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Decolonizing the future

And some reflections on the
Role of the Chairs in
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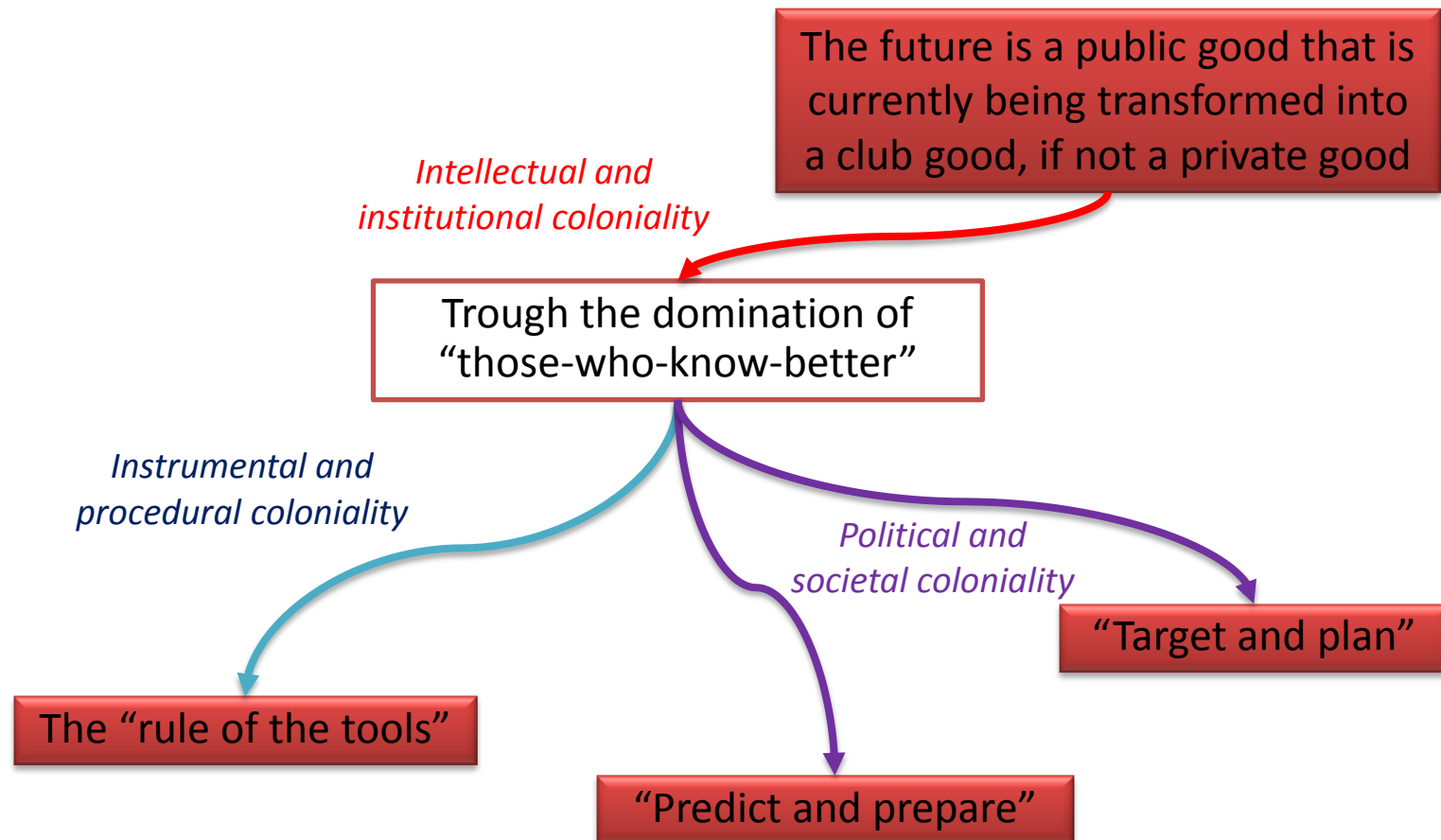
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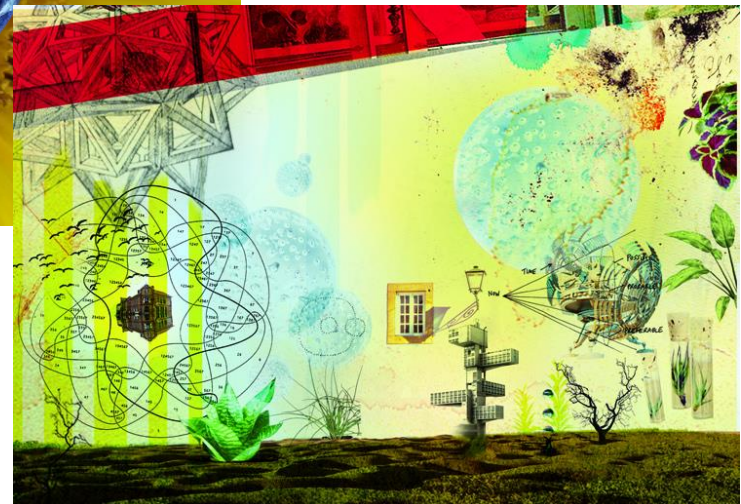


Why decolonizing the future?





