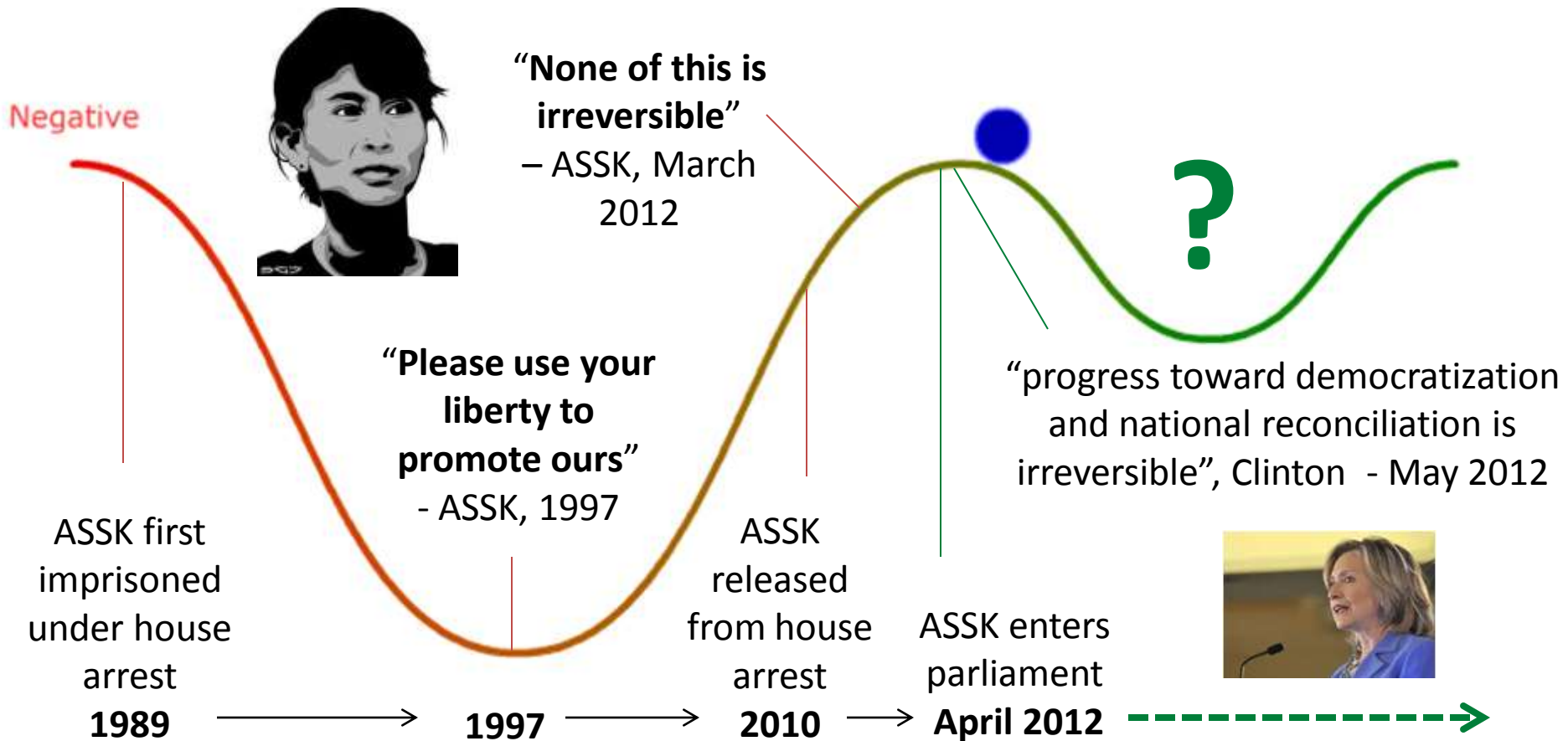


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new methods for identifying latent peace capacities in Myanmar

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# What's happening in Burma?

