

Consultation and consent as markers of changing relationships: a perspective from *Eeyou Istchee*

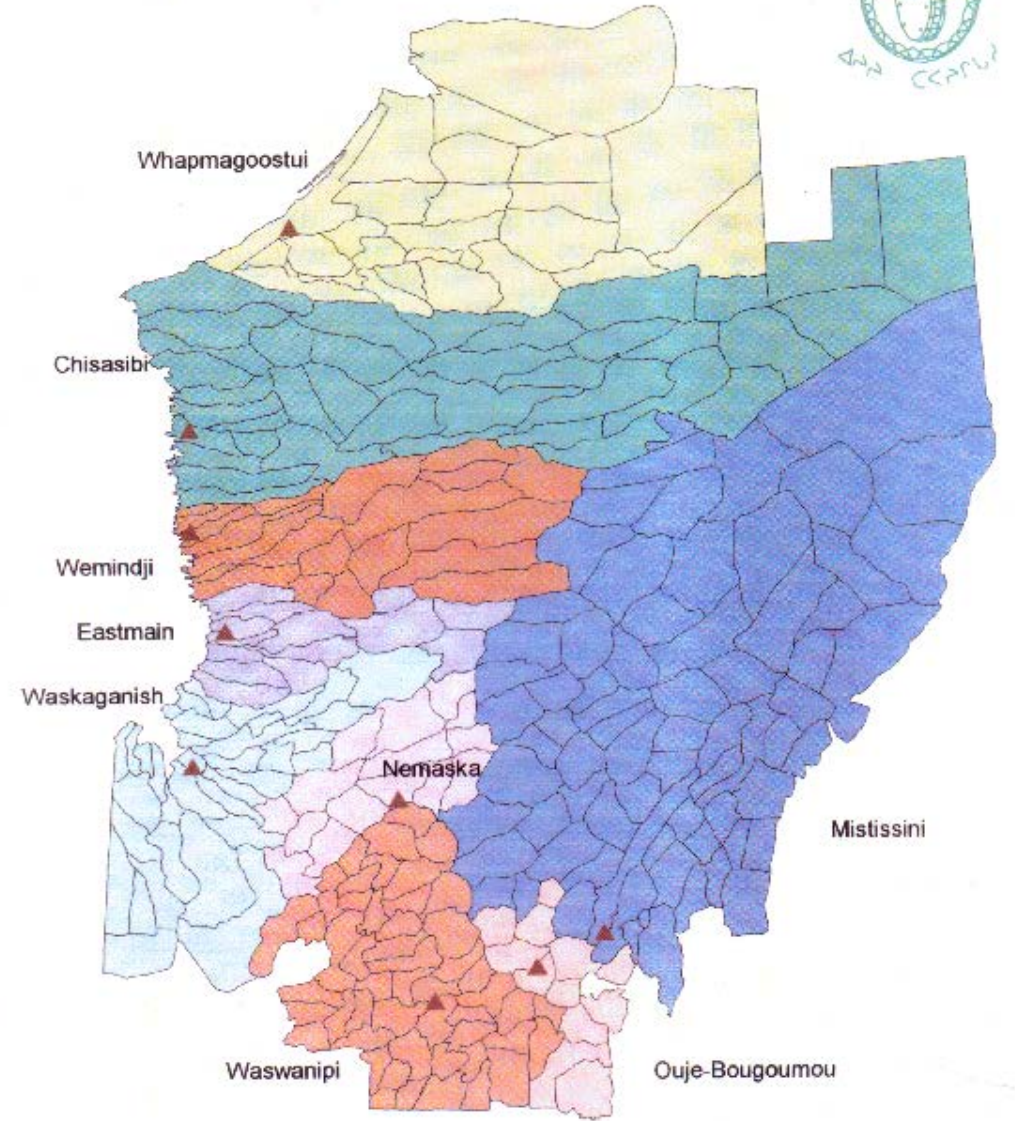
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Map of Eeyou Istchee



