

# **LEGAL STUDIES**

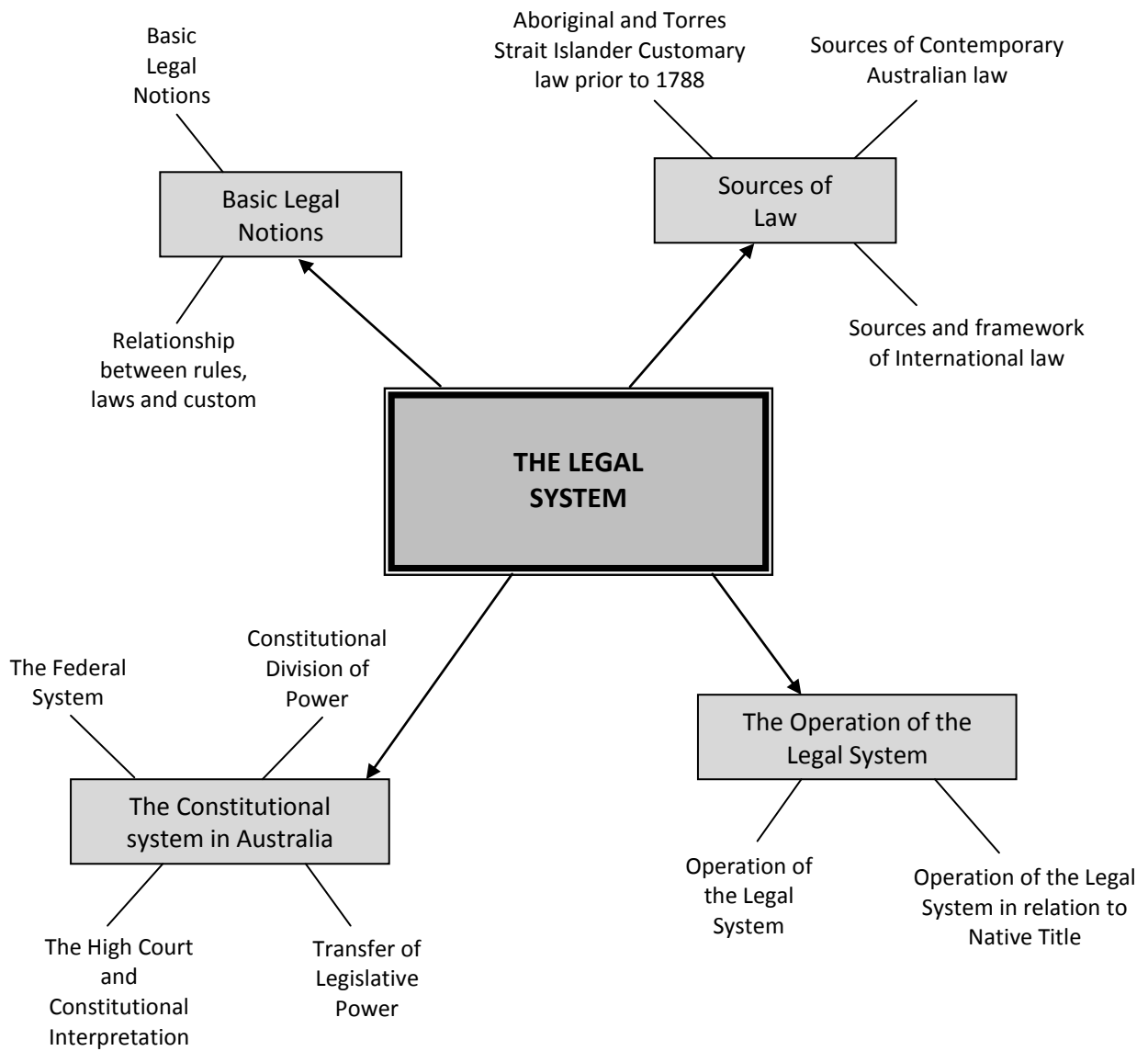
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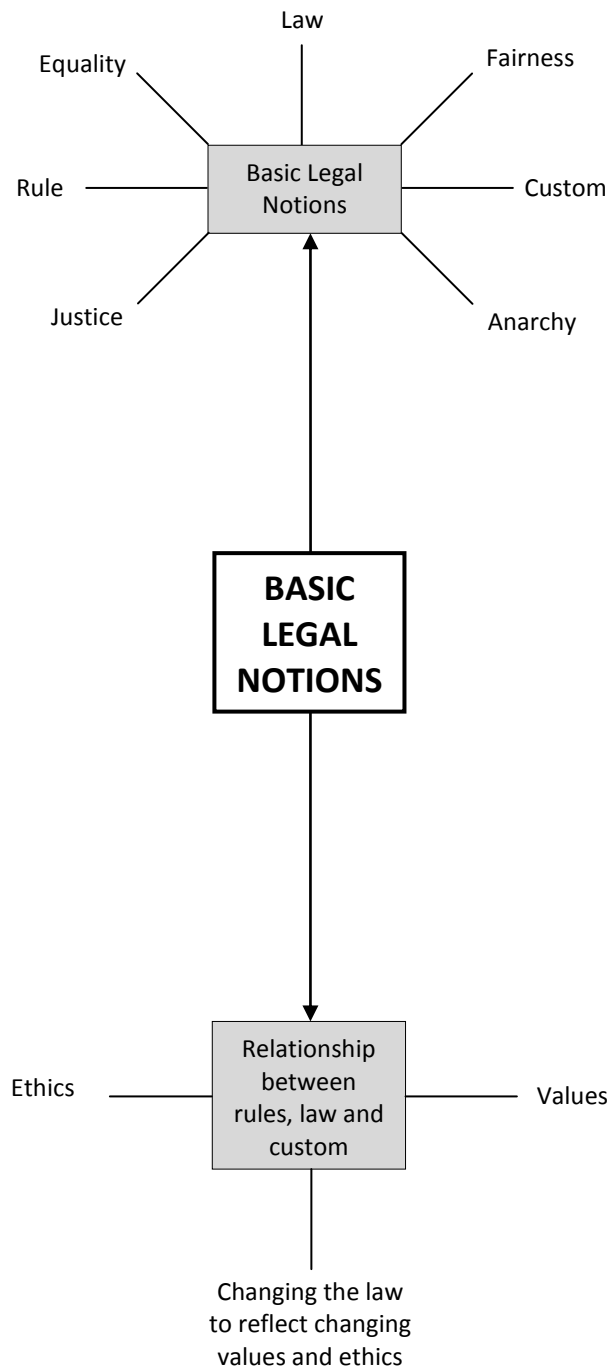
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<b>Course Structure</b>	
<b>Themes</b>	
Justice, law and society Conflict, values and ethics Conflict and cooperation	Continuity and change Legal process and institutions Effectiveness of the legal system
<b>Preliminary course</b> (120 indicative hours)	<b>HSC course</b> (120 indicative hours)
