Boundaries in Social Spaces

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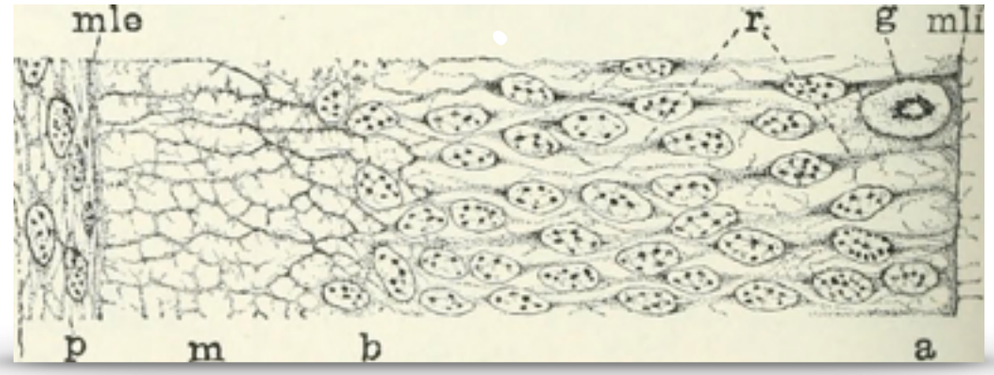

conceptual

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Boundaries

temporal

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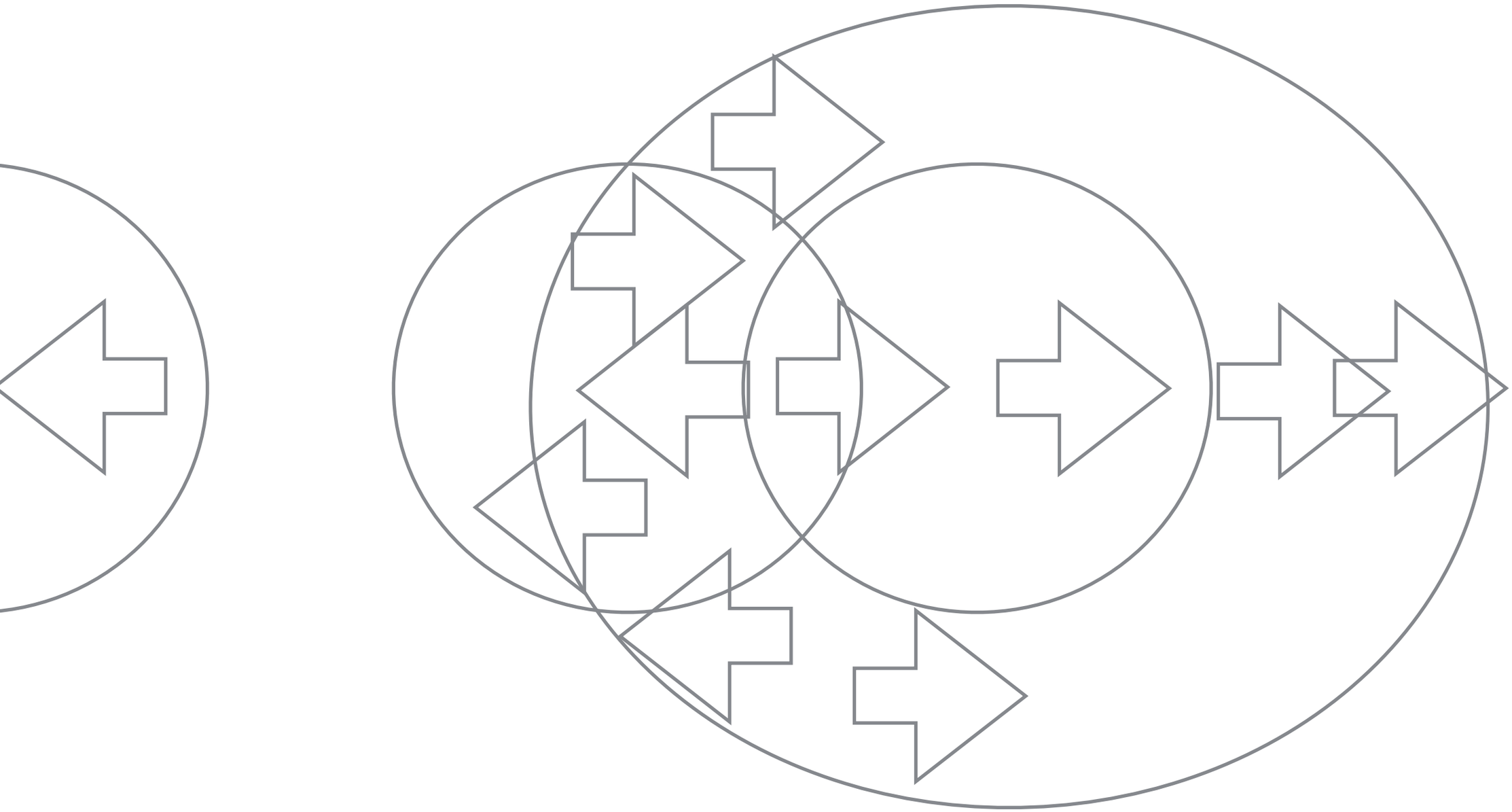
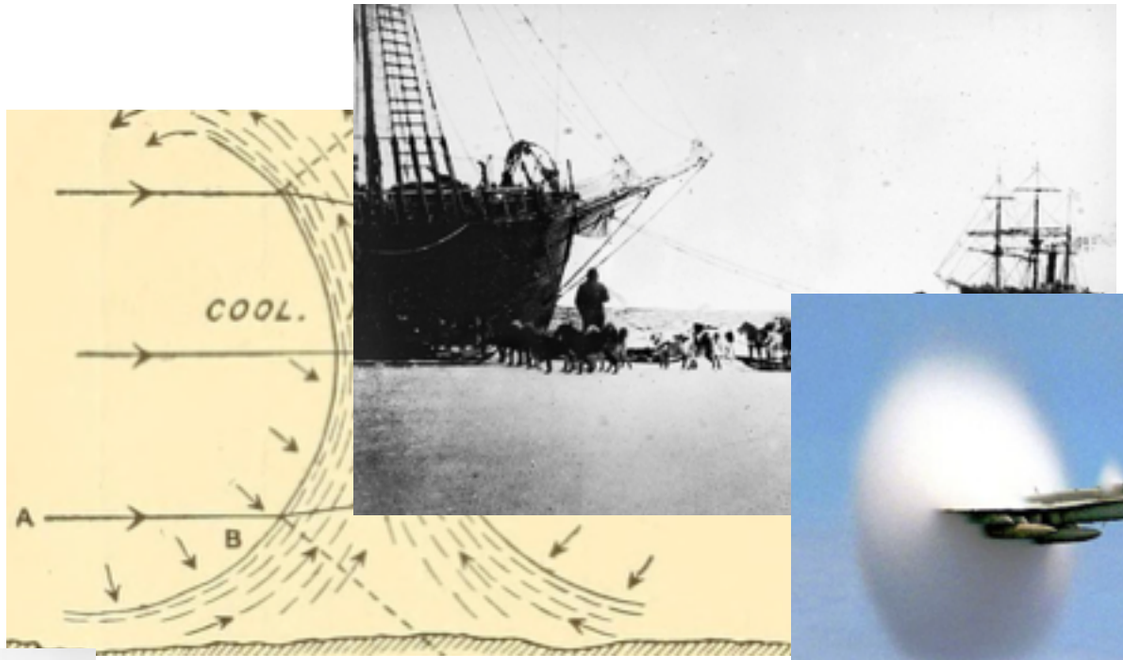
permeable, impermeable, semi-permeable