Consultation and consent as markers of change

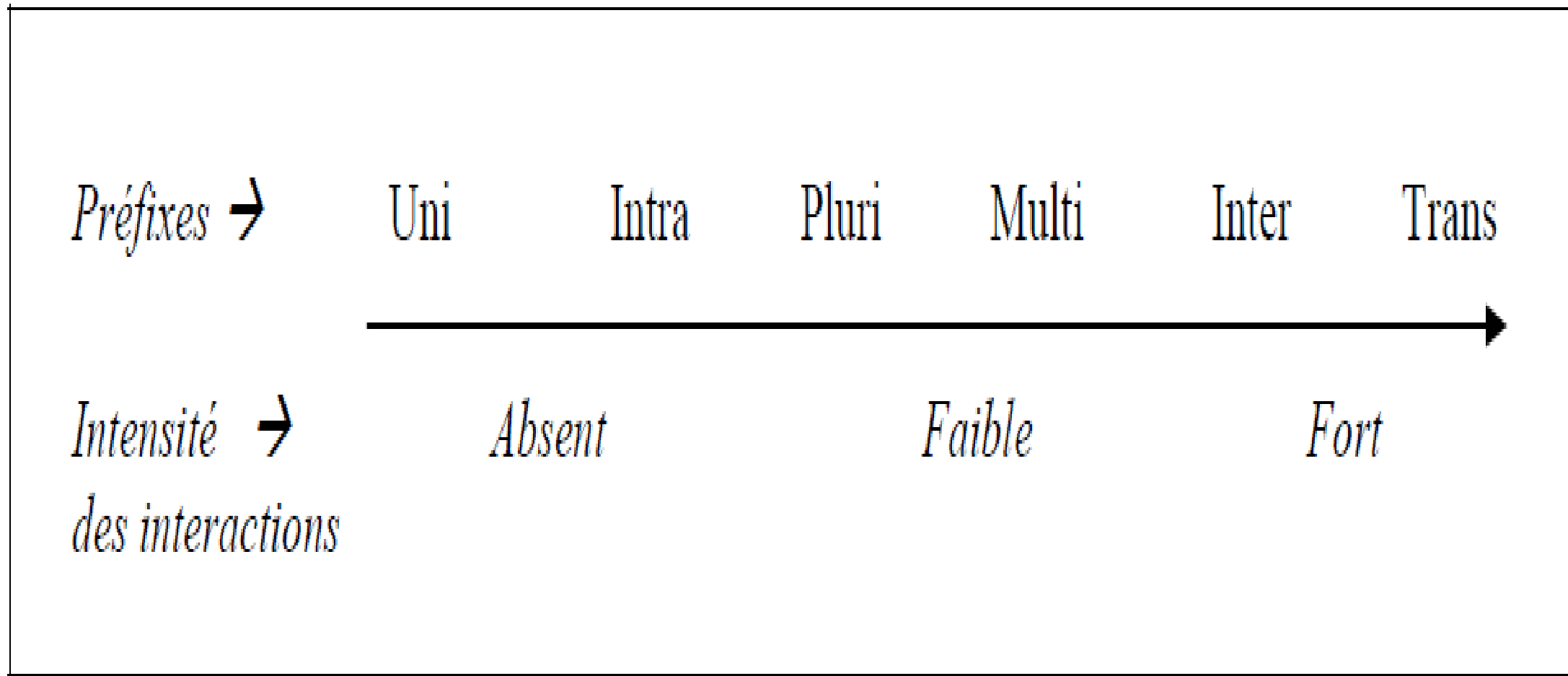
- Change from both sides: university & Indigenous groups
- Not driven by social science
- Simple model from clinical services to represent this change
- Model from social work to explain the shift



Simple model from
clinical services to
represent the change
in relationship between
researchers and
Indigenous groups