What roles for the Chairs in Anticipatory Systems, Futures Studies, and Futures Literacy?



Futures literacy as a “critical juncture”

- Spreading Futures Literacy contributes to create changes in the condition of changes

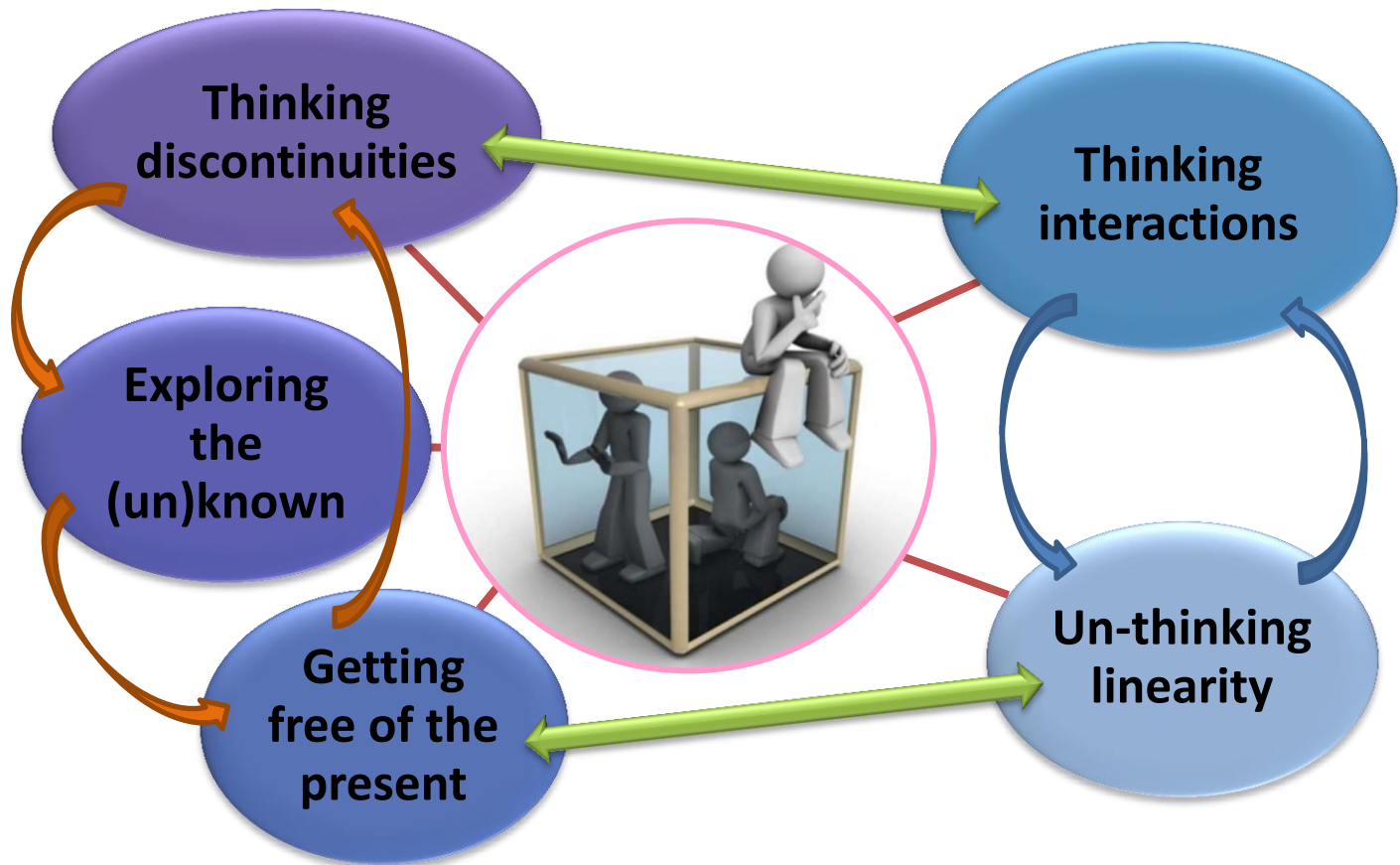


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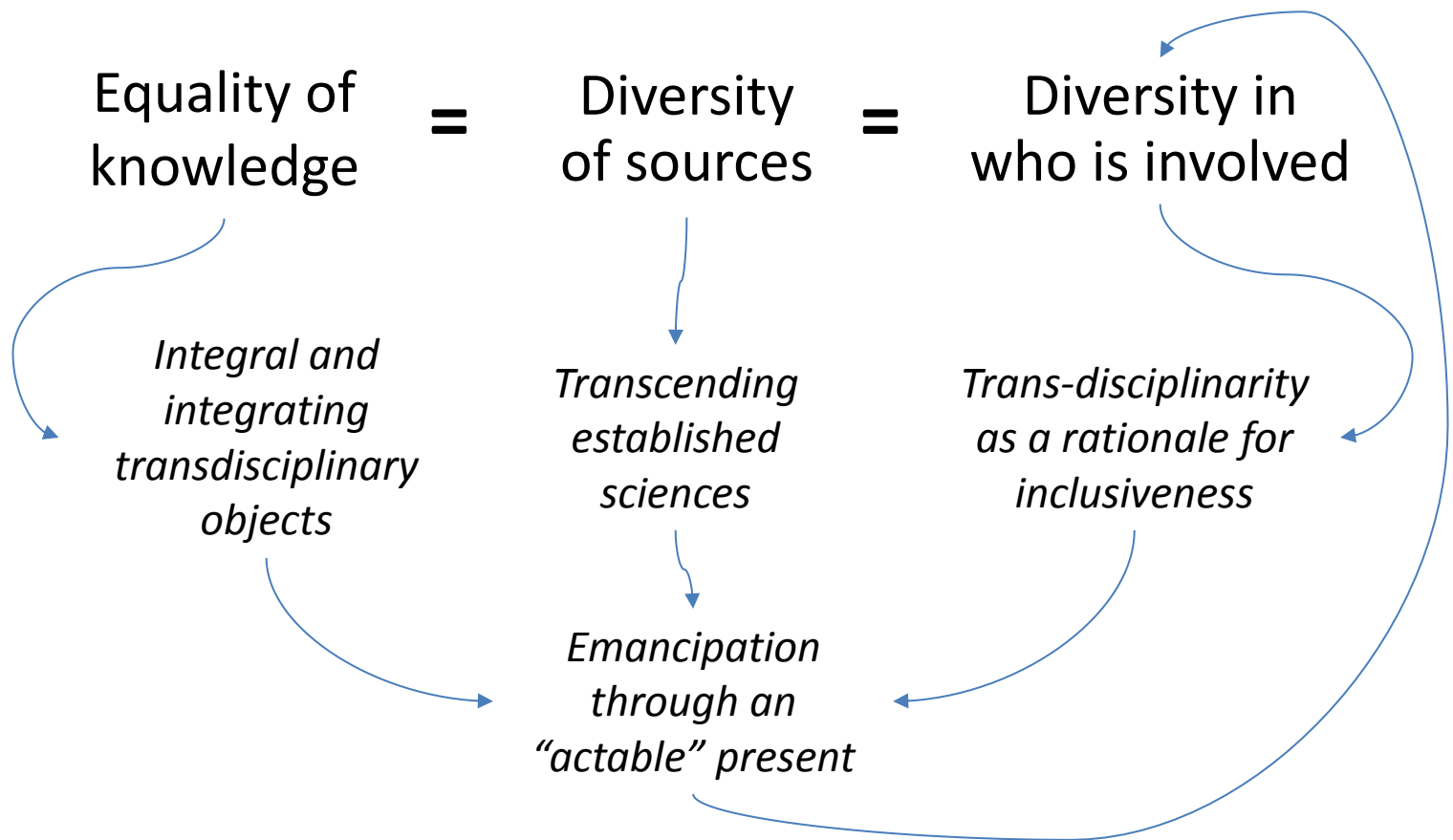
- It is a way to improve individual and collective capacities to detect and make sense of discontinuities
- It makes it possible tout engage new learning processes such as new types of research (anticipation as a discipline)



Supporting Thinking outside the “thinking boxes”



Supporting a transdisciplinary and systemic process



Creating a (doubly) critical mass

- Transforming the processes of colonizing the future
- Producing a capacity to deconstruct and reconstruct dominant discourses



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From Futures literacy to Futures consciousness?



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