<p><b>Part I – The Legal System</b> (40% of course time) Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basic legal notions</li> <li>2. Sources of law:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customary law</li> <li>2.2 Contemporary Australian law</li> <li>2.3 International law</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The constitutional system in Australia</li> <li>4. The operation of the legal system</li> </ol> <p><b>Part II – The Individual and the State</b> (20% of course time) Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Power and authority</li> <li>6. Legal controls on State power</li> <li>7. Duties</li> <li>8. Rights</li> </ol> <p><b>Part III – The Law in Focus</b> (40% of course time) Application of Part III as the dynamic context for the study of Parts I and II in the following common areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status under the law</li> <li>• Mechanisms for achieving justice</li> <li>• Responsiveness of the legal system</li> </ul> <p>to <b>TWO</b> focus groups chosen from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples</li> <li>2. People who have a mental illness or intellectual or physical disability</li> <li>3. Migrants</li> <li>4. People who are socioeconomically disadvantaged</li> <li>5. Women</li> <li>6. Members of other groups covered by human rights legislation, including anti-discrimination legislation</li> </ol>	<p><b>Part I – Law and Society</b> (25% of course time) Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Law and justice</li> <li>2. Human rights</li> </ol> <p><b>Parts II and III – Focus Studies Framework</b> Study of the operation of the legal system through the application of the following common areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key legal concepts and features of the legal system</li> <li>• Legal