Figure 2 Approches disciplinaires en fonction de leur sémantique



The Uni-approach

Dominant positivistic notion of 'the other' as a research object to be studied

Social science not driver of change

Power imbalance within research

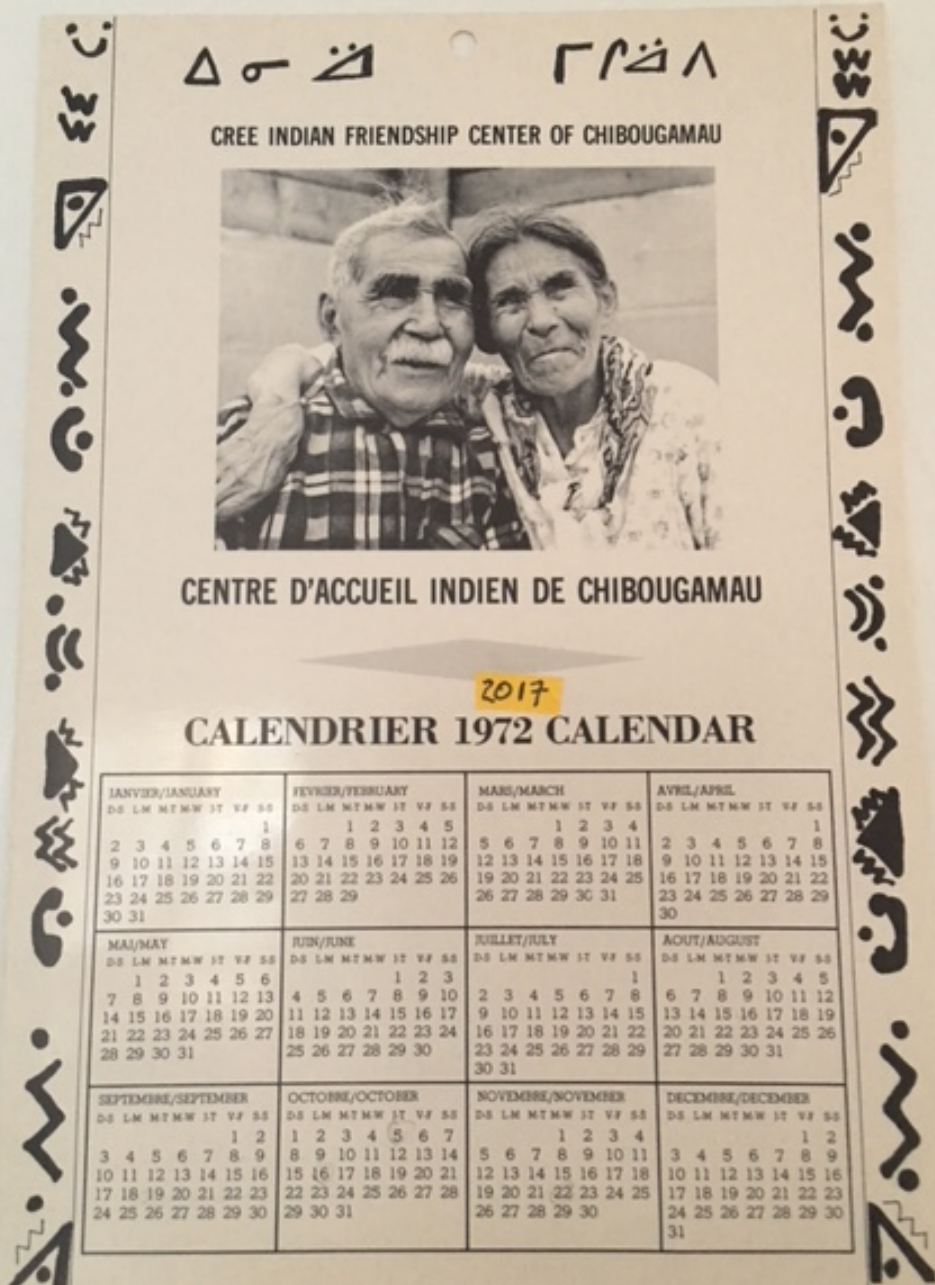
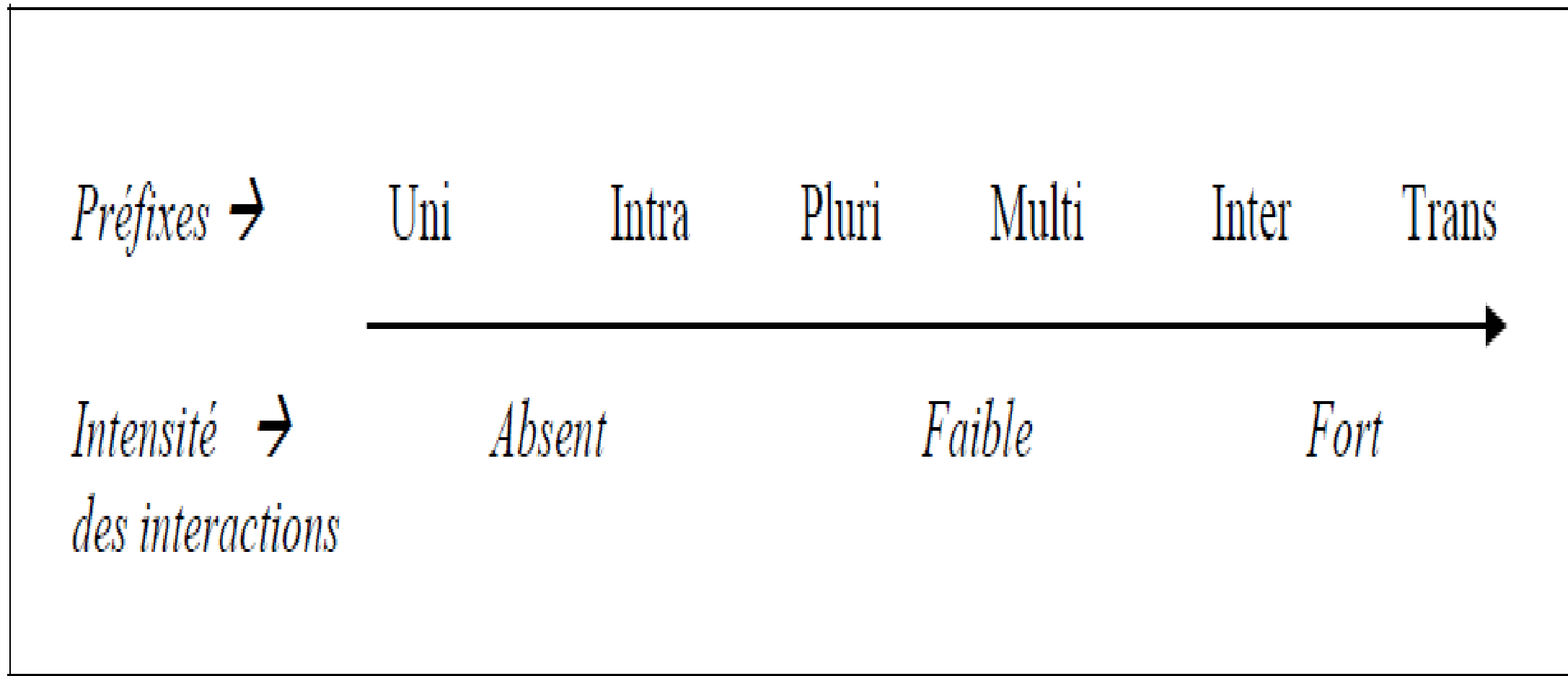


