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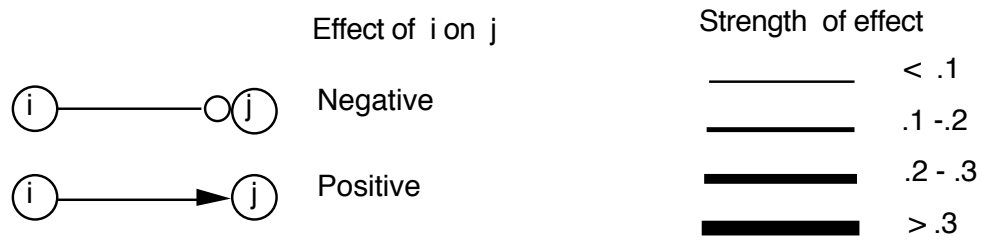
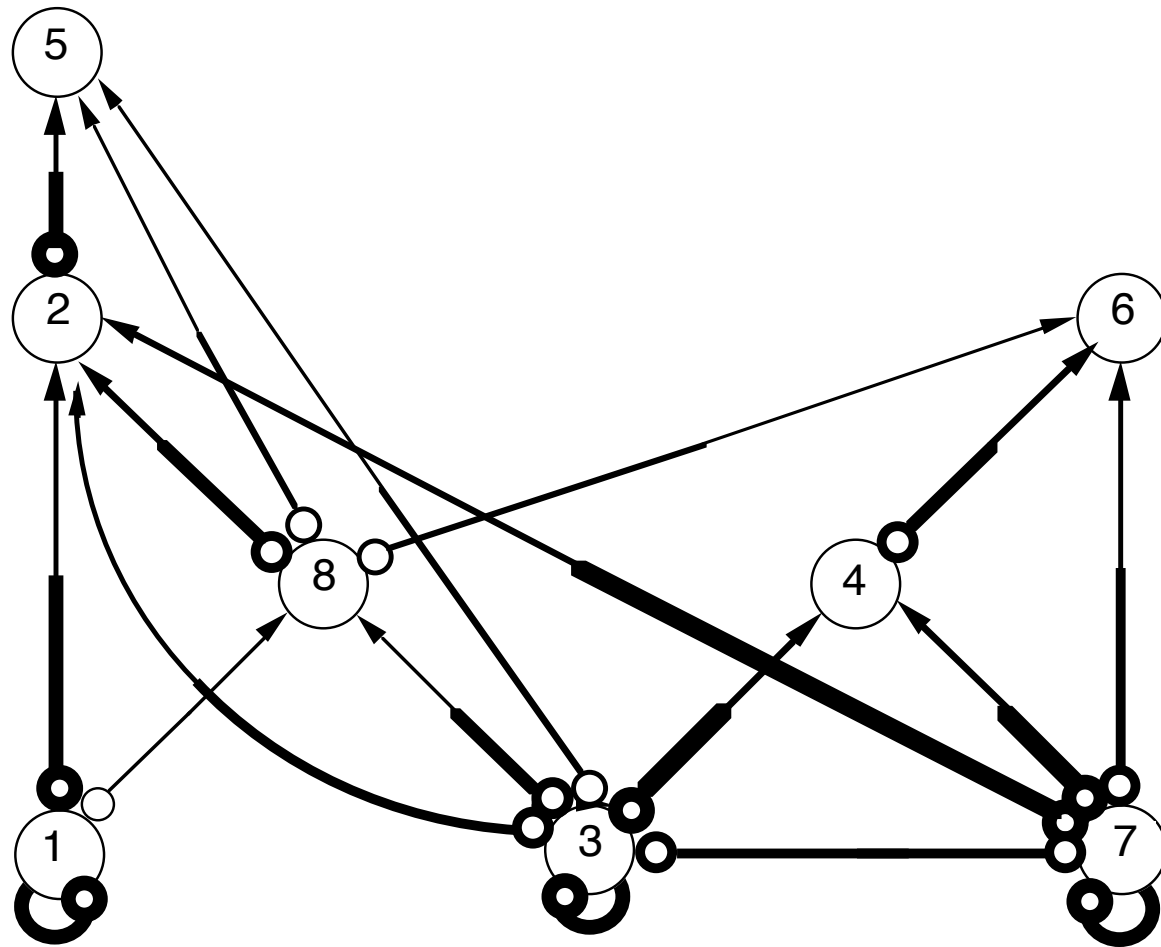