overlapping, containing, connected

Signals





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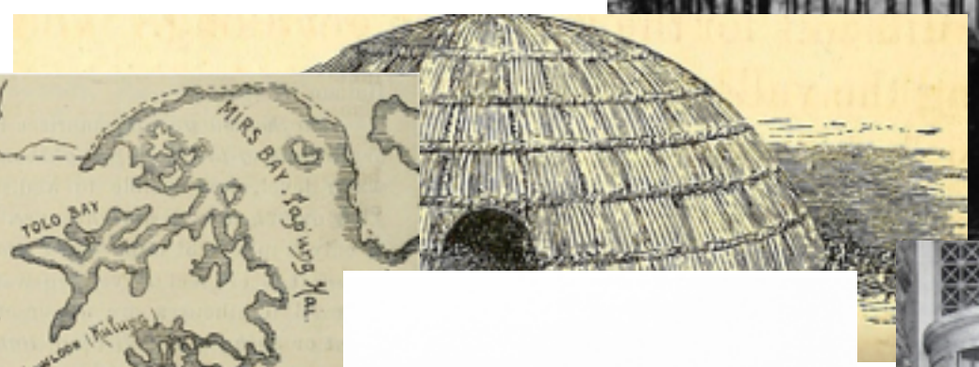

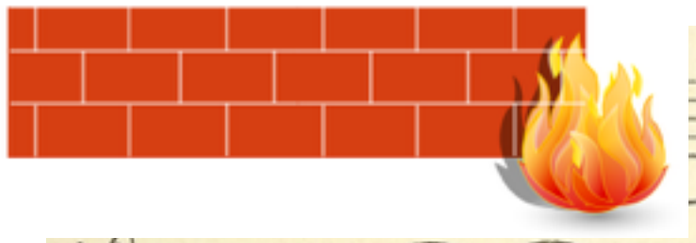

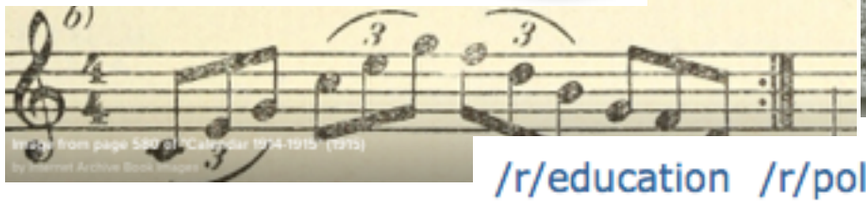

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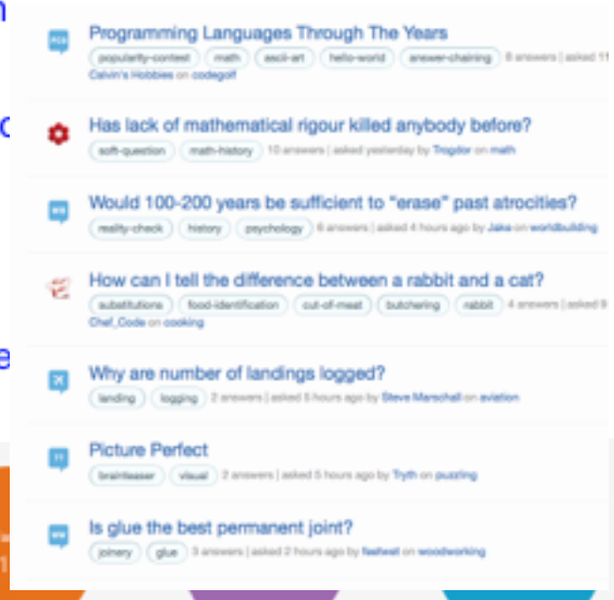