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The Trans-approach

Constructivist approaches
(CBPR)

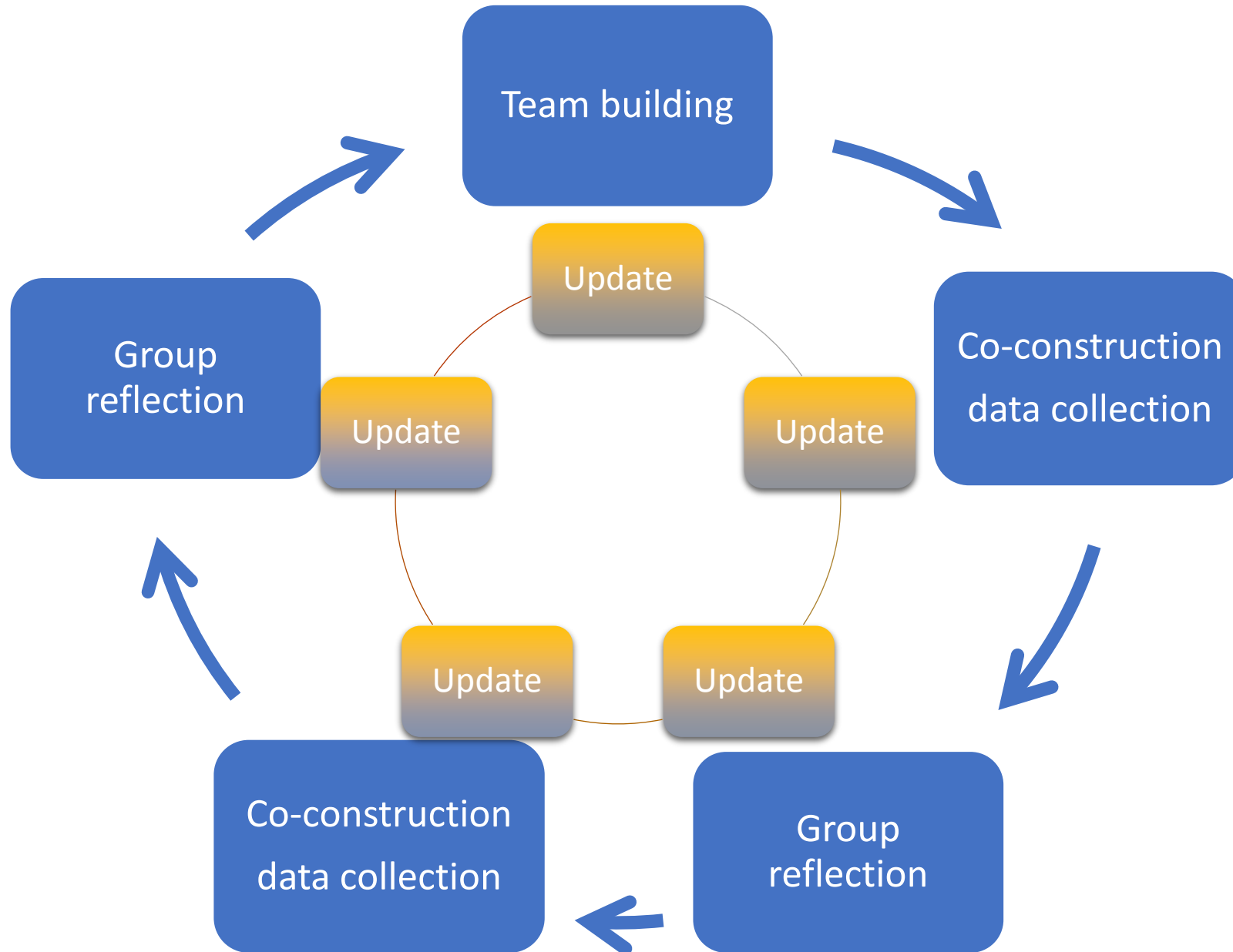
Relationships cemented
through explicit partnerships

Empowerment of Indigenous
groups



Empowerment

The power to act (Le Bossé)



This is all relatively new

- Post WWII:
 - New societal value to promote science
 - Expansion of universities
- With public demand (outrage) gov'ts formalised the ethical issues in research
 - New discourse around values
 - Continued evidence of abuses (up to today)
 - Universities had to follow
 - Note: university-business linkages taking place at same time



How new is the norm around research consent?

- 1947 – Nuremberg Code: informed consent
- 1964 – Helsinki Declaration of World Medical Association
- 1974 - National Research Act (USA) National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioural Research
 - All research should be reviewed by an IRB
- 1979 – Belmont Report of the Commission
- 1991 – Common Rule (USA) of all gov't departments
- 1998 – Canadian Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ch. 6 Aboriginal Research

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- Revisions to Policy Statement 2010, 2014

2004 – background document on Aboriginal Research focused on clash of values, interests, intent