Progress, pitfalls and unintended consequences

Opening political space



Protest

Peace negotiations



Resurgent ethnic conflict

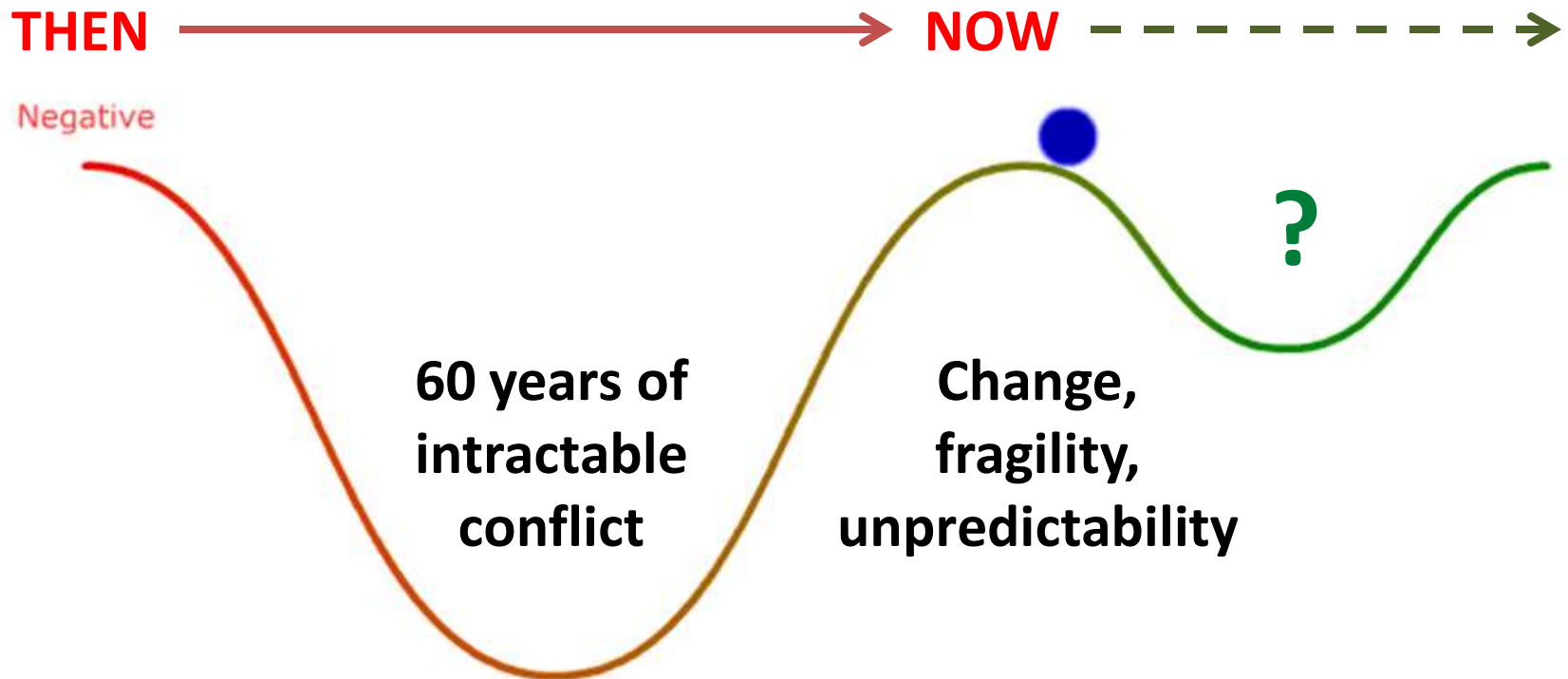


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# Dynamical Systems Theory as a Peace Assessment Methodology

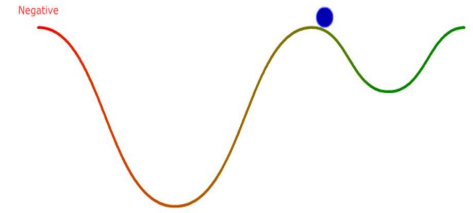


## Research Question:

How do people, events and relationships affect the probability that sustainable peace will emerge in Burma?

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How do people, events and relationships affect the probability that negotiations will produce sustainable peace?