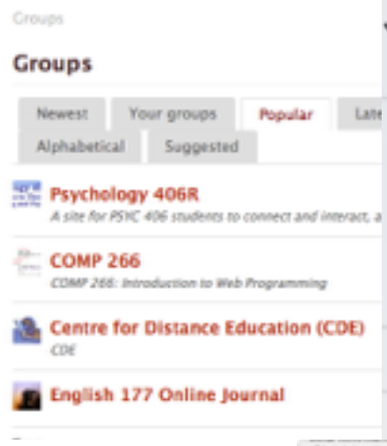

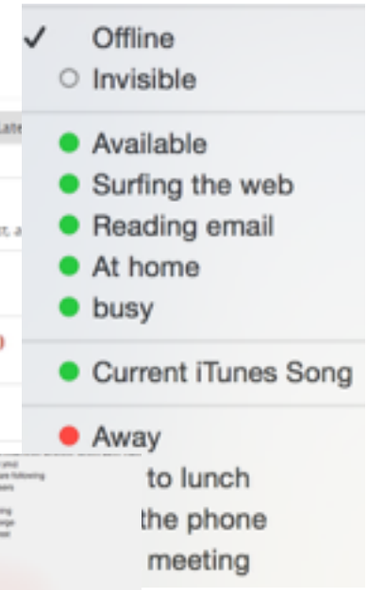

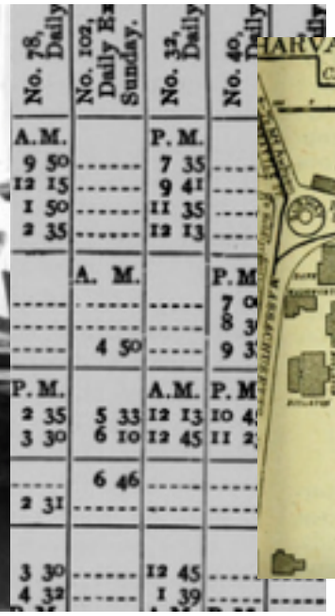

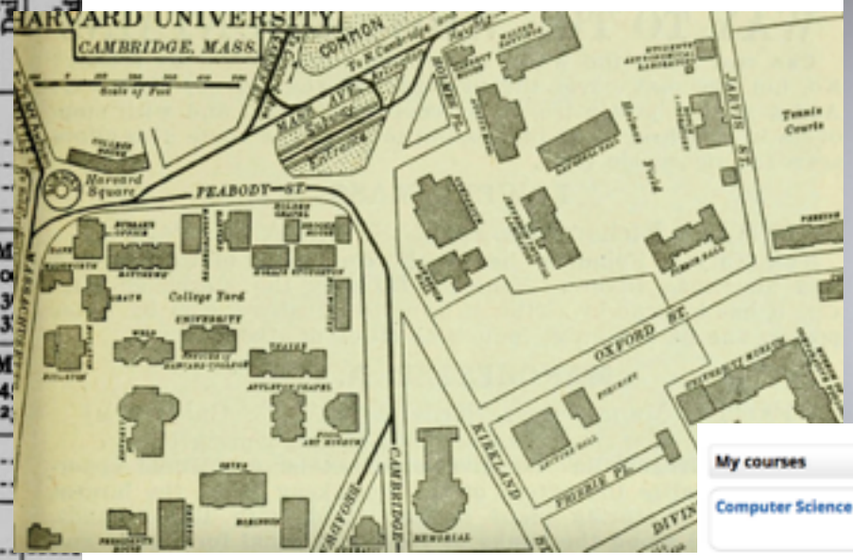

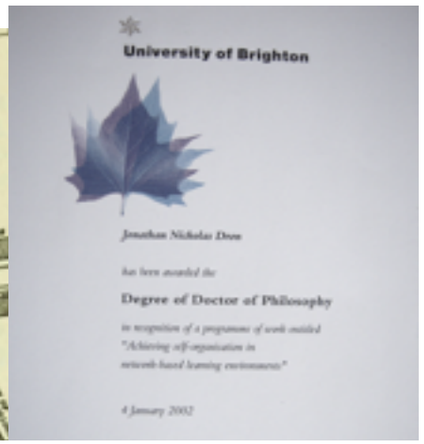

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My courses

- Computer Science 266: Introduction to Web Programming (Revision 3)
- Computer Science 282: Social Aspects of Computer Games (Revision 1)
- Computer Science 283: Effective Use of Myths and Facts (Revision 1)
- Computer Science 374: Unix System Administration (Revision 1)
- Computer Science 470: Web Server Management (Revision 1)
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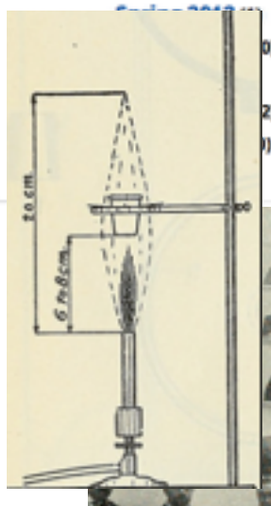
Boundaries in academia



