Recognising demographics as part of antiracist work

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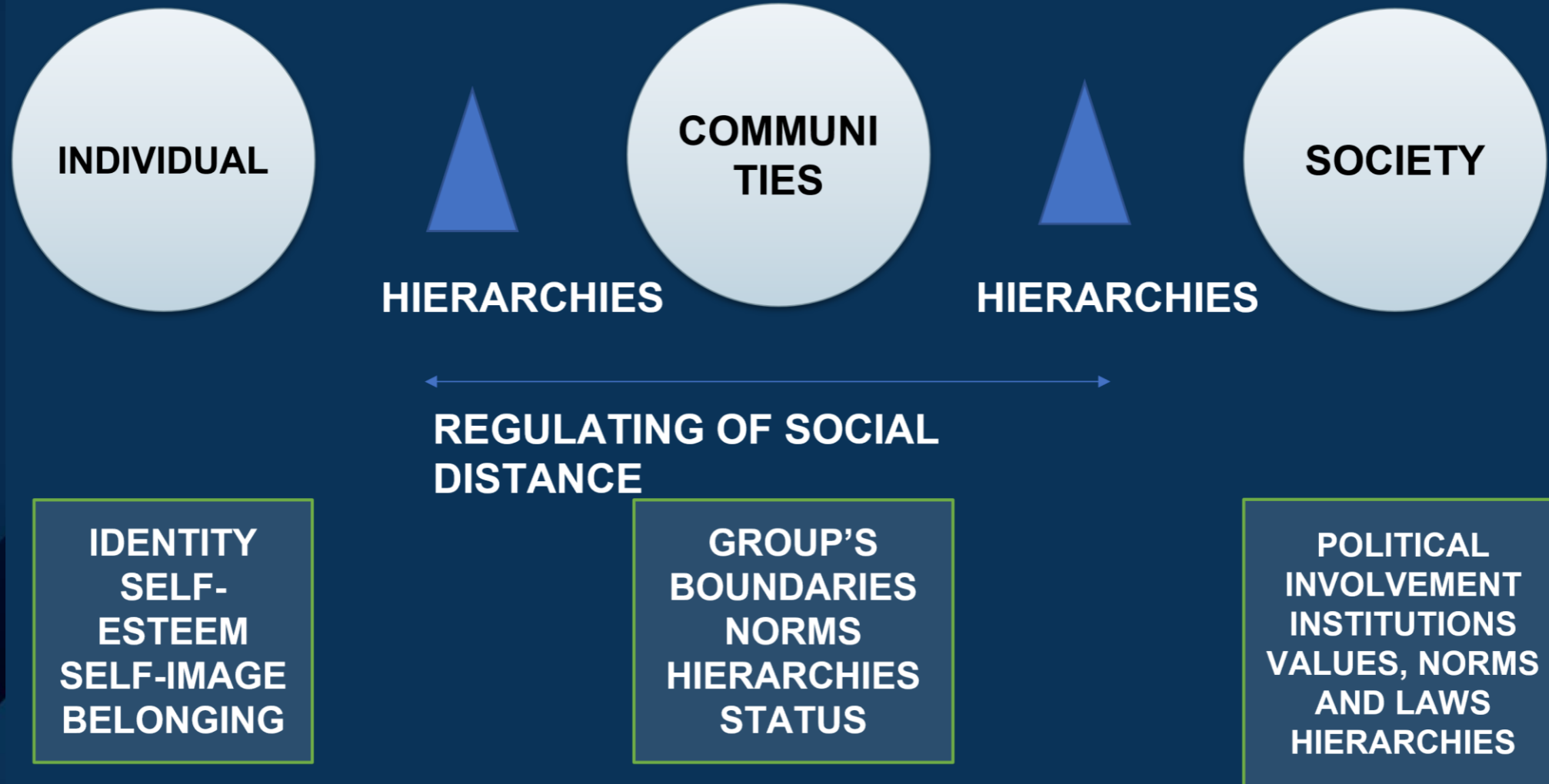
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The significance of recognition

INDIVIDUAL

HIERARCHIES

COMMUNITIES

HIERARCHIES

SOCIETY

REGULATING OF SOCIAL DISTANCE

| IDENTITY SELF-ESTEEM SELF-IMAGE BELONGING | GROUP'S BOUNDARIES NORMS HIERARCHIES STATUS | POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT INSTITUTIONS VALUES, NORMS AND LAWS HIERARCHIES |

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Racism as a pathology of recognition