issues and remedies</li> <li>• Morality, ethics and commitment to the law</li> <li>• Effectiveness of the law</li> <li>• Law reform</li> </ul> <p><b>Part II – Focus Study: Crime</b> (25% of course time) Application of the focus studies framework to Crime</p> <p><b>Part III – Additional Focus Studies</b> (50% of course time) Application of the focus studies framework to <b>TWO</b> focus studies chosen from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consumers</li> <li>2. Family</li> <li>3. Global environment</li> <li>4. Indigenous peoples</li> <li>5. Shelter</li> <li>6. Technological change</li> <li>7. Workplace</li> <li>8. World order</li> </ol>

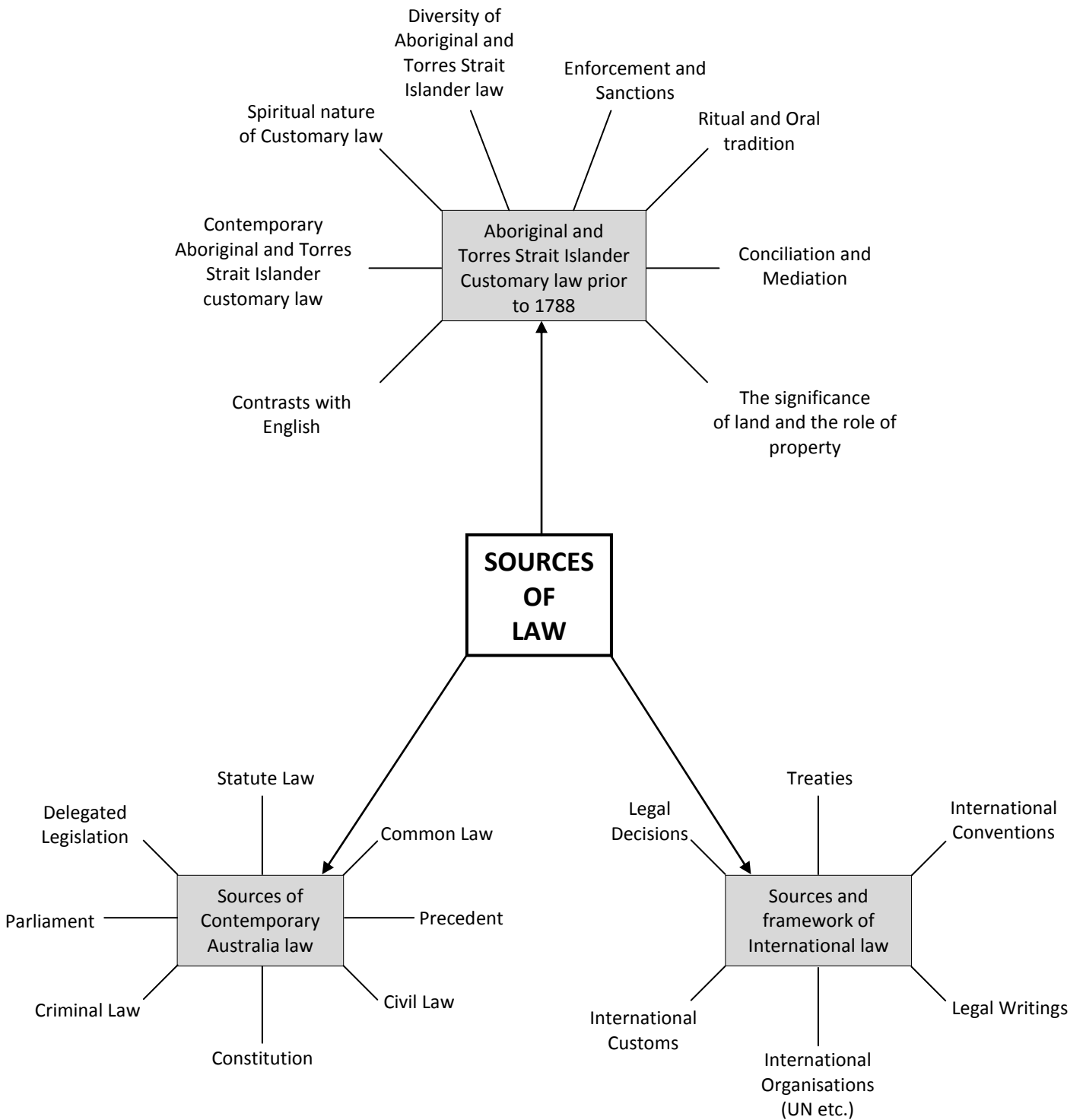
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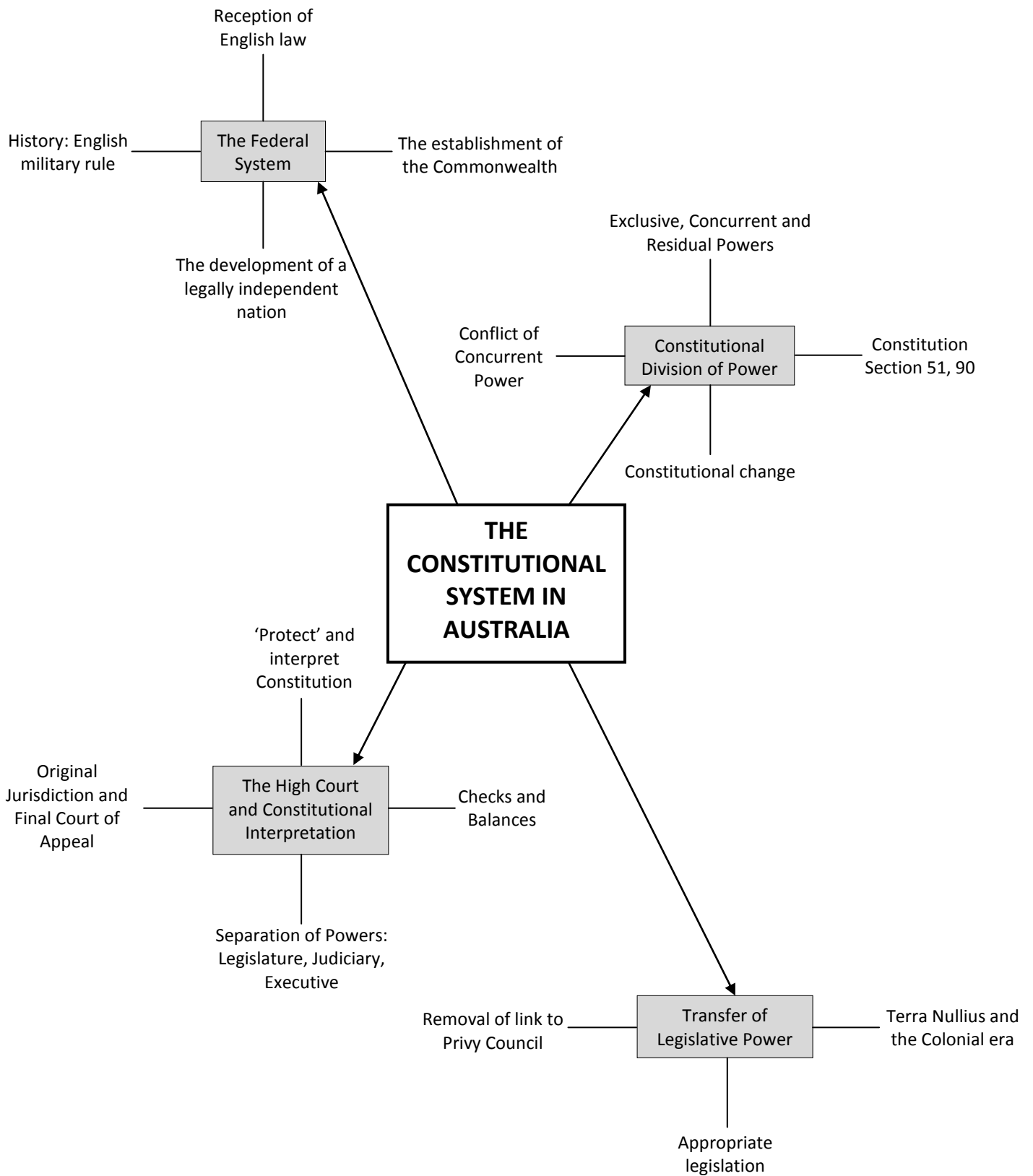
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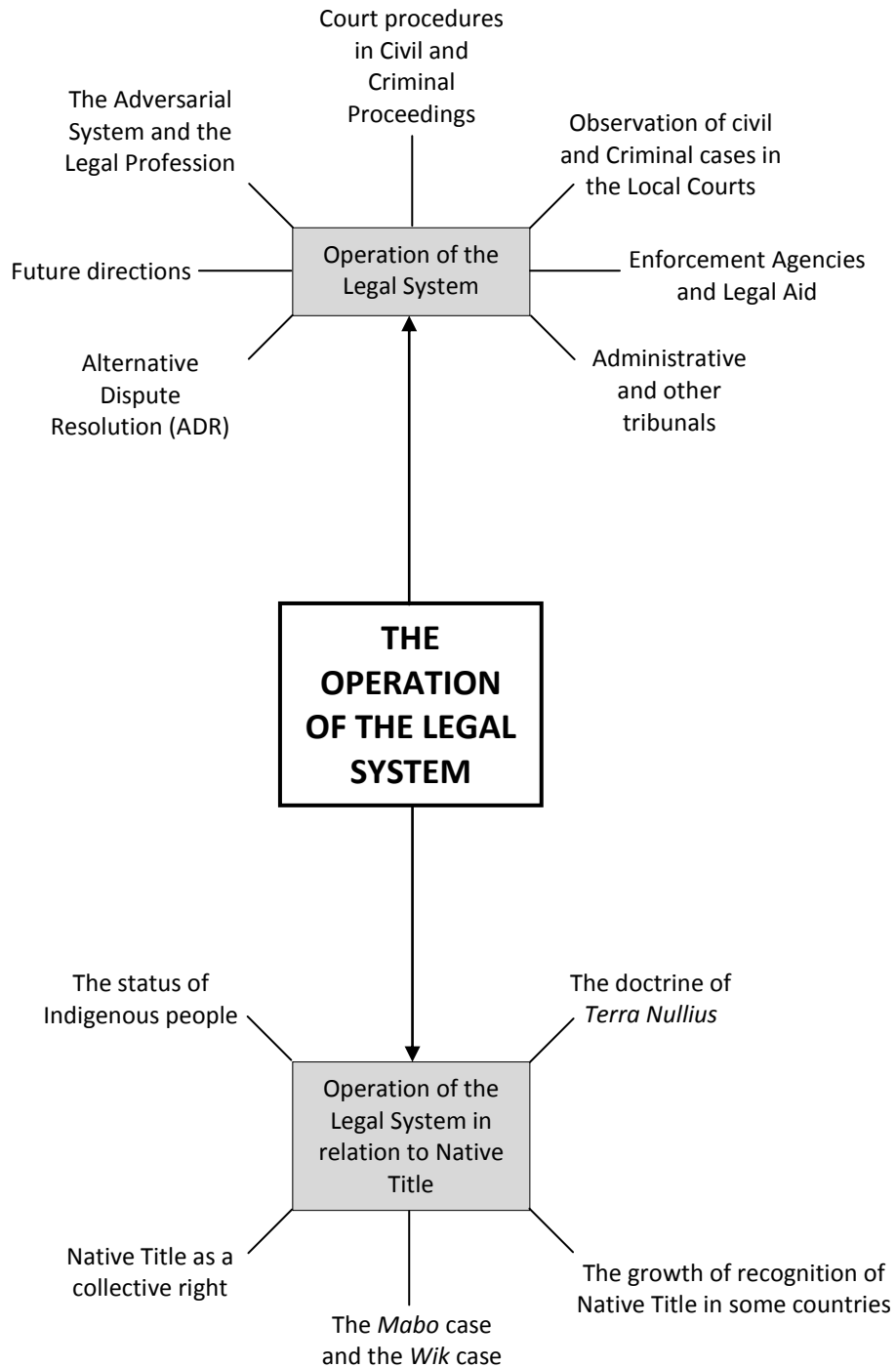
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## Topic 3: The Constitutional System in Australia

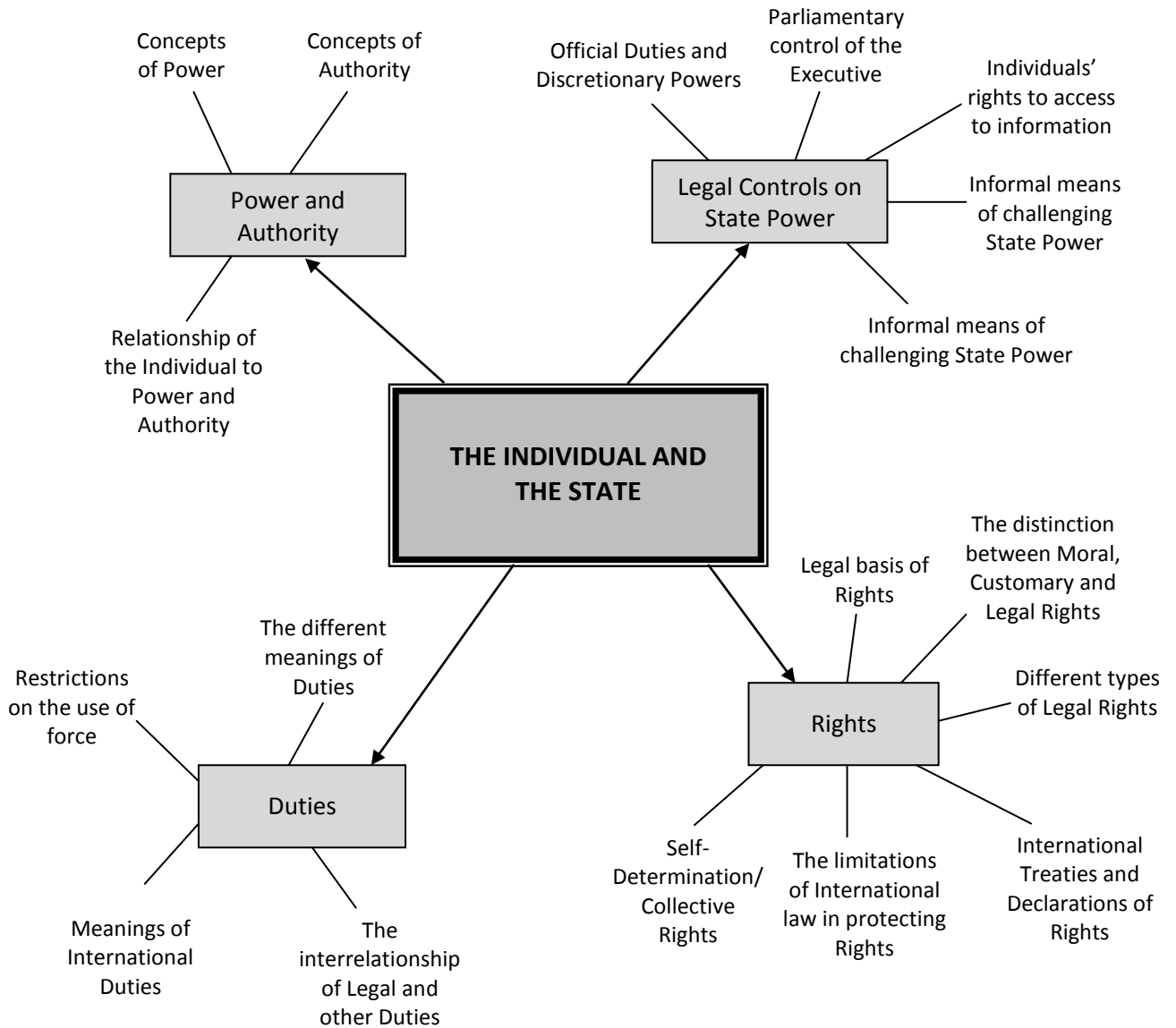


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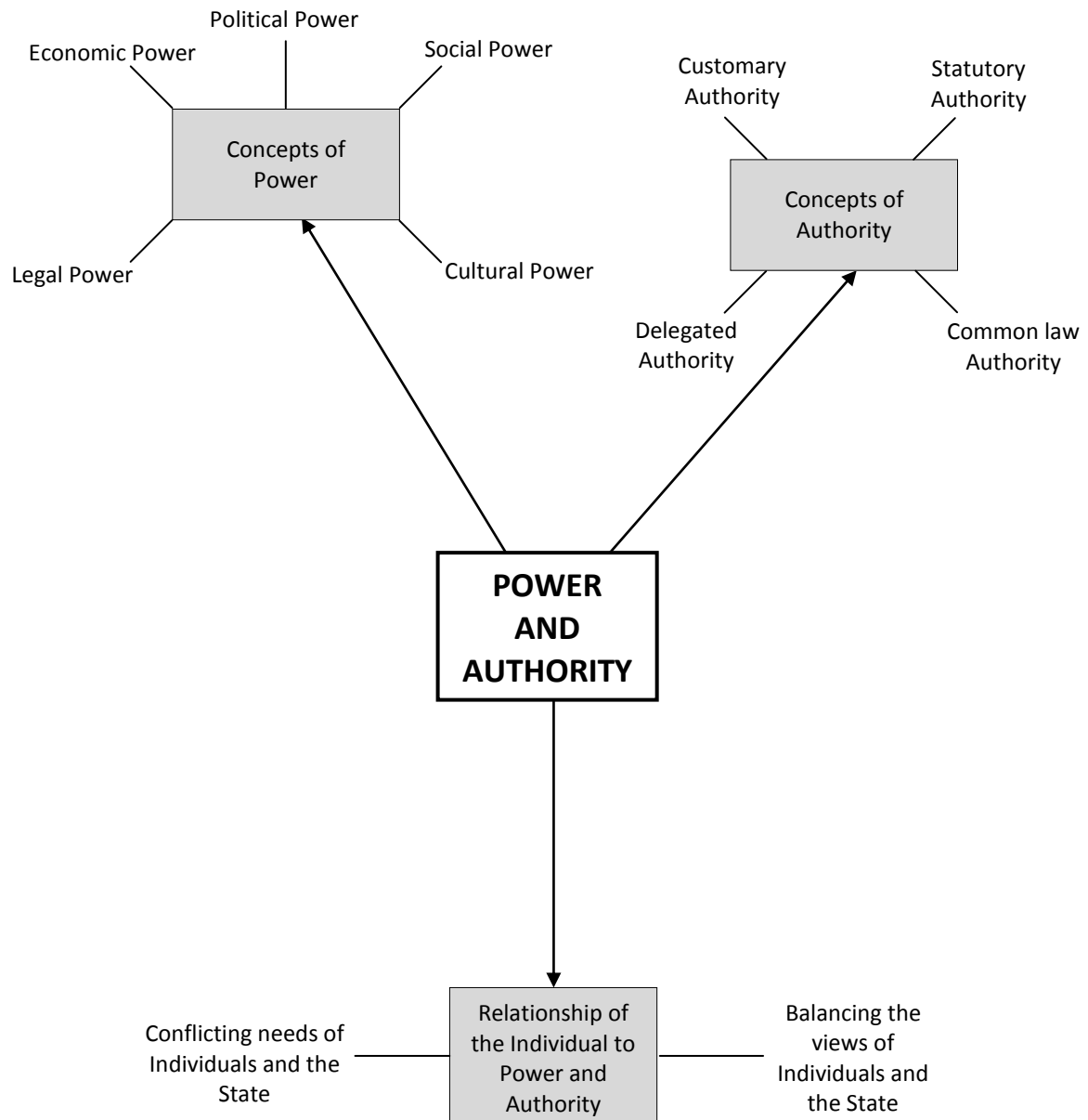




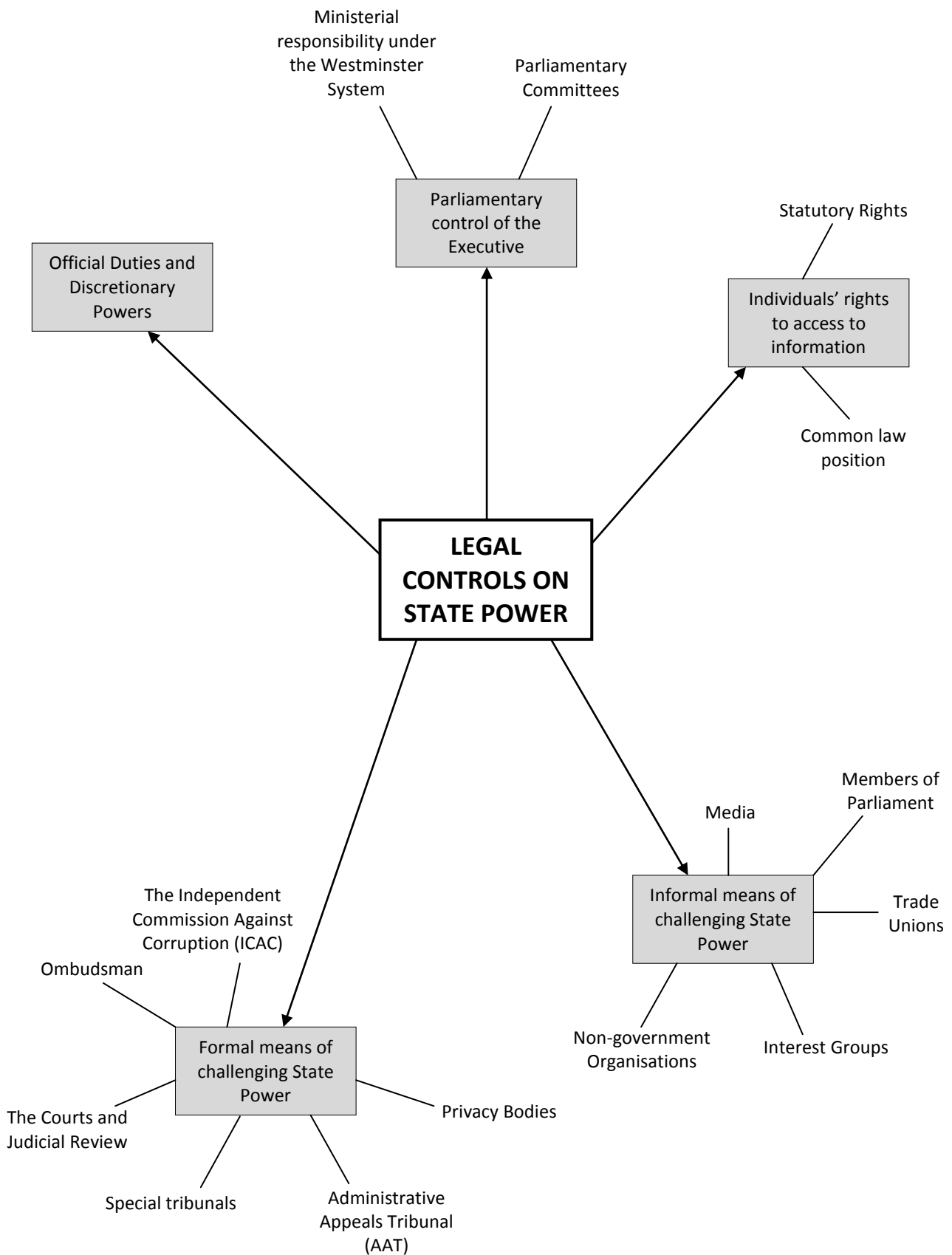