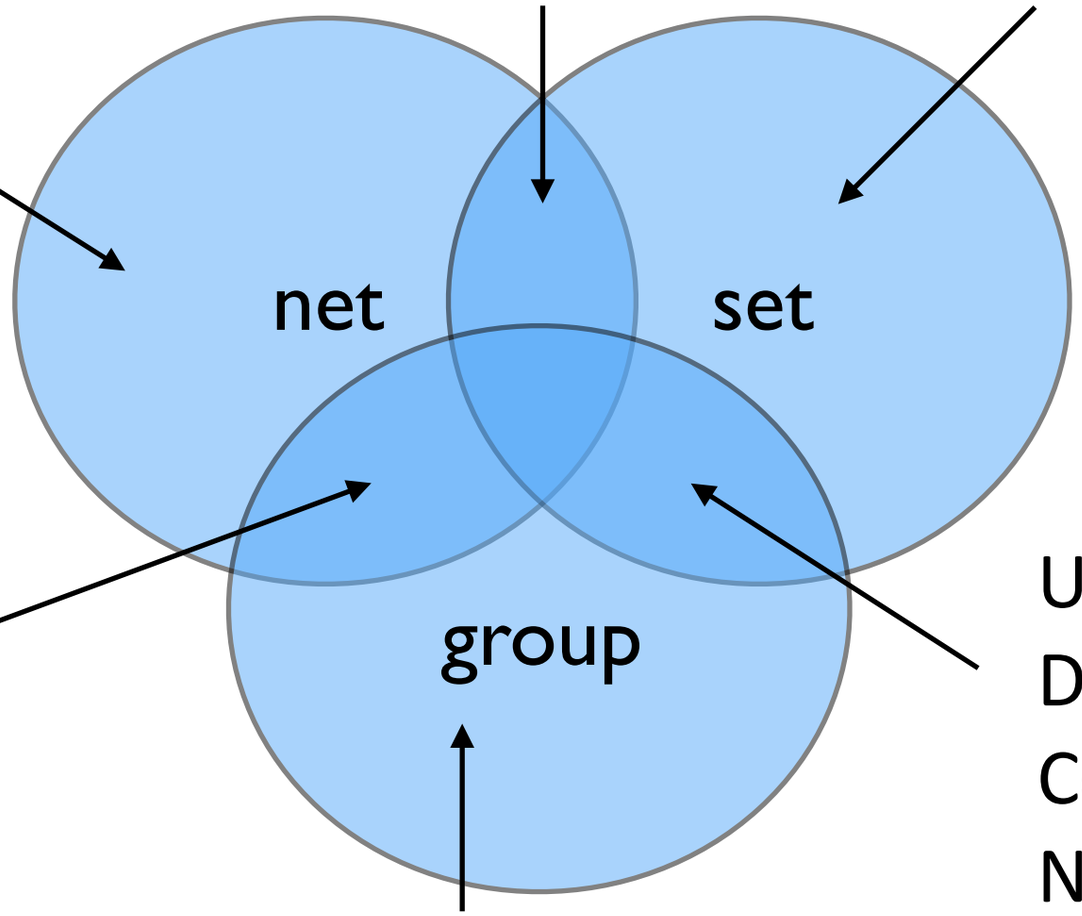
Social boundaries

sets, nets and groups

Wiki editors,
Alumni networks,
Communities of interest

Social networks -
Friends, Work,
Community

Subject areas,
Geographically
collocated people,
People with shared
characteristics,
abilities, etc