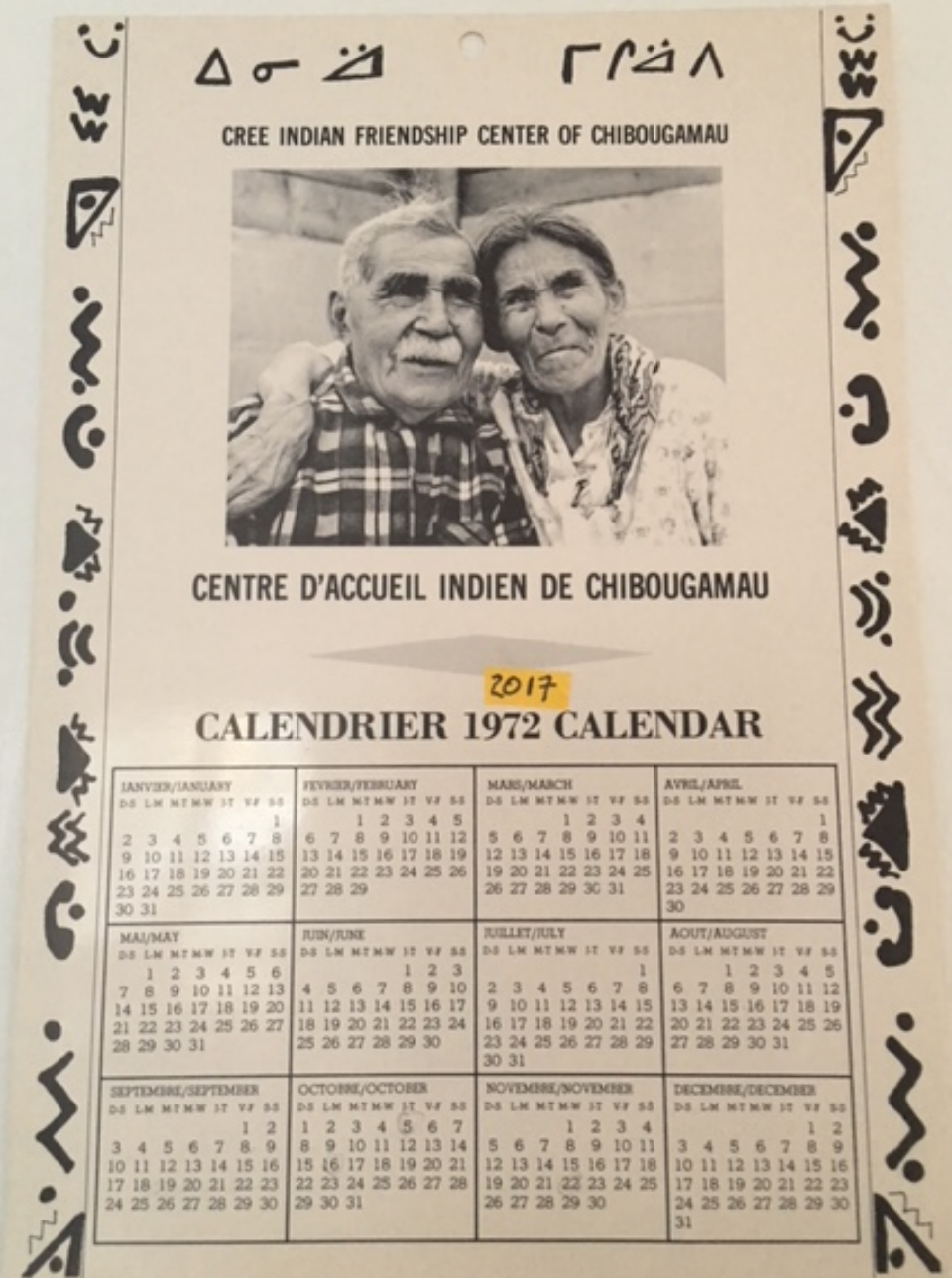
- unequal power relations in research
- knowledge contexts
- ethical space

2007 – paper by Glass & Kaufert on how REBs could address issue of collective rights within an ethics review process based on individualistic decision-making

- REBs have trouble with qualitative, participatory, and Aboriginal research
- Formal research agreements at outset
- Cultural competency within REBs
- Goal of culturally safe research

Meanwhile the situation of

↓ Indian
↓ Native
↓ Aboriginal
First Nations
Indigenous
peoples was changing



Change happened in the areas of:

- unequal power relations in research
- knowledge contexts
- ethical space

Change led to:

- Political dimensions
- New normative constructions of social relationships defined as unjust
- Articulation of values



« Intervention » - a model from social work

Ce que nous appelons communément aujourd'hui "intervention sociale" ce sont les multiples pratiques (professionnelles ou non) qui, par le recadrage et l'emprise de l'État, deviennent des leviers que celui-ci se donne dans sa volonté de maîtrise des problèmes sociaux. Dans notre société libérale, l'État est le sujet de l'intervention sociale, et la société civile, dans ses lieux problématiques, en est l'objet. (Nélisse 1993 : 169)

What we commonly call today "social intervention" are the multiple practices (professional or not) which, by the reframing and the influence of the State, become levers it uses to control social problems. In our liberal society, the state is the subject of social intervention, and civil society, in its problematic areas, is the subject. (1993: 169)

The interveners

- finding a solution to a concrete problem posed by someone else and this is the first and central significance of the intervention
- theory is practical
- social research in this context is a method of intervention working both ways:
 - Problematic of the marginalised Indigenous group facing mining internationals
 - Problematic of the University with its dissonant values



A scenic view of a lake at dusk. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of pink, purple, and blue. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the foreground, a small white boat with an outboard motor is beached on a rocky shore. The background shows a dense line of trees under a twilight sky.

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Thank you!