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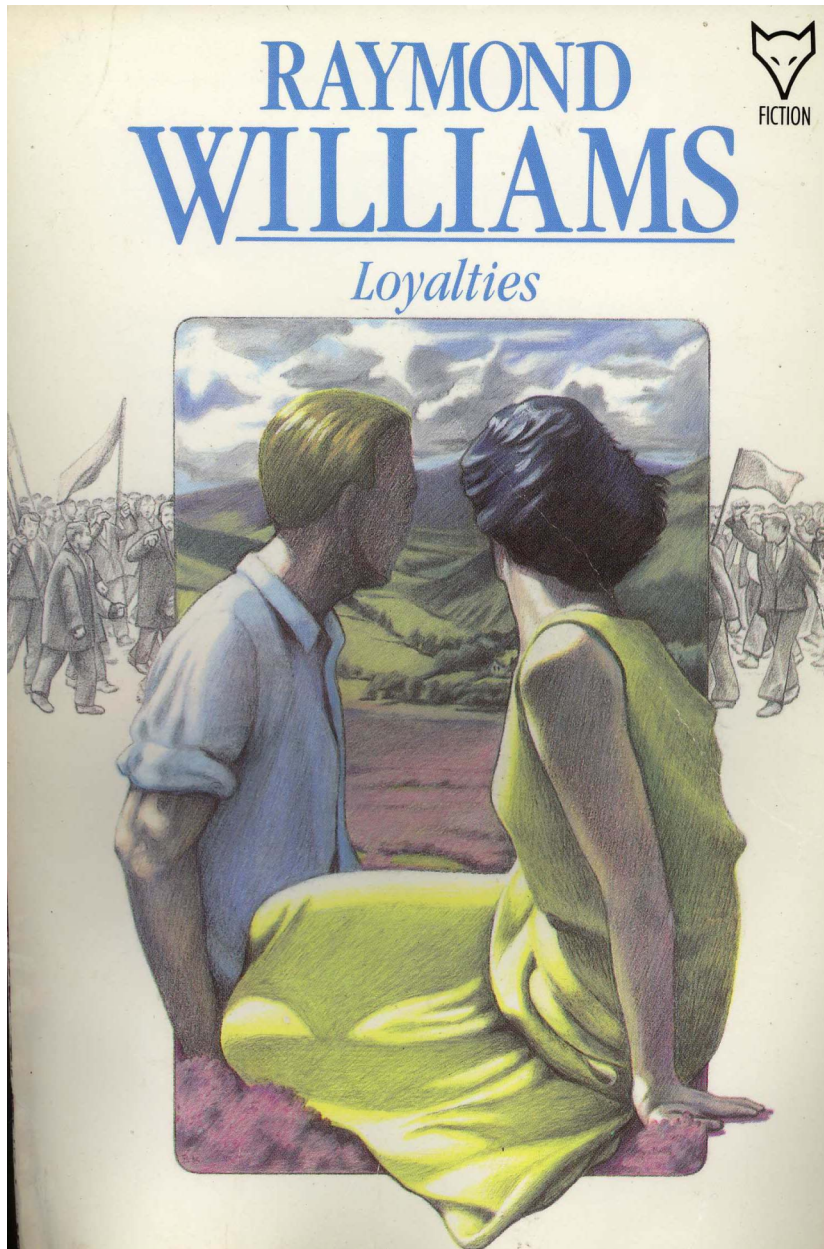
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Lecture -> Lab