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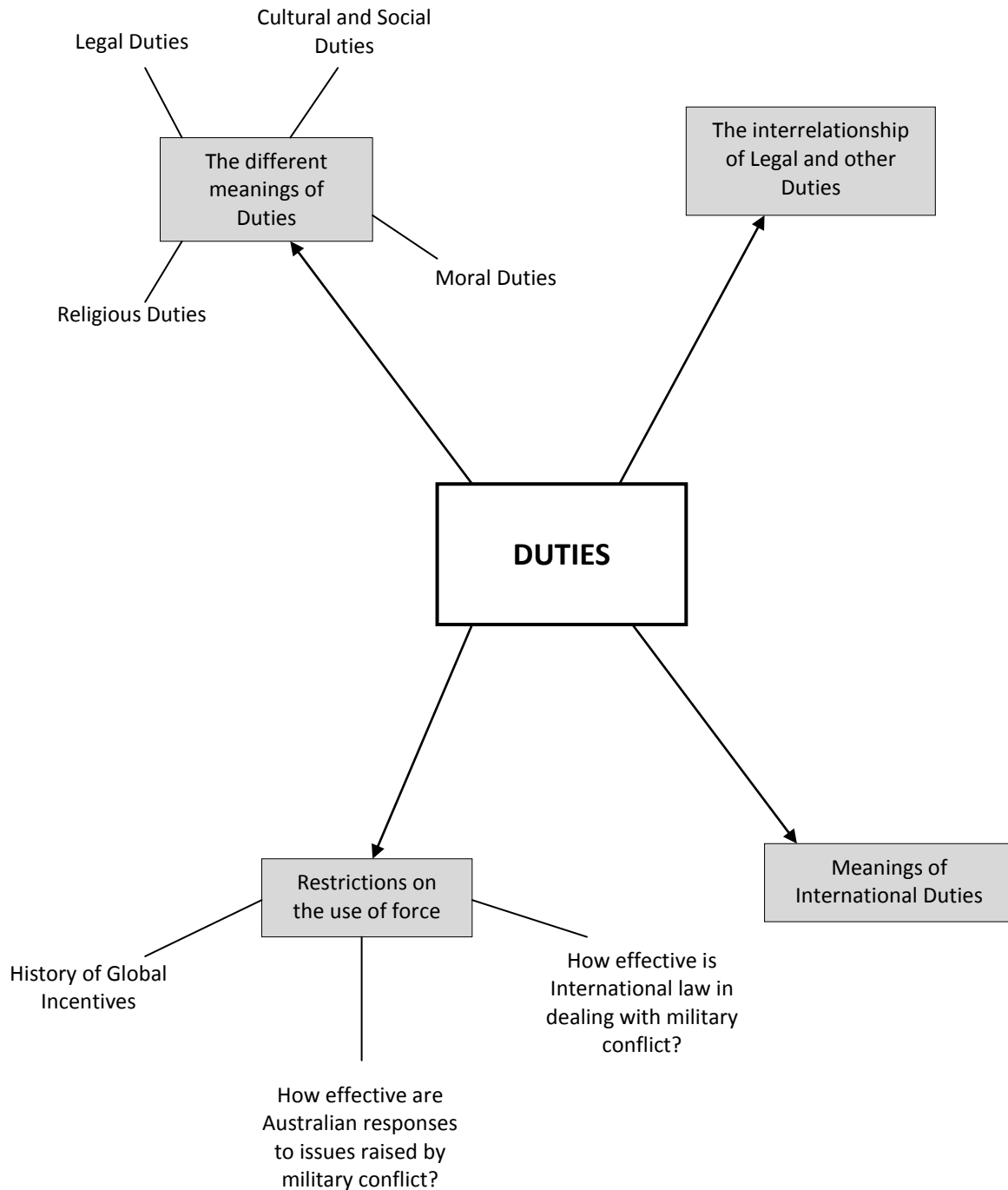
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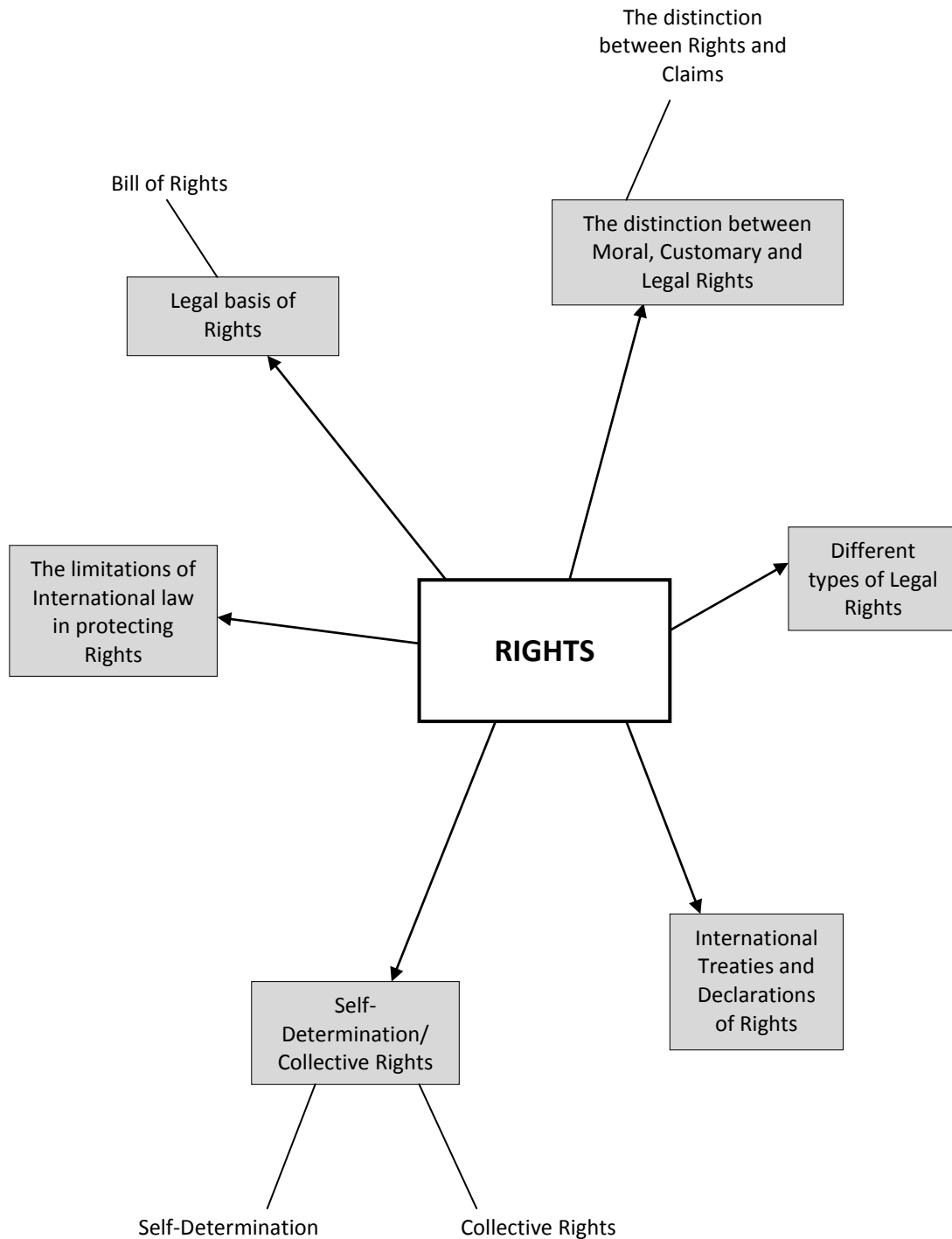
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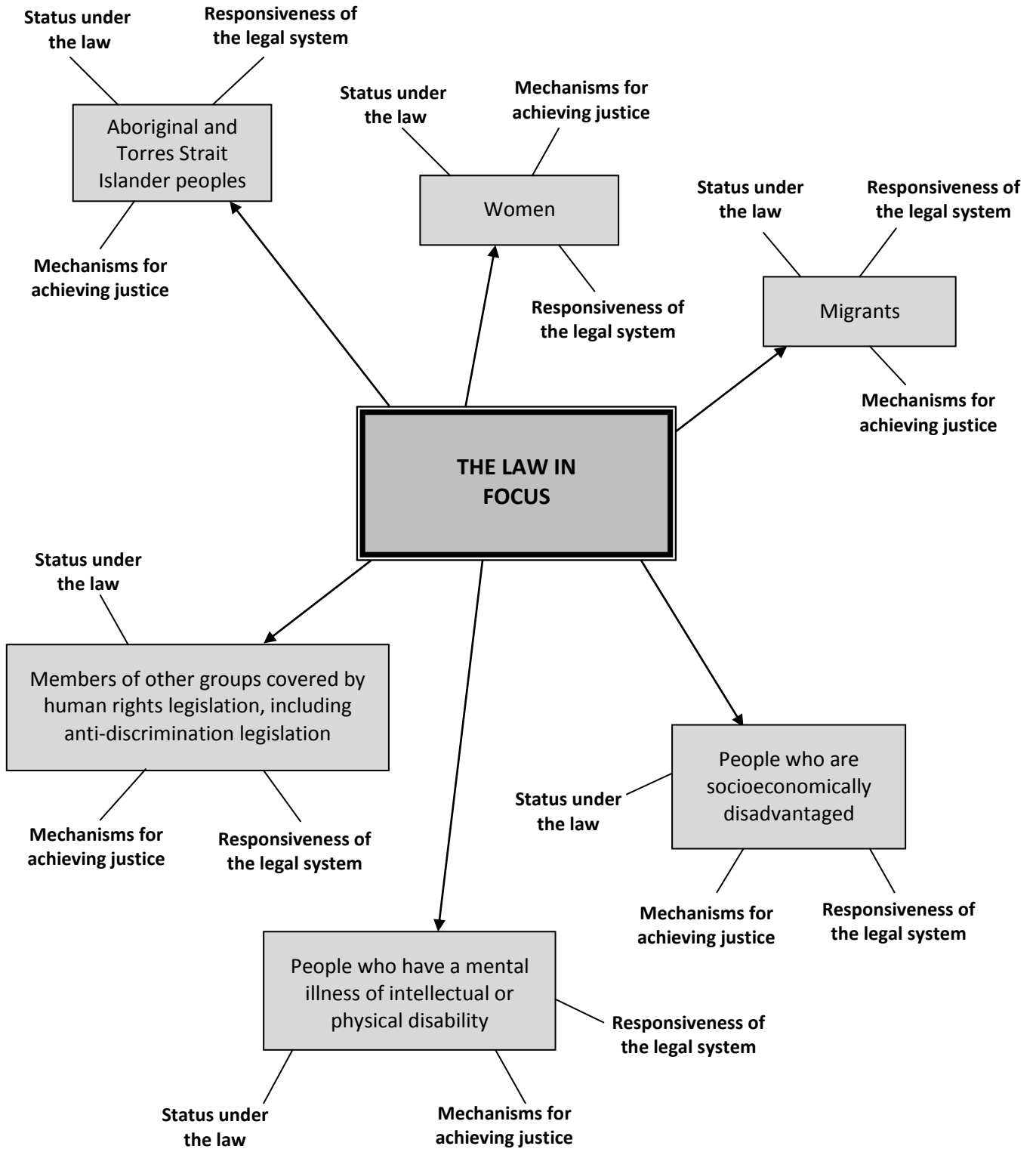
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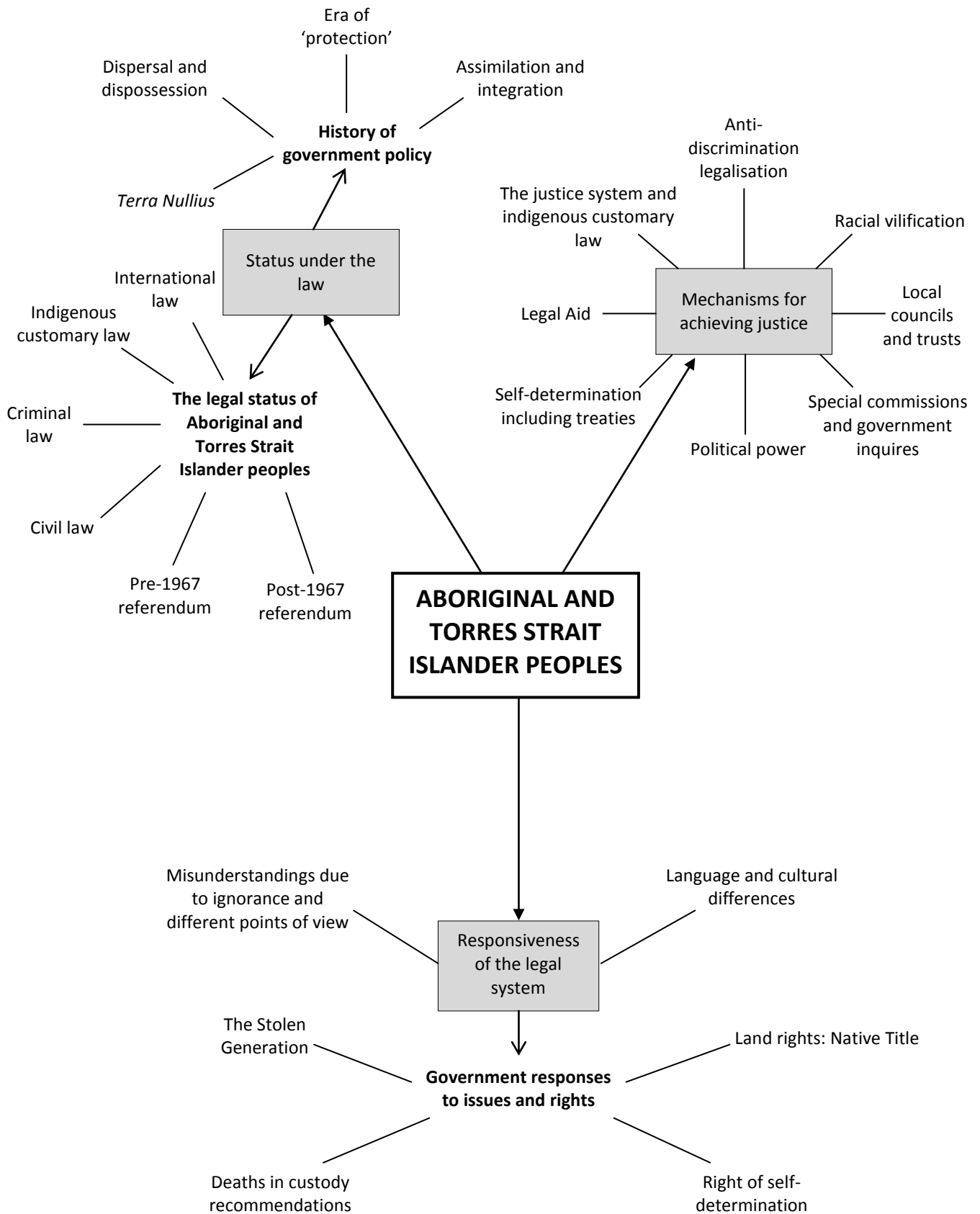
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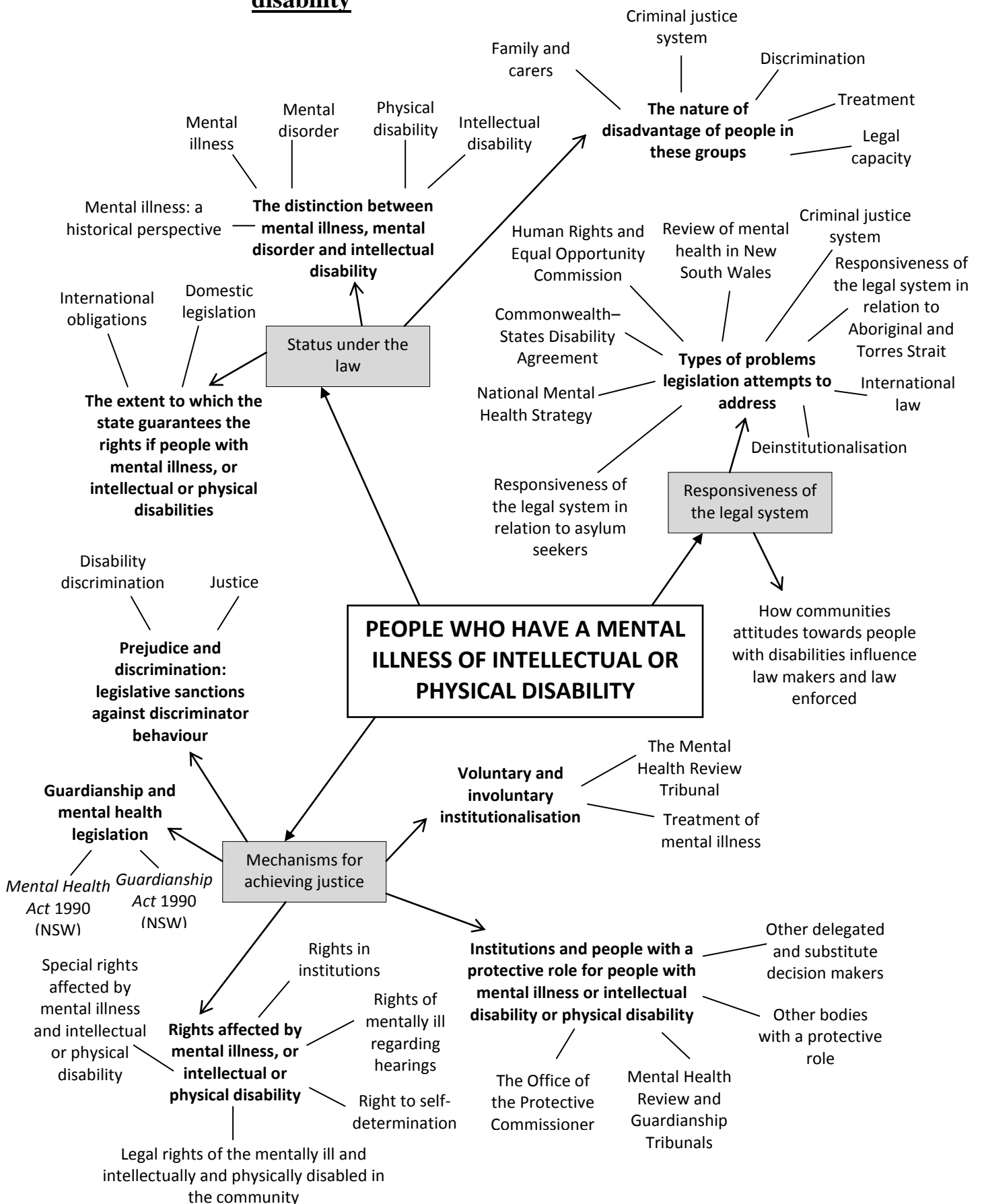
# PART III: THE LAW IN FOCUS



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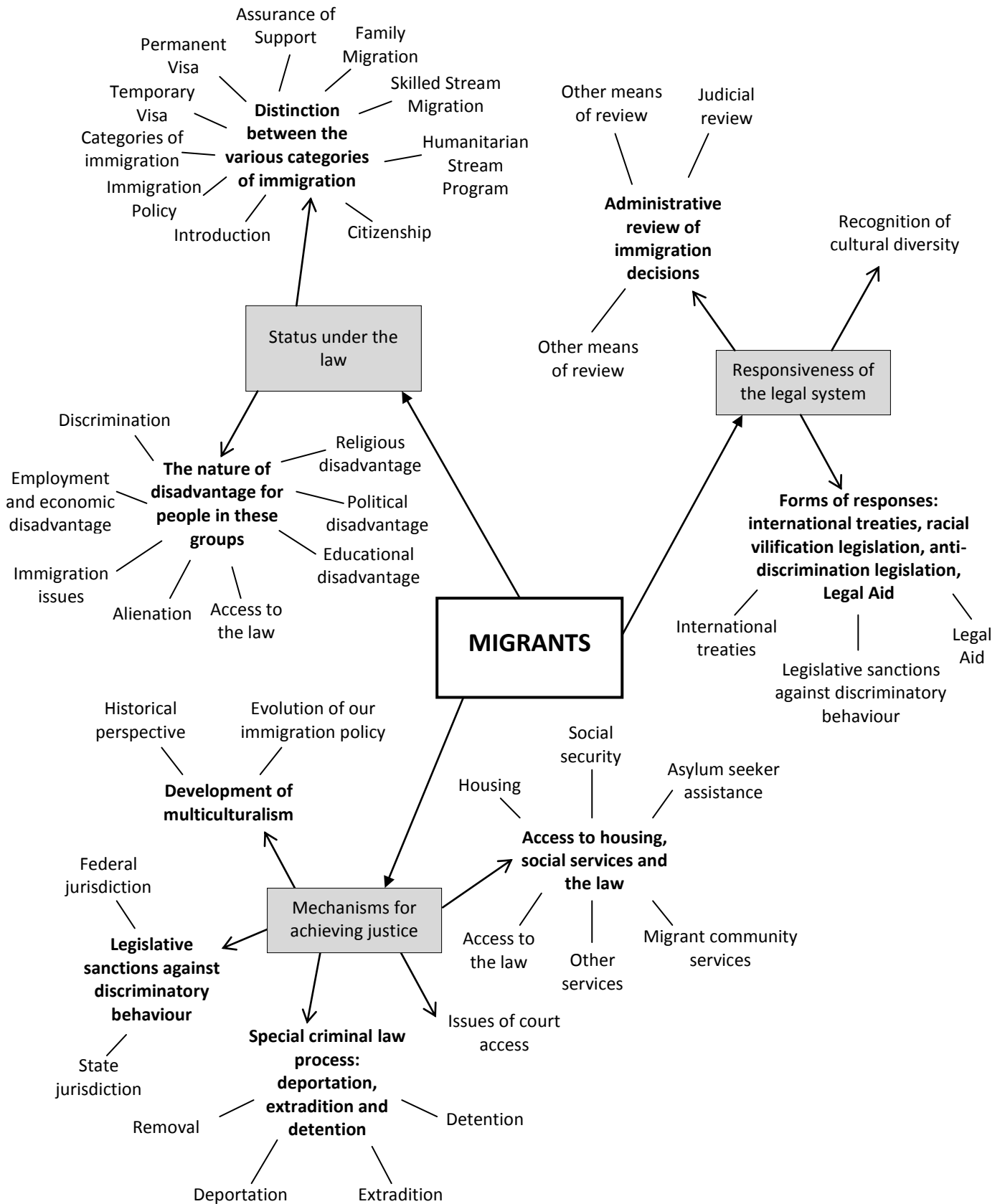