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FORMS OF MISRECOGNISING EXCLUSION VIOLENCE

FORMS OF MISRECOGNISING RELATIONS TO OTHER GROUPS DISCRIMINATORY NORMS AND HIERARCHIES

ACCESS TO THE POLITICAL COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONAL RACISM LEGAL STATUS ASSIMILATION

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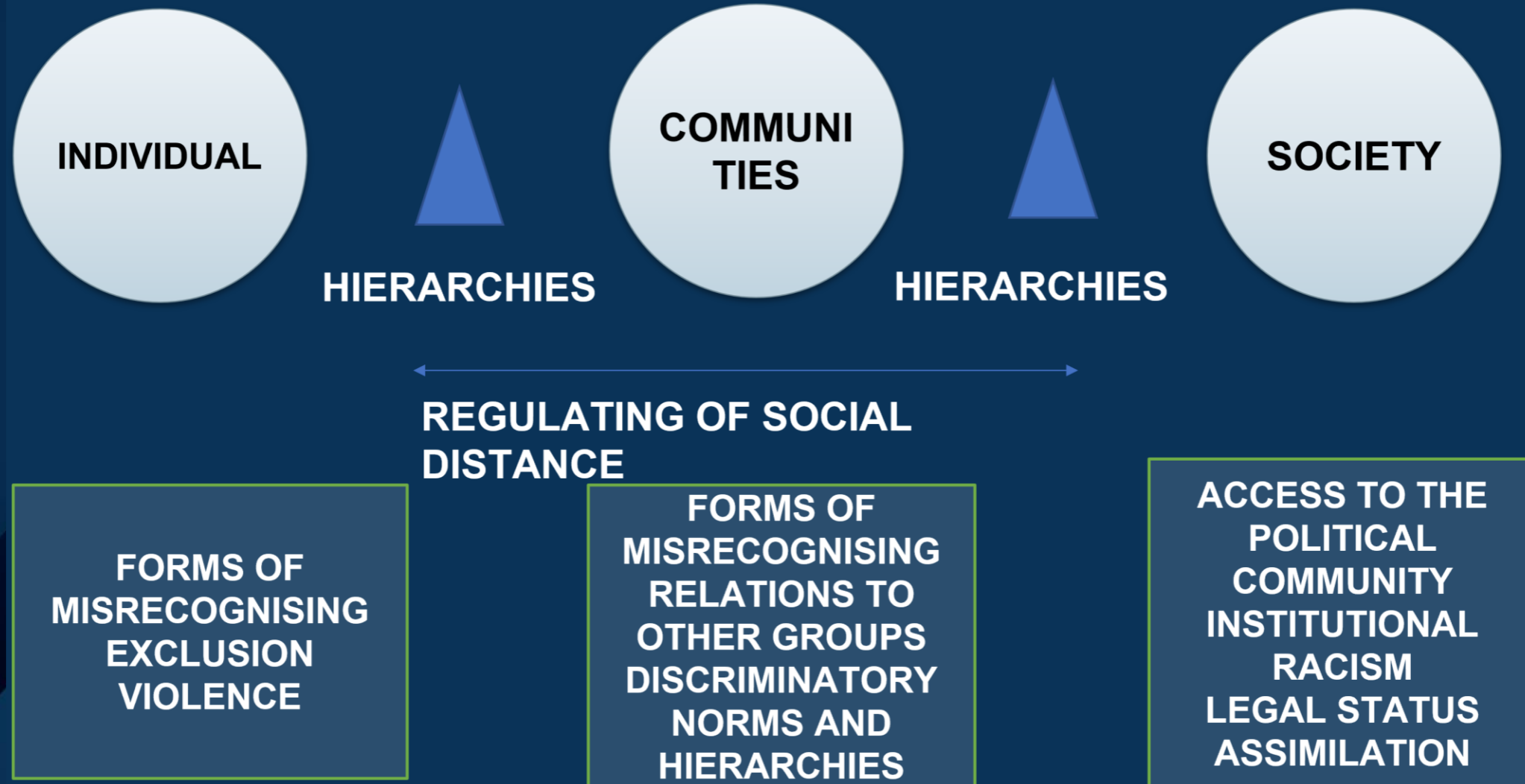
Fields of recognition / society