## Methods

Network Analysis (Actors)



Loop Mapping (Events/Issues)



## Data Collection

Meso level (national)



Micro level (local)



Observation

Interviews

Mapping

Identifying Actors and Developing Questions/Exercises

# NETWORK ANALYSIS

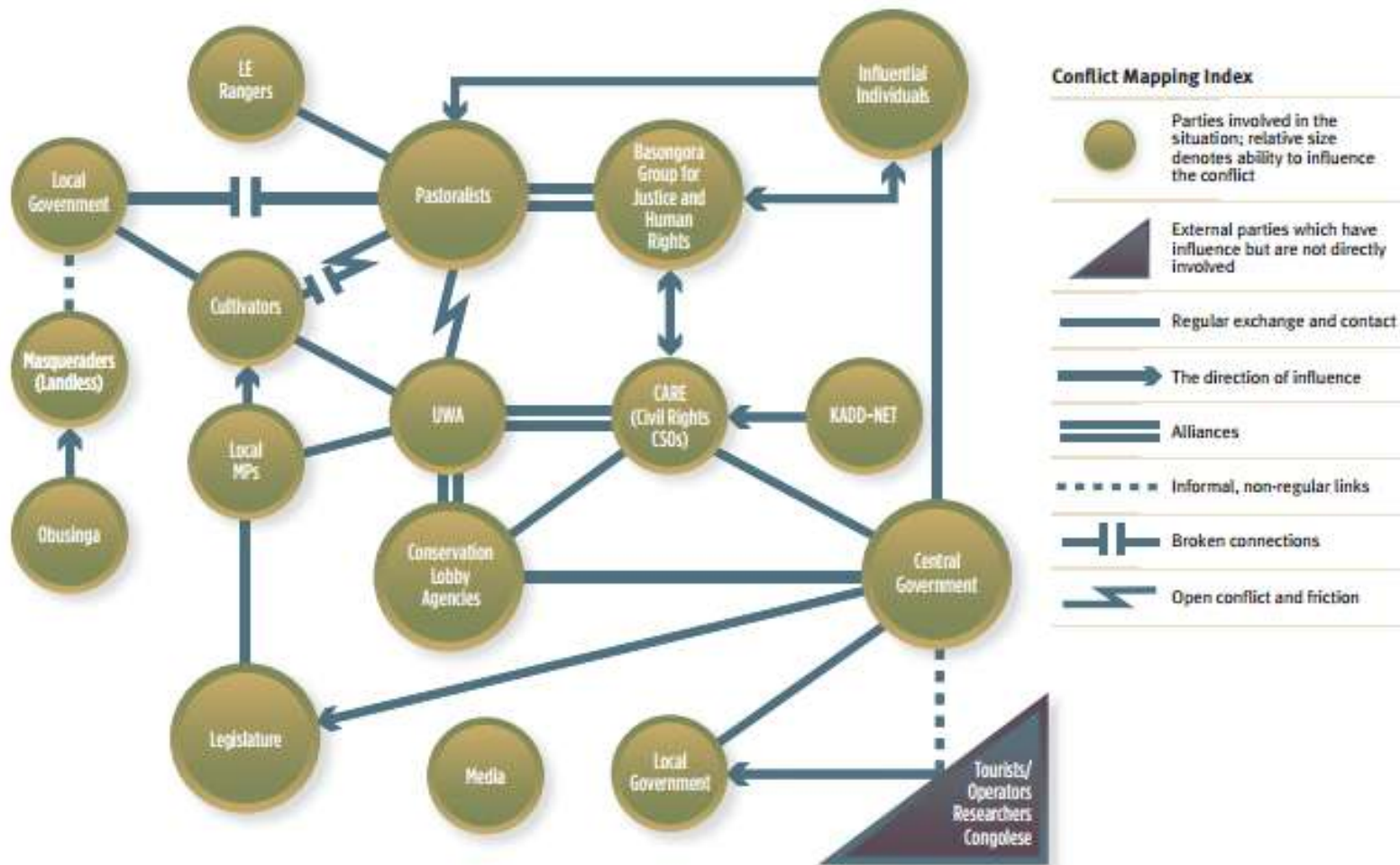
	Business	Political	Ethnic	Provider/ recipient	Civil society	Military
Group Name						
What is their scale?						
How much power does this actor have to influence the probability of sustainable peace?						
Who does this group influence/ influenced by?						
What type of relationship do you have with them?						
Do you have cooperative, mixed or competitive goals?						
What is the strength of your relationship?						

