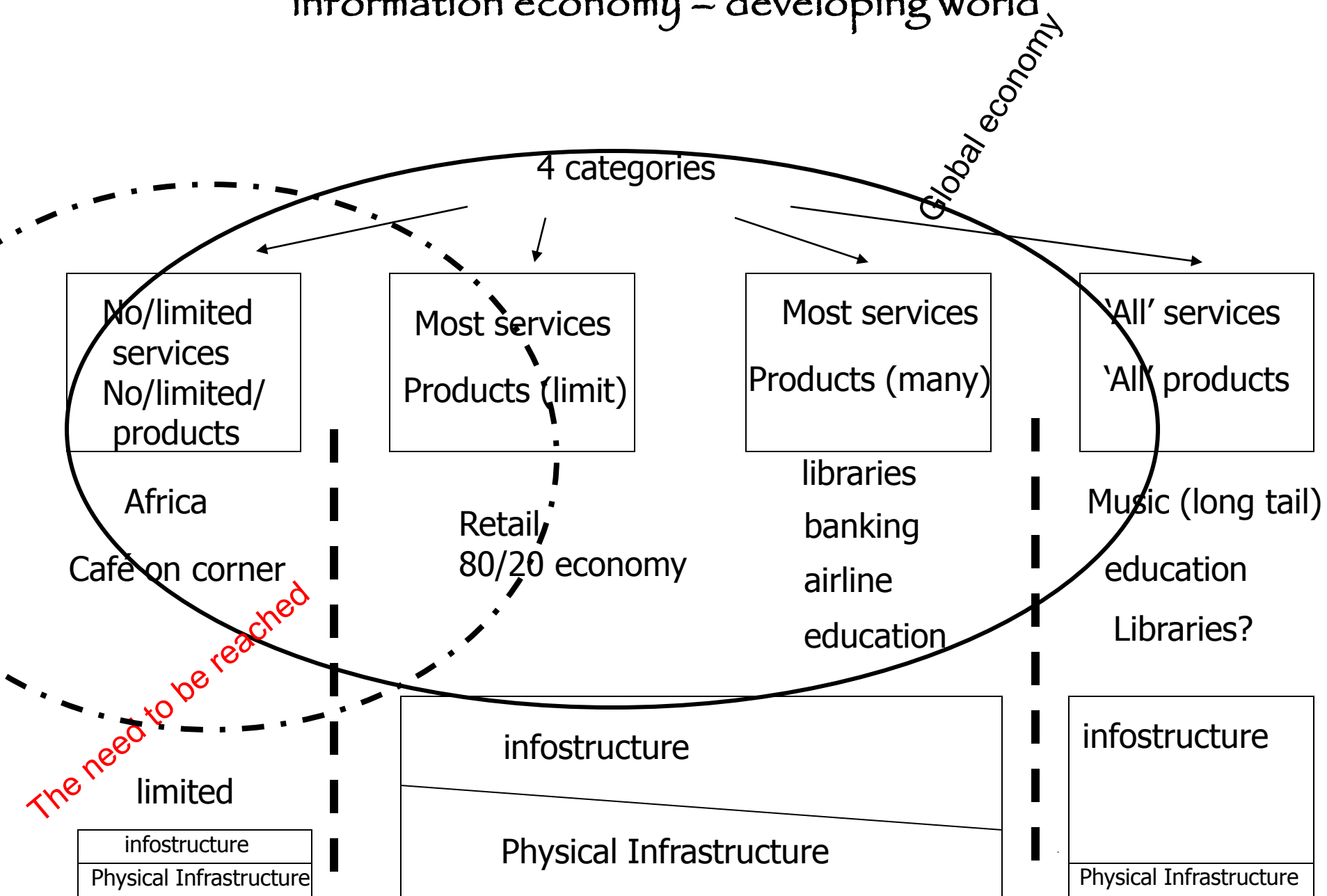
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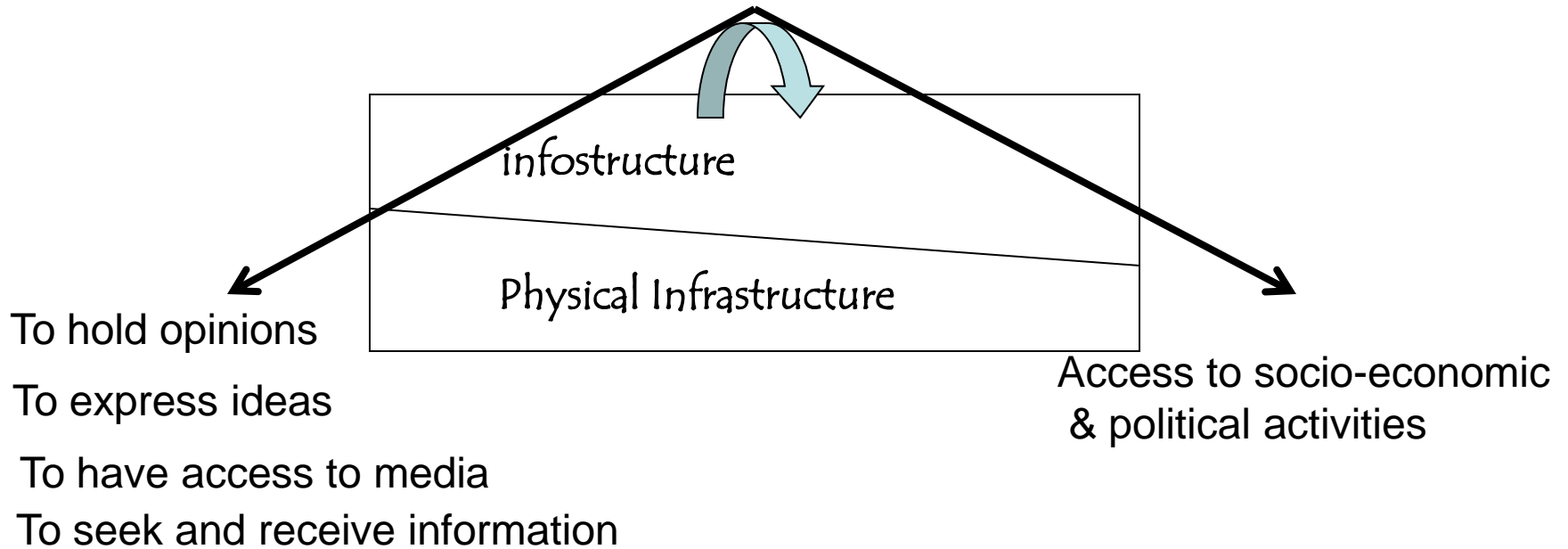
Richness 

Impacted nearly every aspect of human activity

information economy ~ developing world



Redefine communication and access to information



Not only to hear and talk, but also to do...

Access to information is instrumental to all human activities – basic human right

Infostructure instrumental to achieve our human wellbeing (Sen)

Opportunities and freedom of choice

Framework to analyze the moral issues

Interpret within the

- ◇new economic paradigm,
- ◇international trends,
- ◇role of ICT in human development

Acknowledge the right, but not enable the right

Economic inequality at expense of basic rights (Second principle overrides first principle)

Distributive justice: focus on the fair allocation of burdens and benefits in society.

Contributive justice: focus on duty and responsibility to one another in society.

Commutative justice: focus on fair contractual agreements that define relationships, outline benefits and burdens, and specify obligations and responsibilities to one another

Transformation justice: correct past injustices

Justice as enablement: human development (interaction and social isolation, voiceless)