1985

"...!As I said at the beginning,' [he] shouted, 'you'll cut and run.' Jon stood holding the door. The edge of the wood was between his fingers. 'I told you. I have these questions to ask. Open questions.'"

(Other novels on related themes:
1960, 1964, 1979)



TAKING YOURSELF SERIOUSLY
Processes of Research and Engagement

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Unruly Complexity



Ecology, Interpretation, Engagement

Unruly Complexity

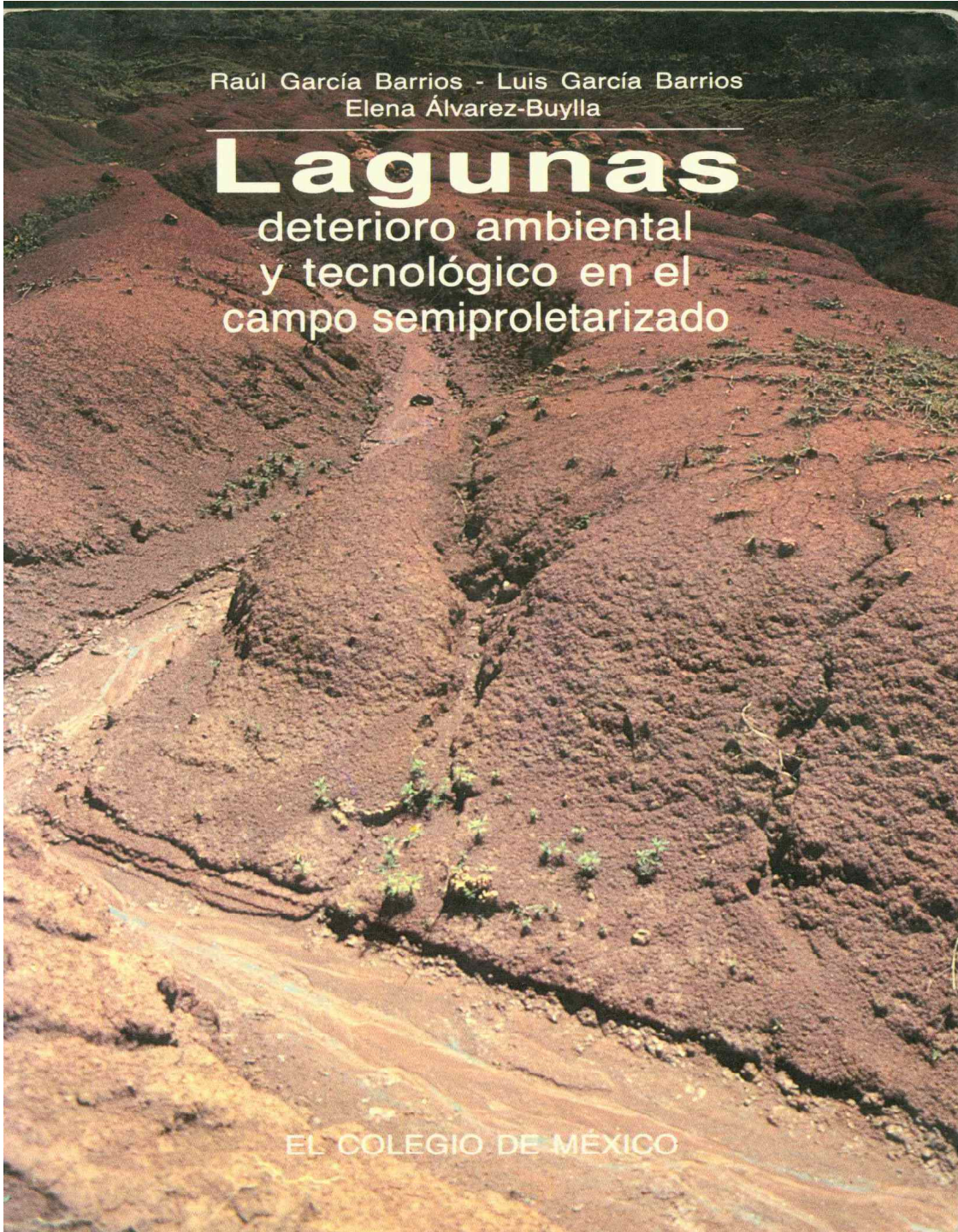
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CHICAGO

What if everything is already *unruly complexity*?

= **situations**

1. consisting of heterogeneous components
2. built up over time &
subject to ongoing restructuring
3. embedded in wider dynamics