FINANCE

JUSTICE SYSTEM

ART

SCIENCE

POLITICS

RELIGION

MEDIA

FREE TIME

EDUCATION
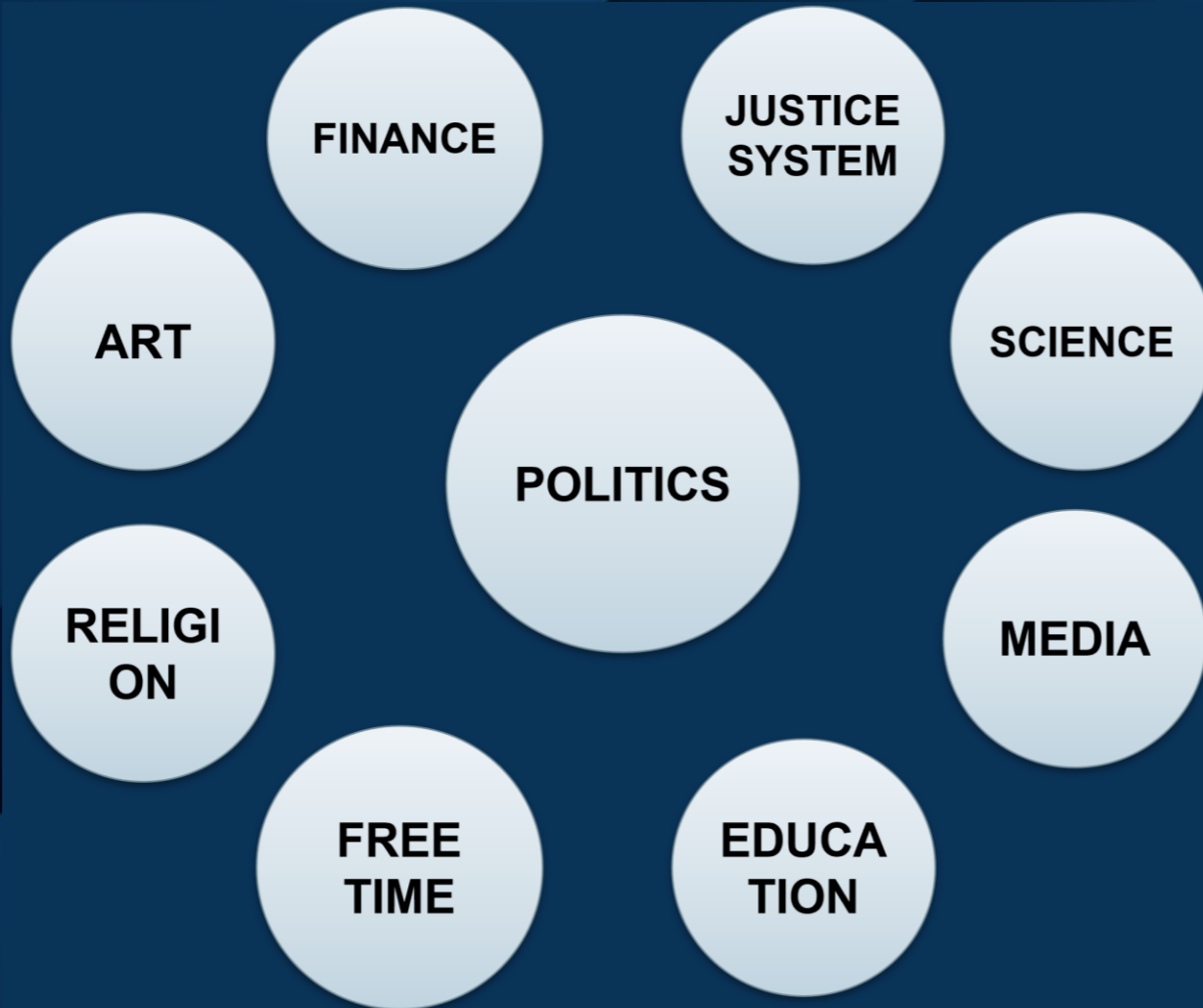
Underlying norms: gender, whiteness, working-life citizenship, middle class status, heterosexuality

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Forms of struggle over recognition (groups)

UNIVERSALISM

Relies on equal rights for everyone, equality and unprotected rights of different groups. Equal opportunities must be created for everyone.

POLITICS OF DIFFERENCE

Demands that the unique identity of a certain individual or group is recognised, them being different from others. Requires politics of difference. Recognising positive authenticity and resisting assimilation.

Charles Taylor

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Admission as part of antiracist work

TO RECOGNISE

How and whose experiences of injustice become visible?

TO ADMIT

How are the experiences handled in different institutions, and do individuals and communities feel they have been heard and found justice?

TO ACT

What kind of normative and political measures are taken to correct the situation?

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