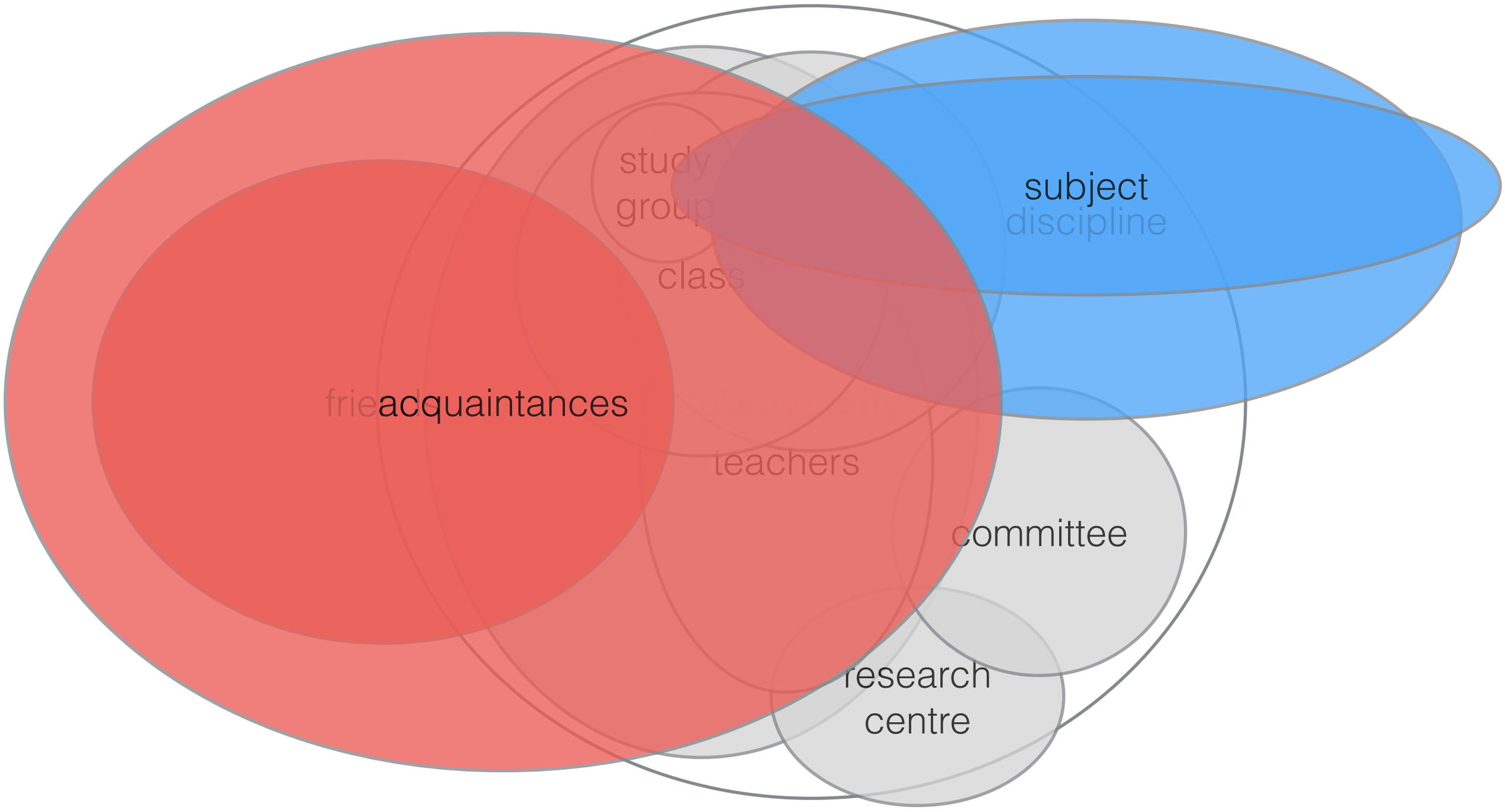


Ad-hoc learning
networks,
Clubs & societies,
Communities of
practice

Universities,
Departments,
Companies,
Nations,
Tribes

Classes,
Tutorial groups,
Seminars,
Project teams

Boundaries: shifting, overlapping, hierarchical, networked



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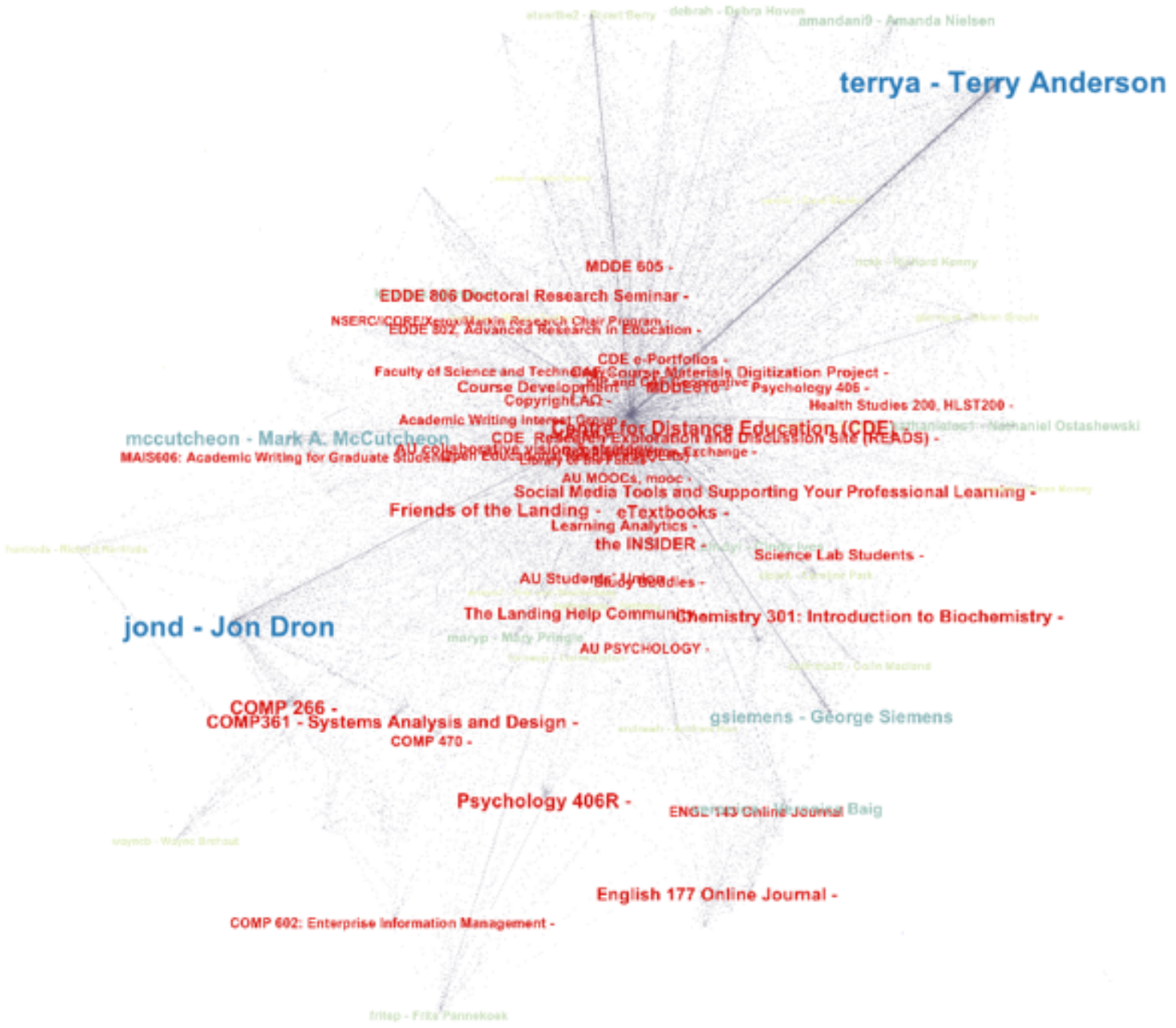

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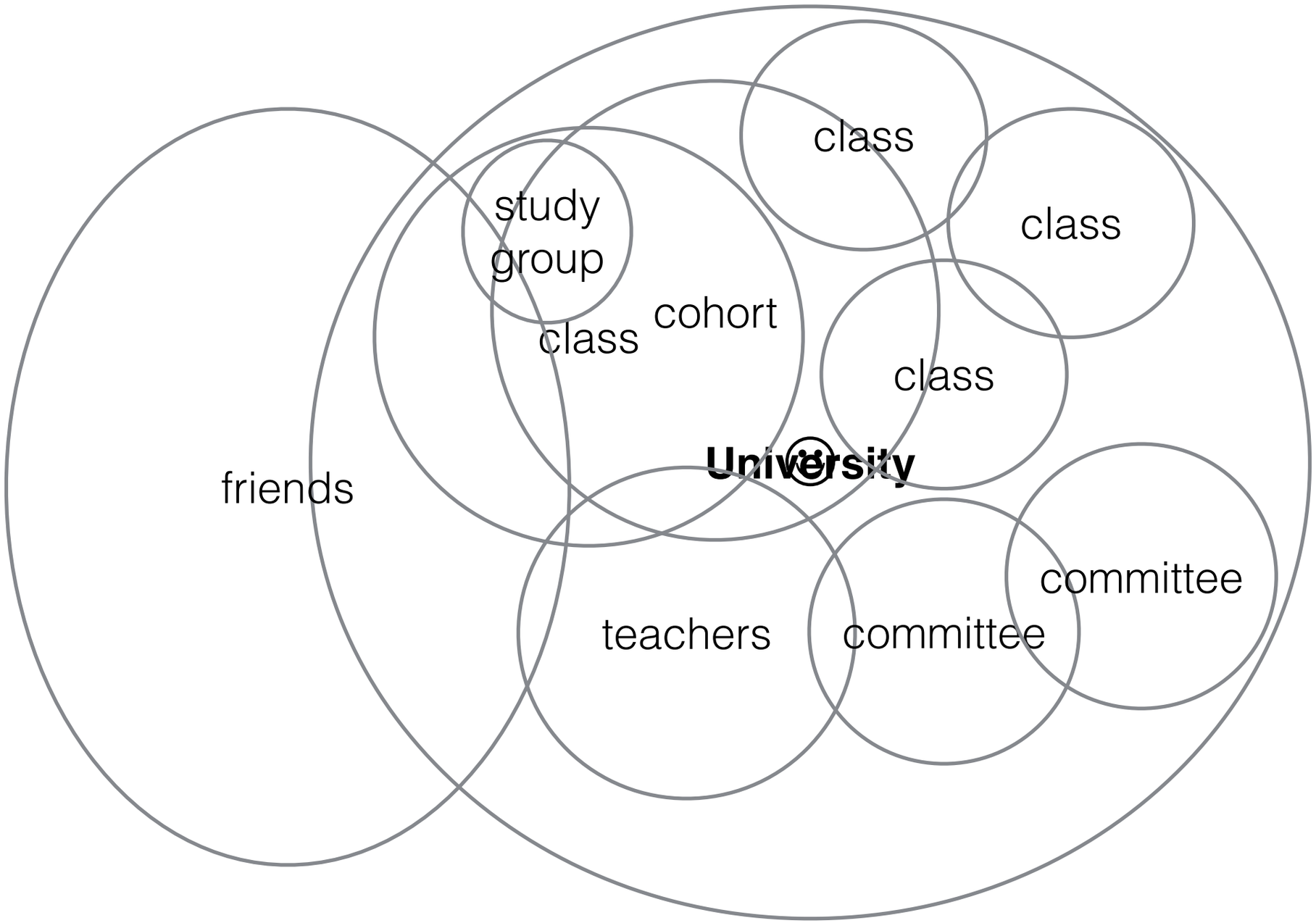