# NETWORK ANALYSIS



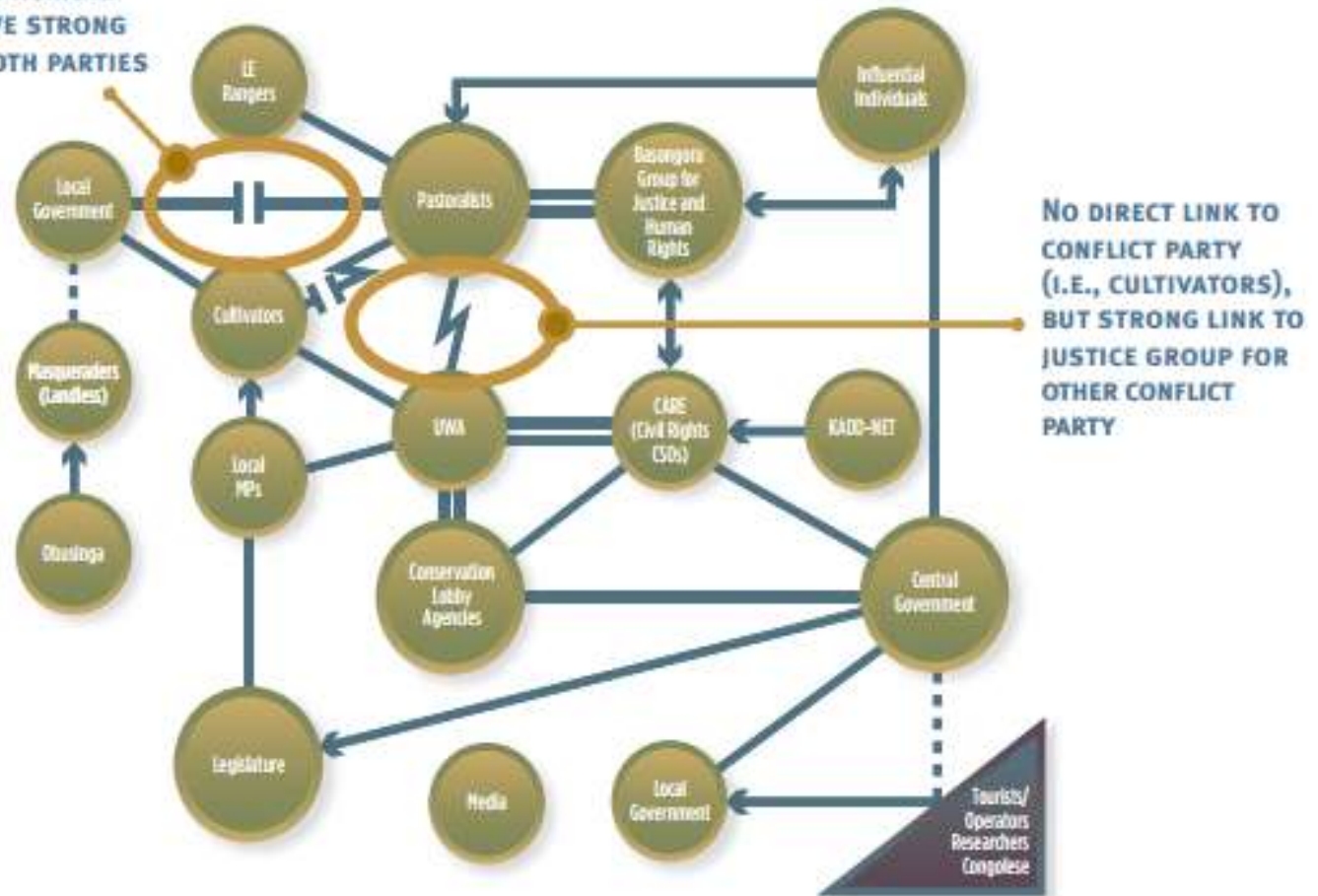
# What will a network map look like?