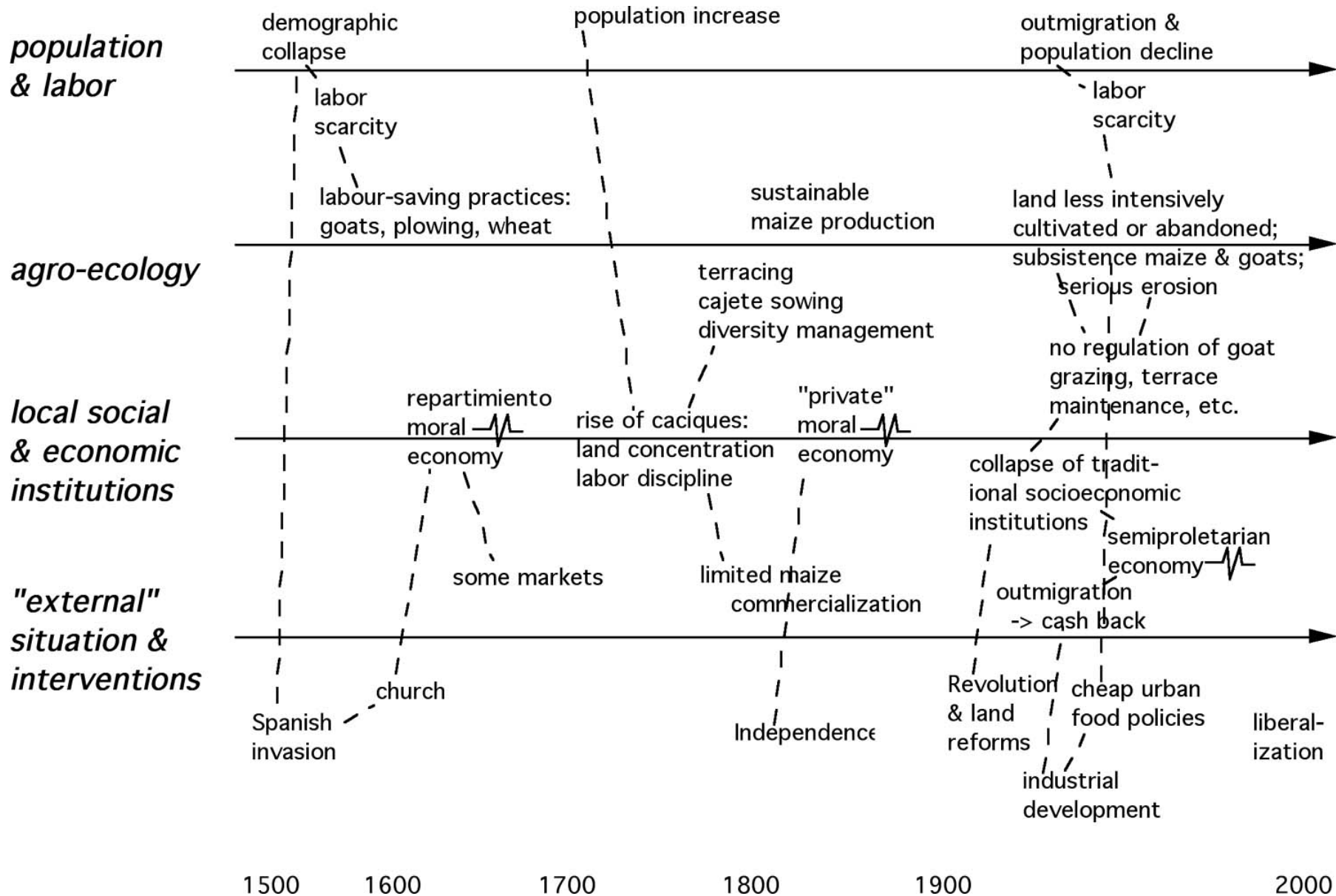


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What if everything is already *unruly complexity*?

= situations

1. lack definite boundaries
2. what goes on “outside” continually restructures what is “inside”
3. diverse processes come together to produce change

Lab (using worksheet)

- Guided Freewriting
- Check-In
- “Dialogue”
- Gather Thoughts
- Closing

Five-Phase “Dialogue Hour” compressed to time available for the Lab

1. **Guided Freewriting** (to bring thoughts to the surface of your attention)
Continue from the following incomplete sentence, writing without pausing for 2-3 minutes:

“This scientist’s idea of ‘disciplining unruly complexity without suppressing it’ connects or diverges from my own work in that I....”

2. **“Check-in”**

Write down one question or proposition about disciplining unruly complexity and share it with a neighbor.

3. **“Dialogue”**: One person shares their question or proposition. Next person on the right responds to that question or proposition, which may take the form of another question or proposition, or passes.

.....TEAR THIS OFF & SUBMIT (to be posted on <http://bit.ly/BABEL12>)

4. **Gather thoughts**: What you are taking away to chew on.

5. **Closing Circle**: One thing from #4 – a few samples

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complexity? ->

“the challenge for researchers
of using their knowledge, themes, and other awareness of
complex situations and situatedness
to contribute to a culture of participatory restructuring
of the distributed conditions of knowledge-making and
social change.”

cannot be addressed alone,
nor primarily through our accounts of
the world