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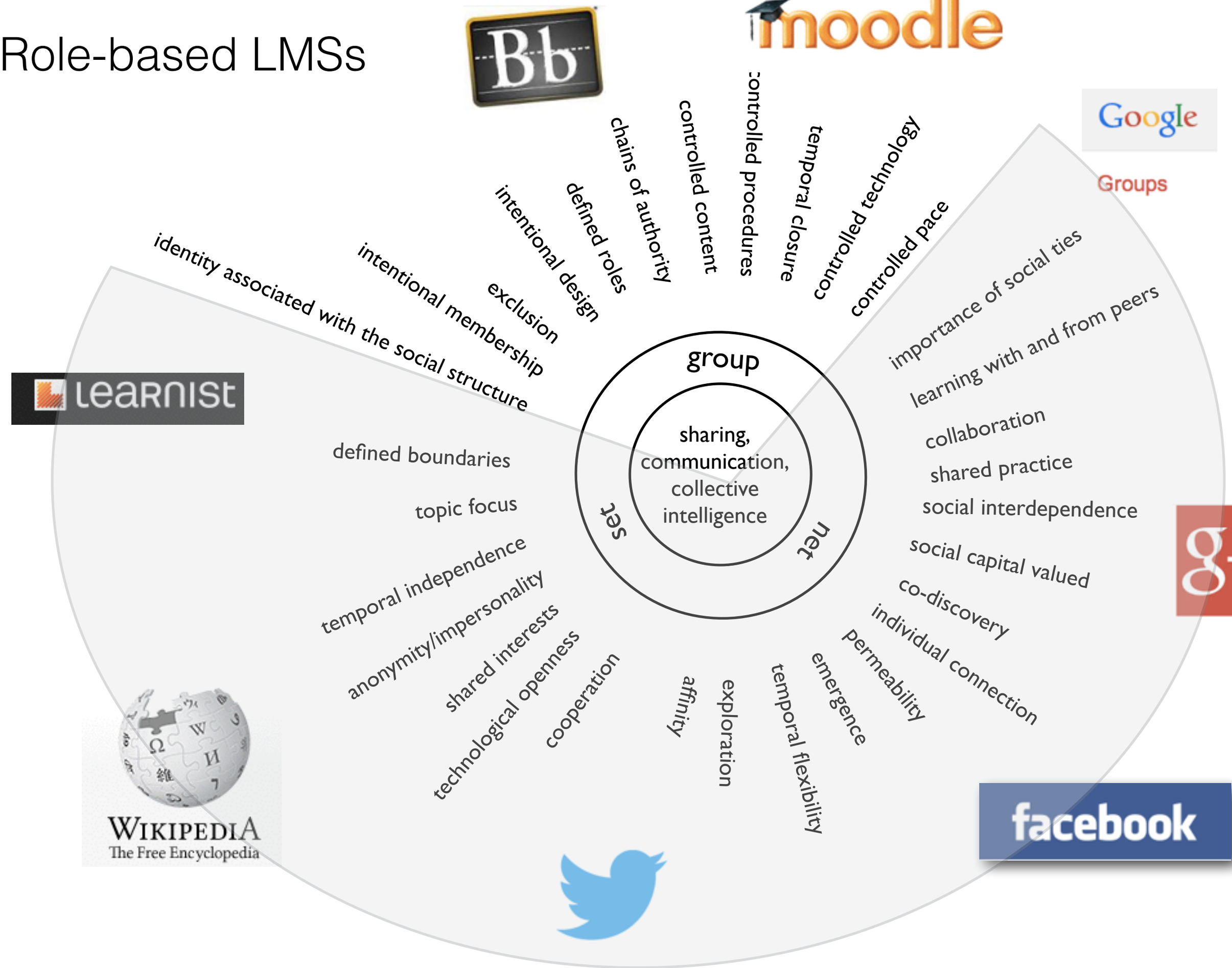