**FIGURE 6: CONFLICT MAP FOR ENCROACHMENT IN QUEEN ELIZABETH CONSERVATION AREA, UGANDA**



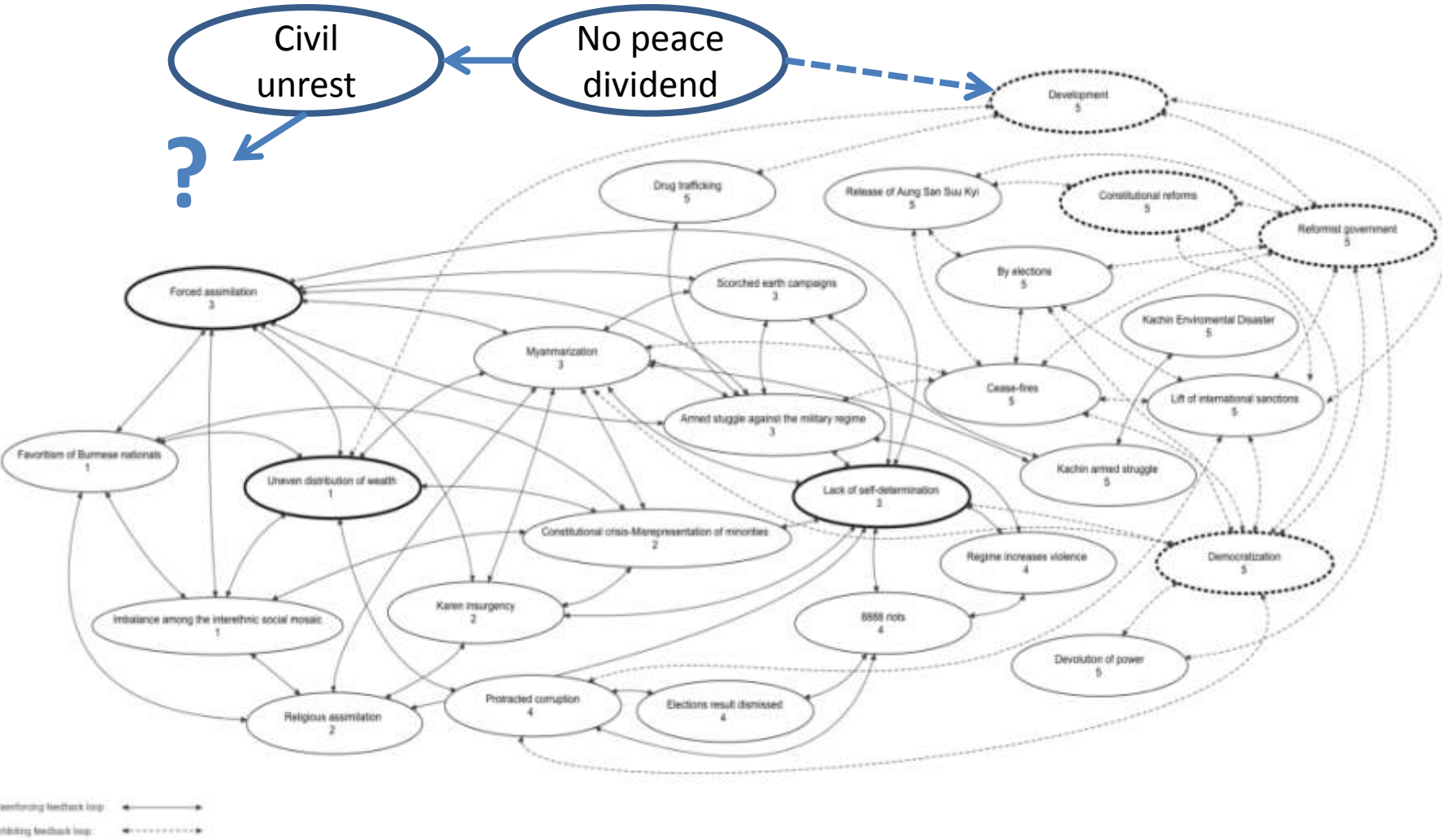
# How do we identify latent peace capacities?

CAN HELP TO UNBLOCK, PROMOTE DIALOGUE SINCE WE HAVE STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH PARTIES





# Chronologies of events: how do you map alternative realities?



# Exploring Future Scenarios

What will be different if you gain independence from Burma? How might things be better in 5 years? How might things be worse?

