

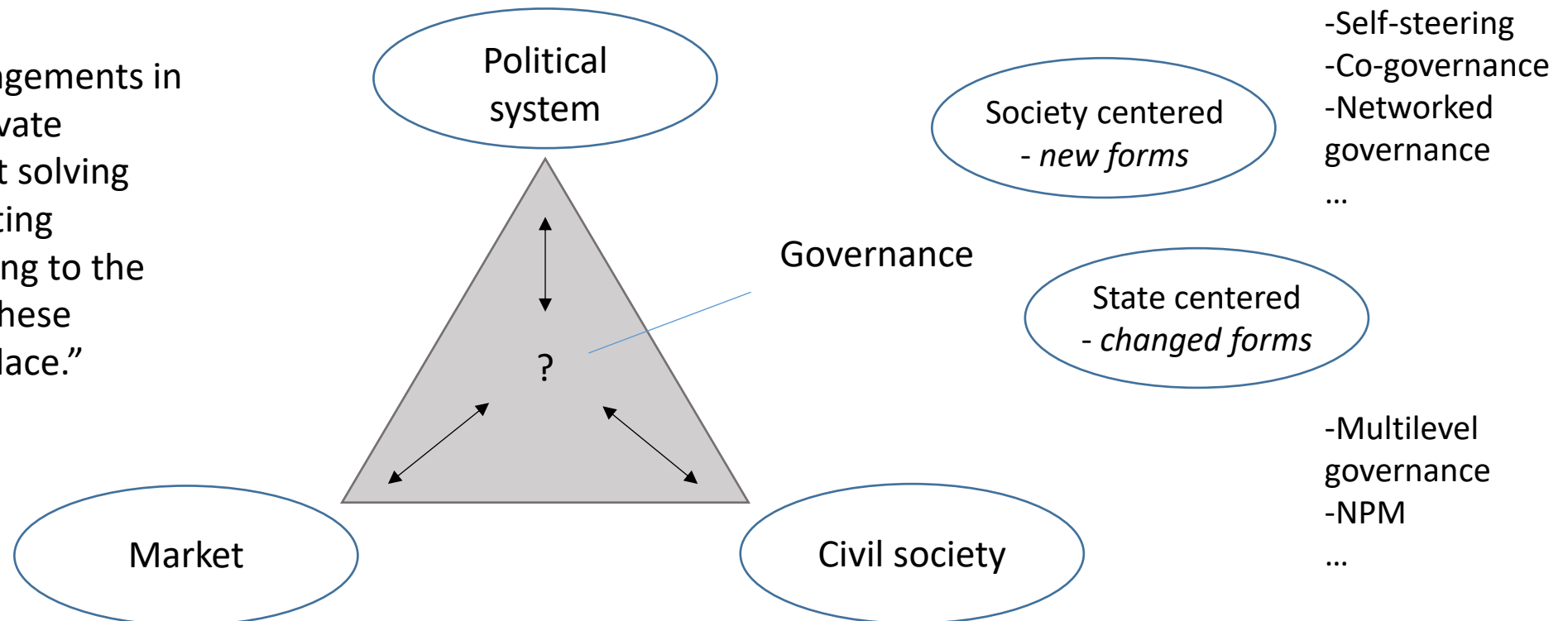
Governance perspectives in research on Ecosystem services

What questions do we need to ask?

Governance as concept

- Since the 90's important theoretical concept in Political Science
 - Captures the increased complexity in societal steering
 - Places focus on steering beyond the government – where 'things' happen

“All those interactive arrangements in which public as well as private actors participate aimed at solving societal problems, or creating opportunities, and attending to the institutions within which these governing activities take place.”
(Kooiman 2003)



Governance perspectives two ways

- Governance as something to research
- Governance as something to target with research results

Researching the governance of ecosystem services

- How is the concept 'ecosystem services' used in governance? What is the role of scientific knowledge?
- By whom is it used and where?
- What is governed?
- What are the consequences for 'nature', as well as for our understanding of 'nature'?
- What is the benefit of interdisciplinary research teams in researching the governance of ecosystem services?
- What is the benefit for us?

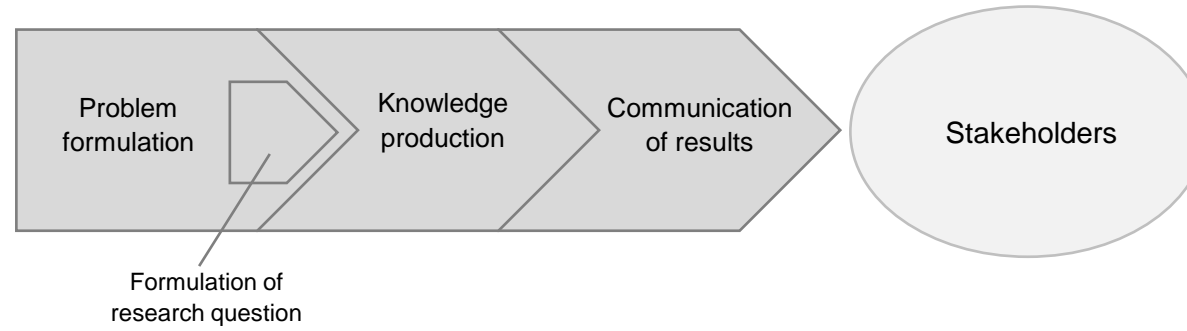
Governance as target for research results

- What actors are important?
- In what governance context does our stakeholders find themselves?
- How does this affect their need for scientific knowledge, as well as wish and possibility to use it?

And more fundamentally:

- Why do we want to reach governance actors?
- How can we accomplish our goal?

THE TRANSFER MODEL



THE INTERACTION MODEL