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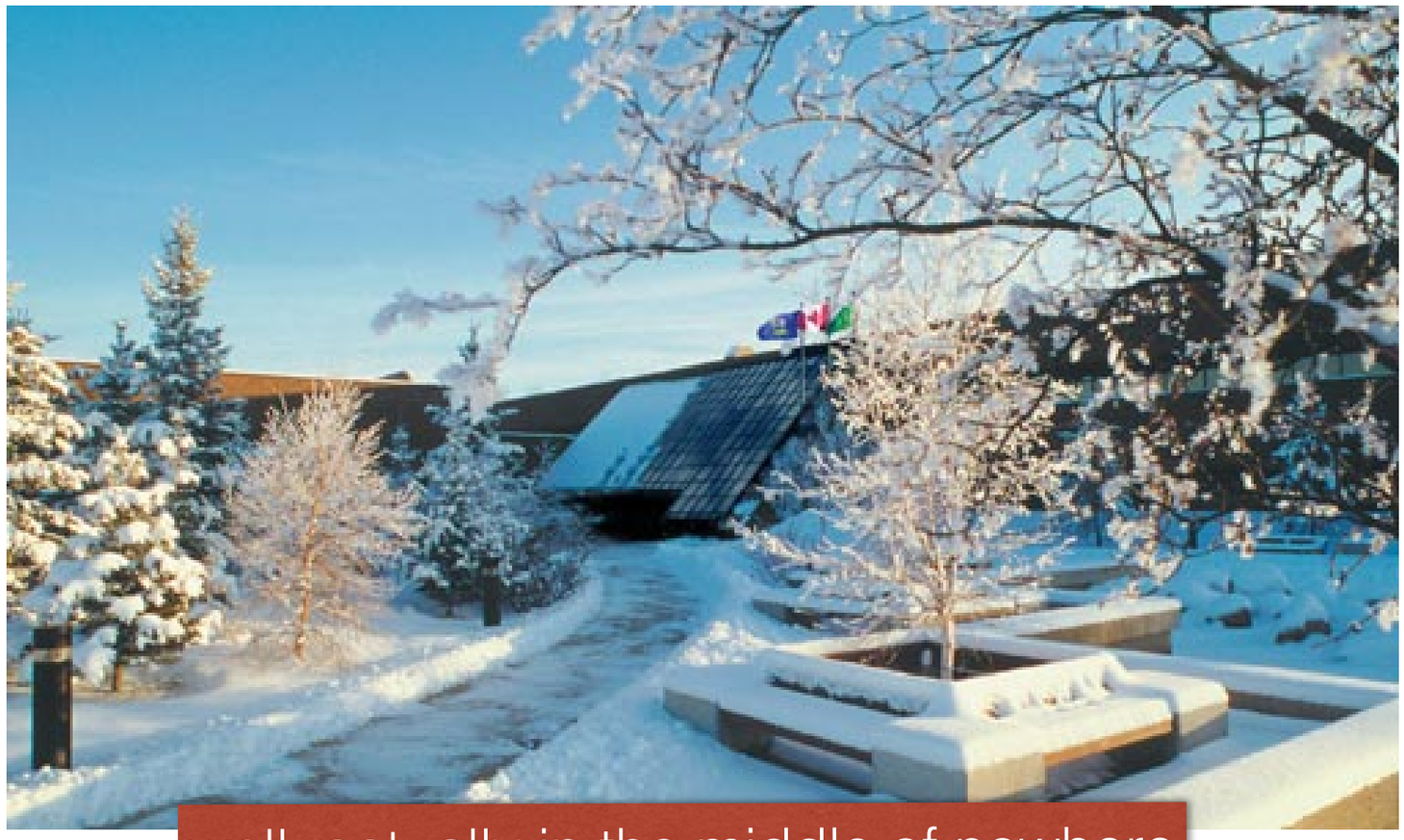

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By Kulwant Gill 2 days ago
I find that when I am feeling overwhelmed or s
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Soft things, hard things and invisible elephants
Where to look first
Overview of the main ideas
Suggested activities
Things to think about
The Goldilocks effect

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Tag cloud
About me
Jon Dron
Posted to group: Accessibility at AU
Drafts of FAQs that are intended to remove the confusion around
environment more generally. Please provide feedback on these q
are they clear, would a link to additional resources help or just c
1. What's wrong with using tables for layout?
Although it is possible to use tables for layout of elements (cours
recommended. You should try to format courses using css. If a l
is formatted in a way that makes it easily understandble by some
with layout tables and how to create accessible tables.
2. How do html heading levels help students navigate courses?
People who use screen readers (e.g. blind, visually impaired, lear
determine where they are on a course site. The screen reader an
content.

Latest poll
Messages
My polls
People you may know
Pinboards
Profile Completeness
Random Content
Recommended content
RSS Feed
TabText
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Top Tracker
The Wire
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Landing stuff

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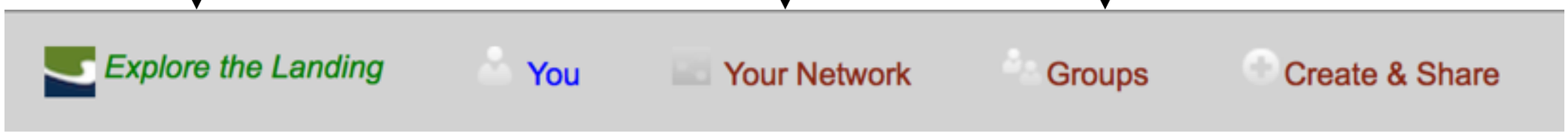

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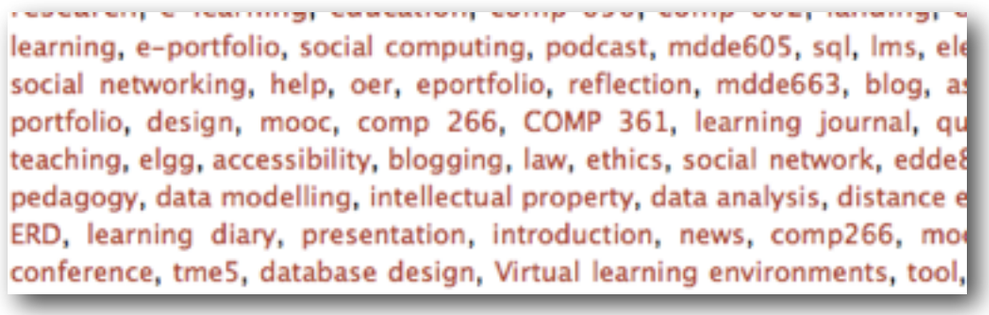