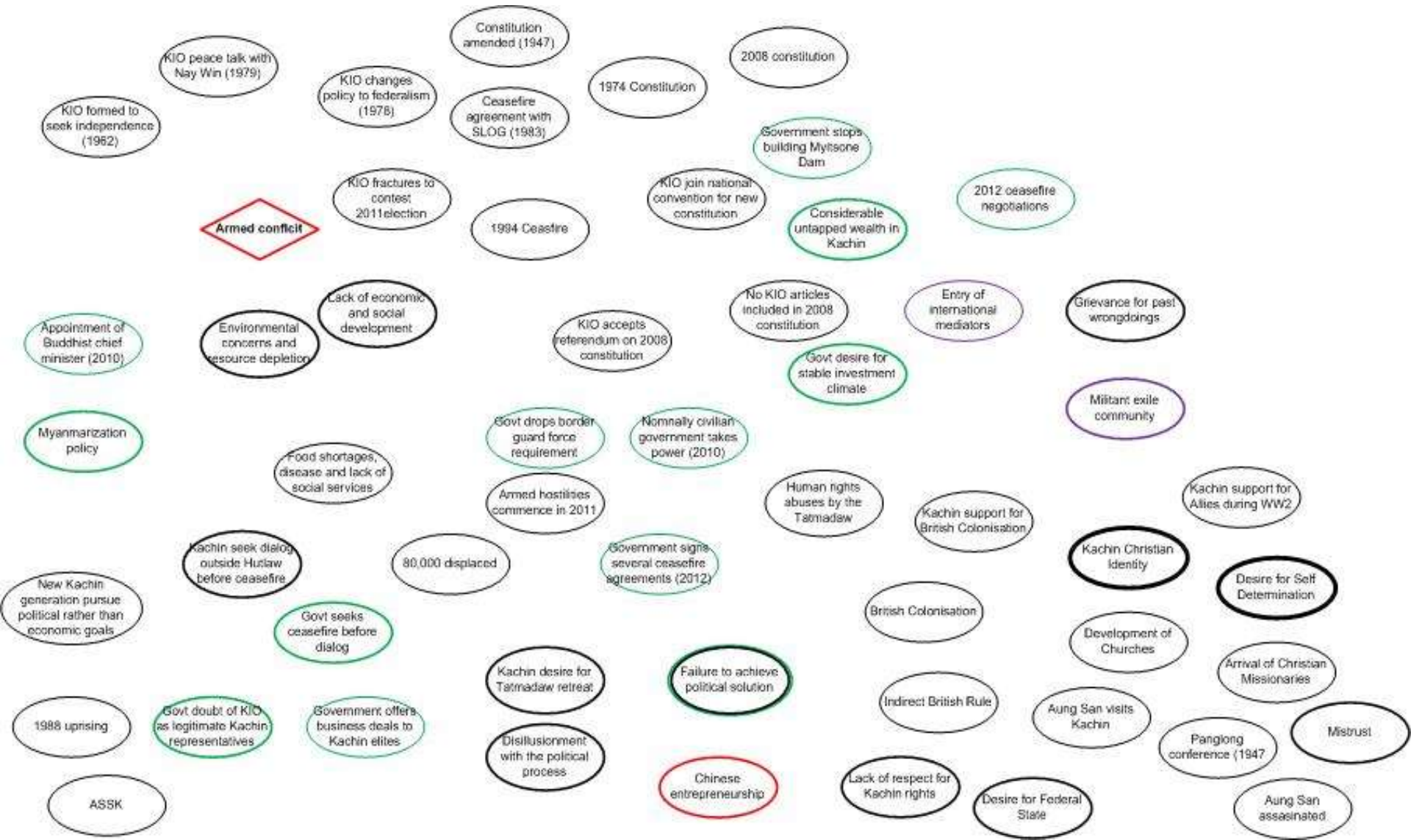
What might happen if in the 2015 elections are free and fair?

What would happen if the international community starts to see you as a threat to the positive reform process that is happening?

What would be different in five years if the government agreed to your demands?

What local, national and international groups have the most potential to influence the sustainability of peace in Myanmar?

# Chronologies of events: how do you map alternative realities?



# Meso and Macro Analysis



China

Myanmar  
(Burma)

Thailand

YANGON