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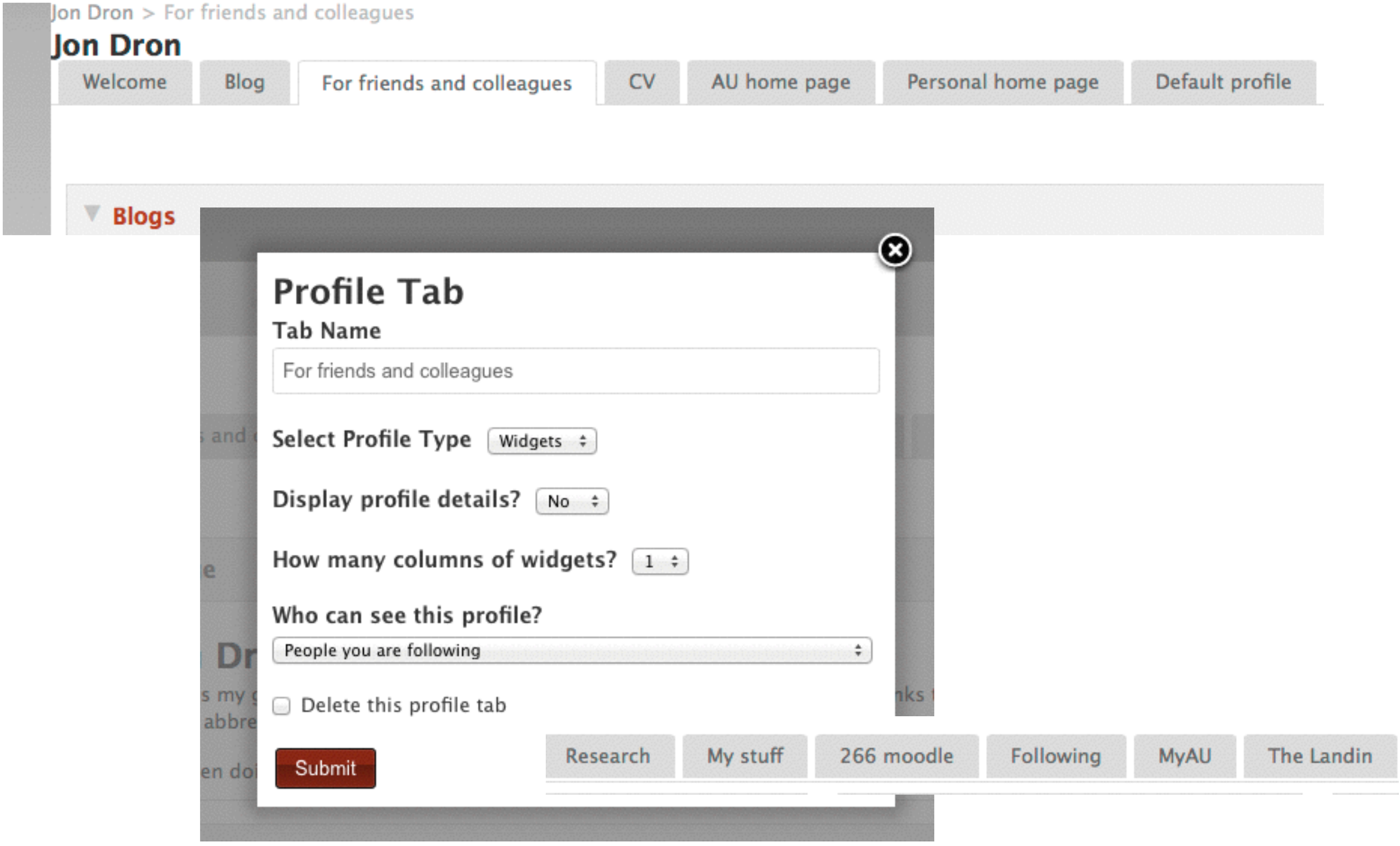

too many boundaries

signal filtering

persistence

Challenges

fuzzy boundaries

shifting boundaries

visualizing perspectives

hierarchies

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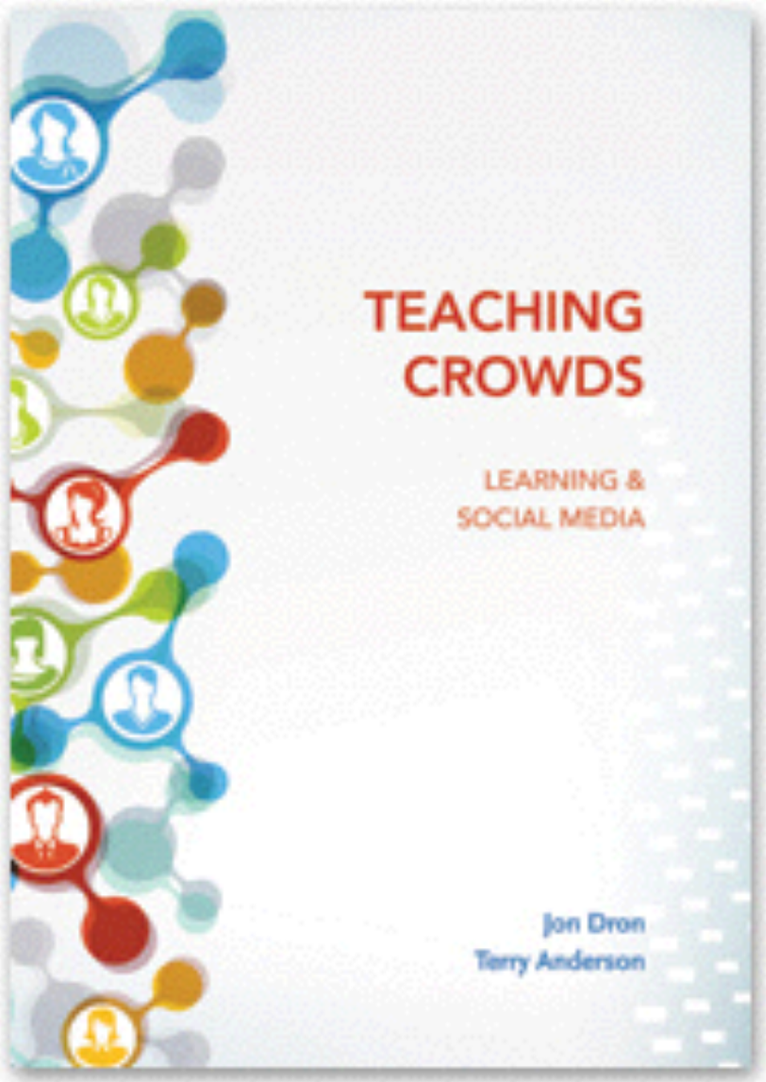

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