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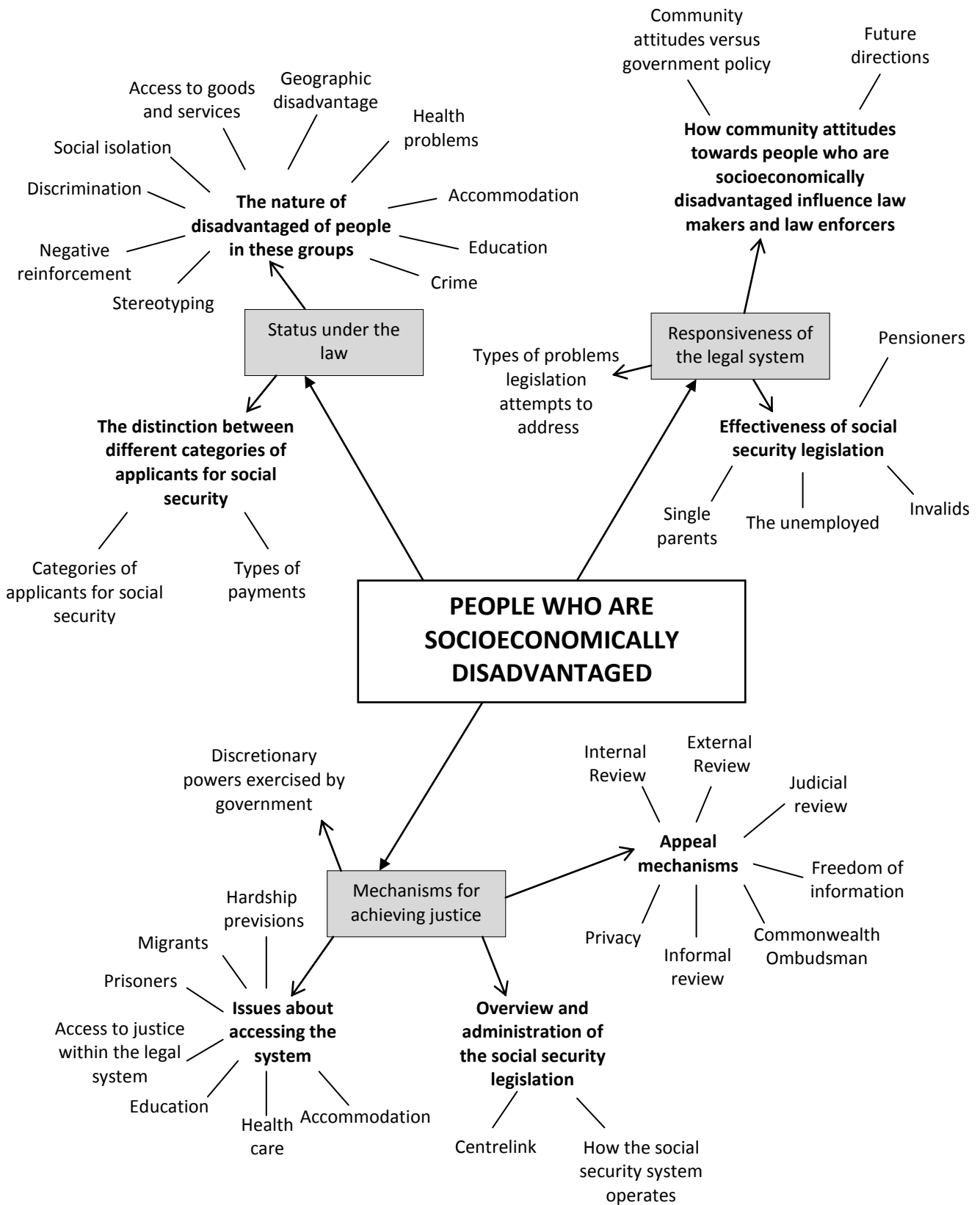




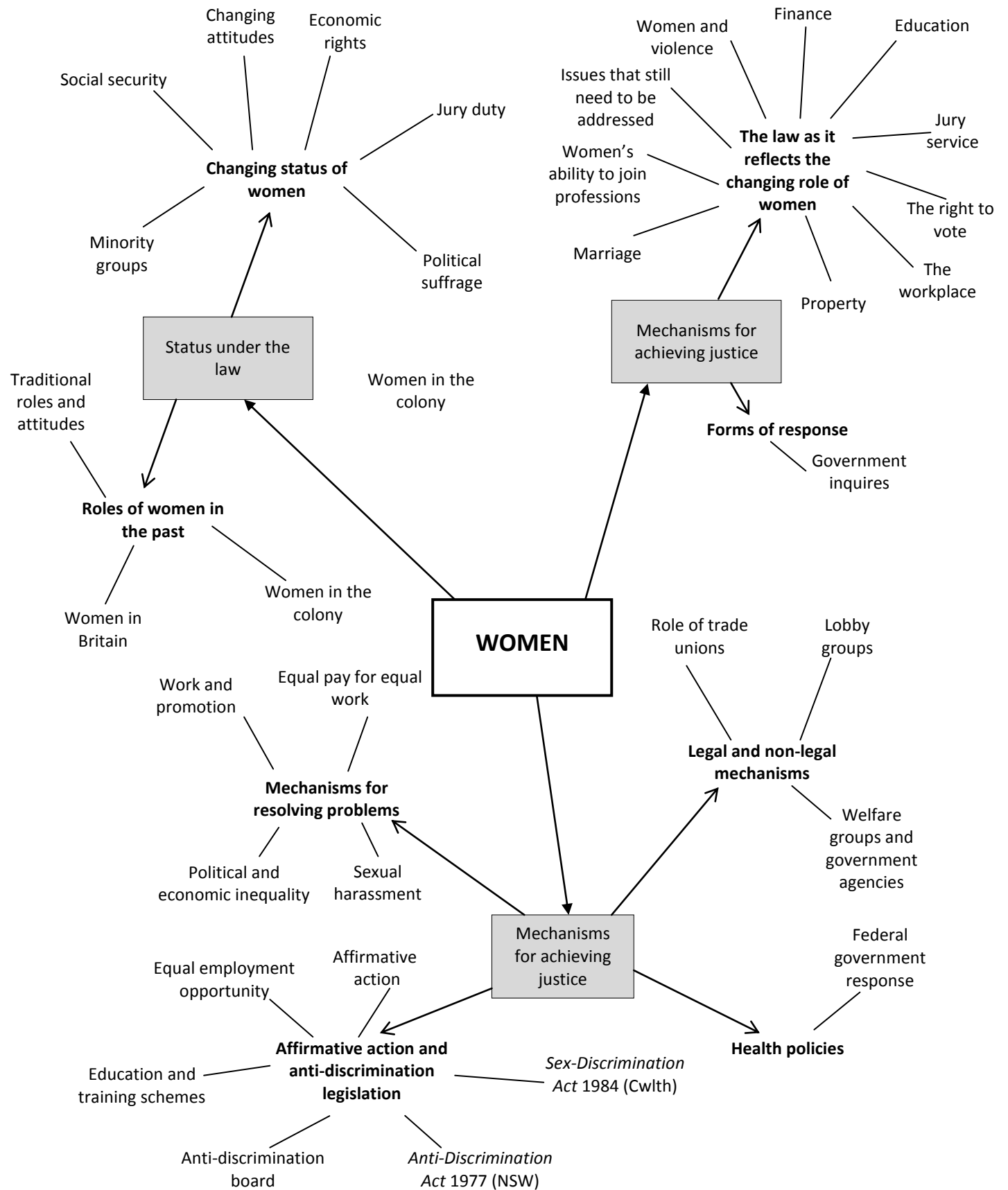
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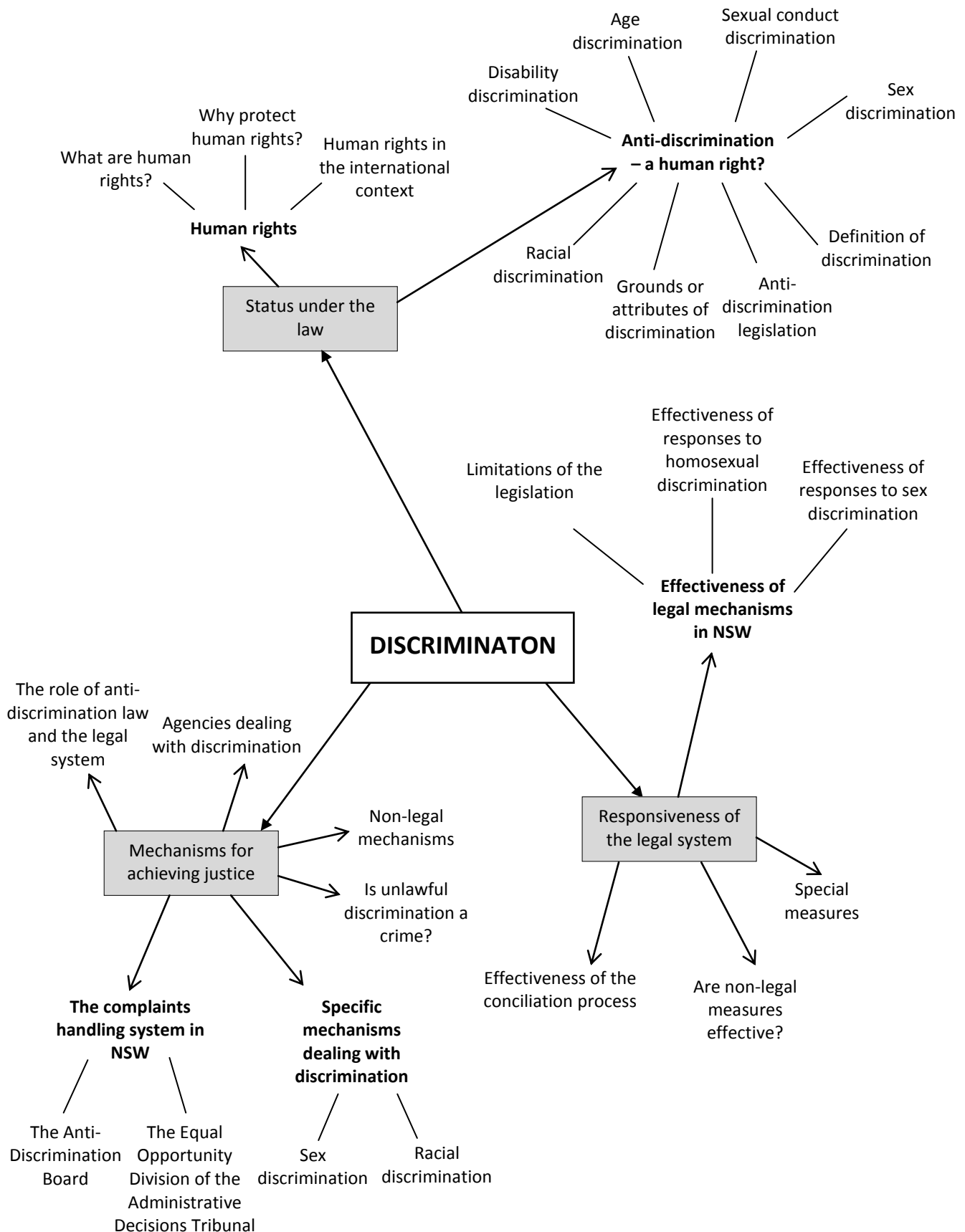
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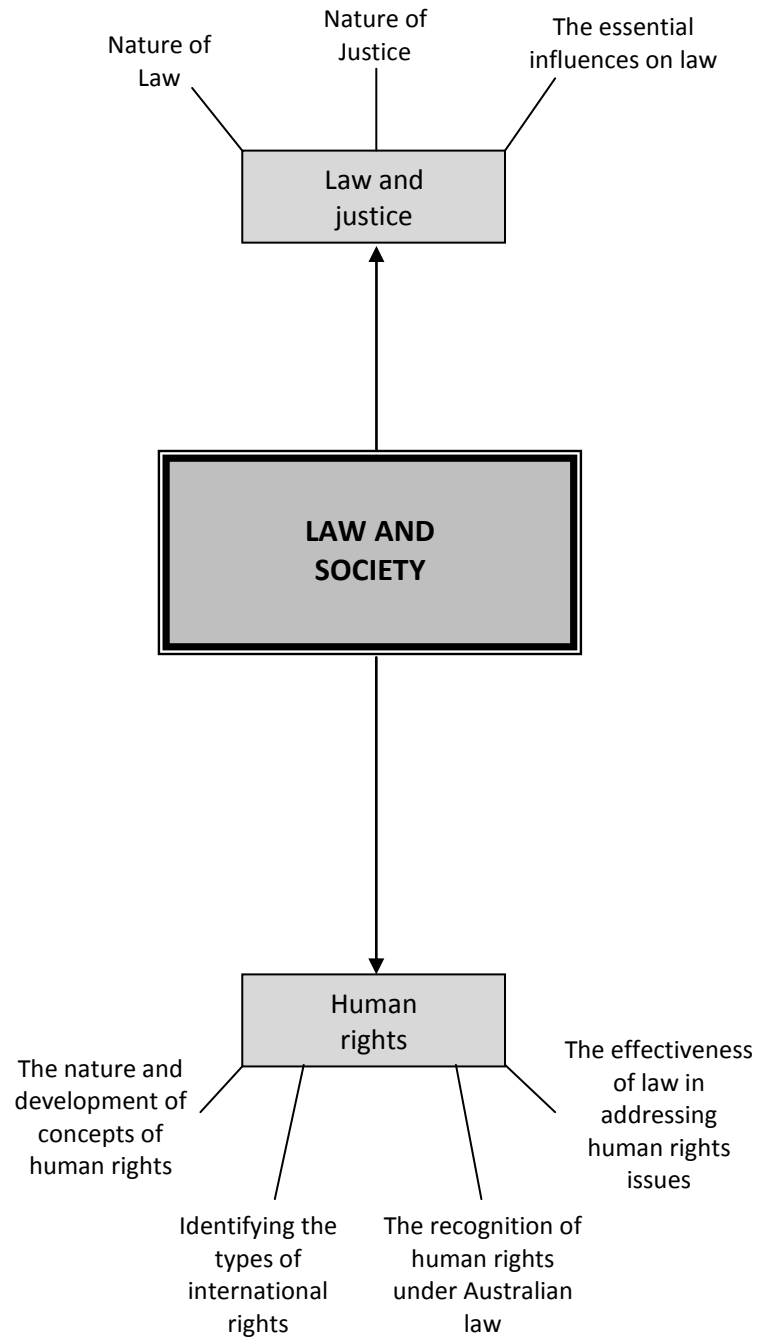
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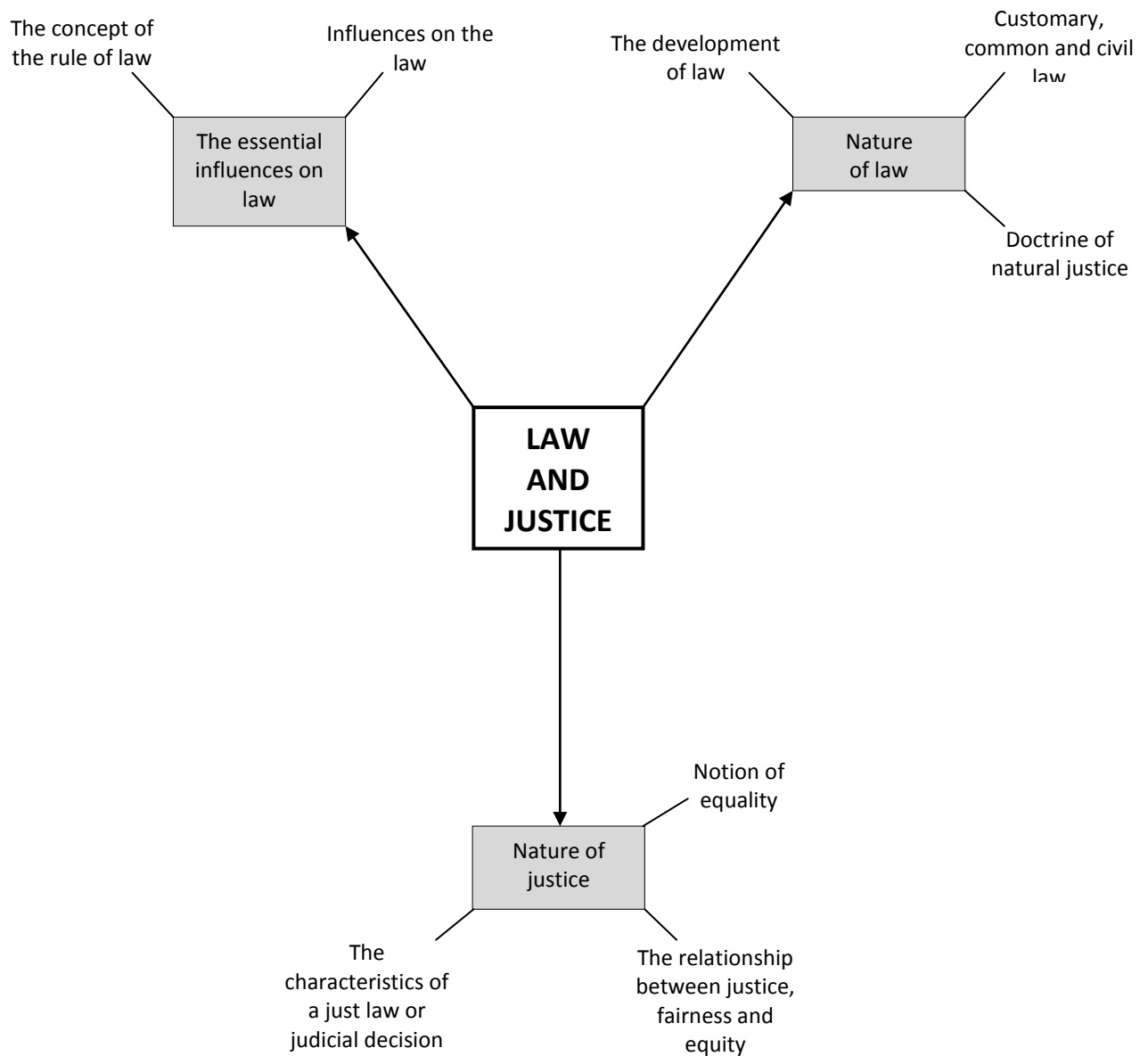
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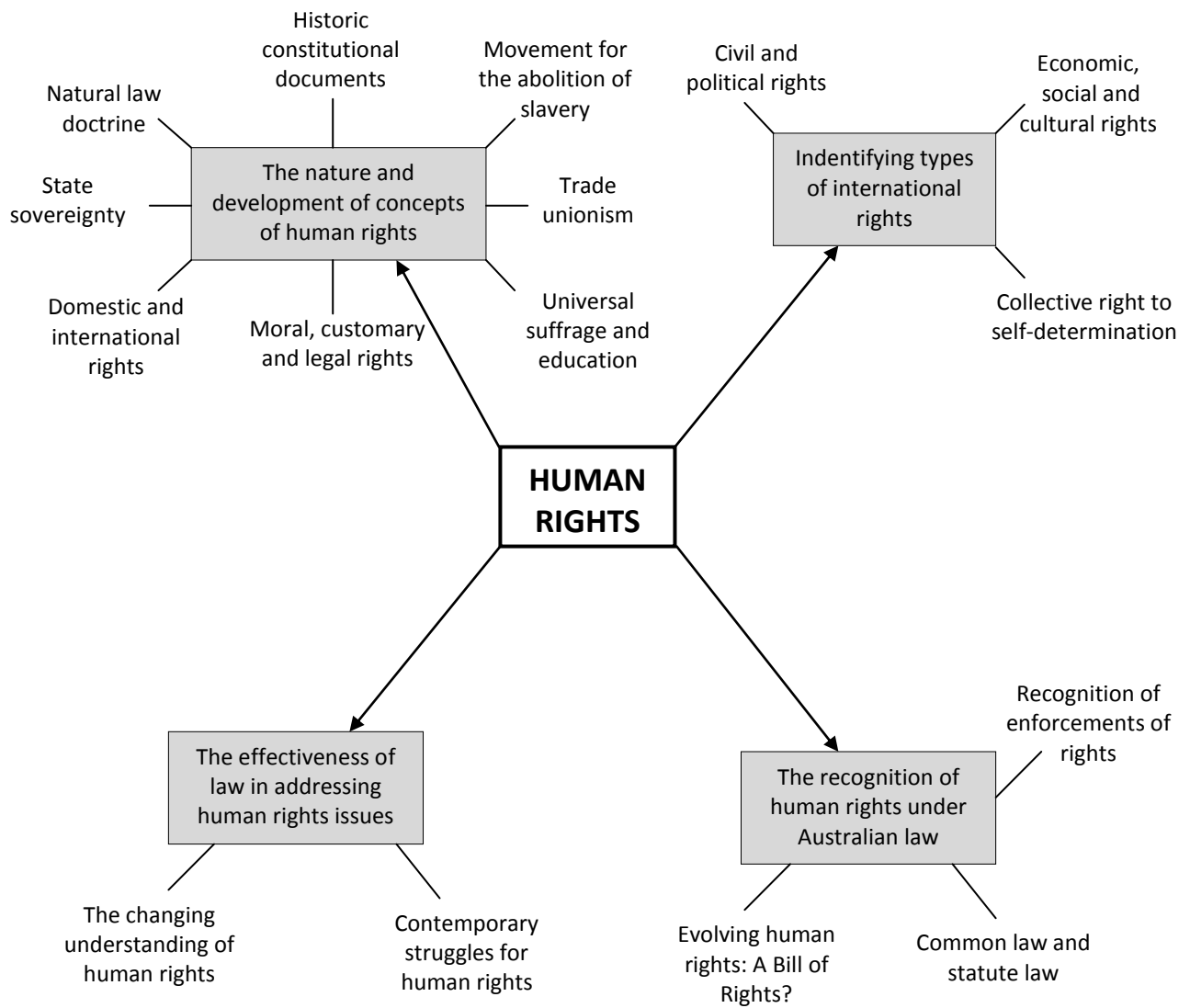
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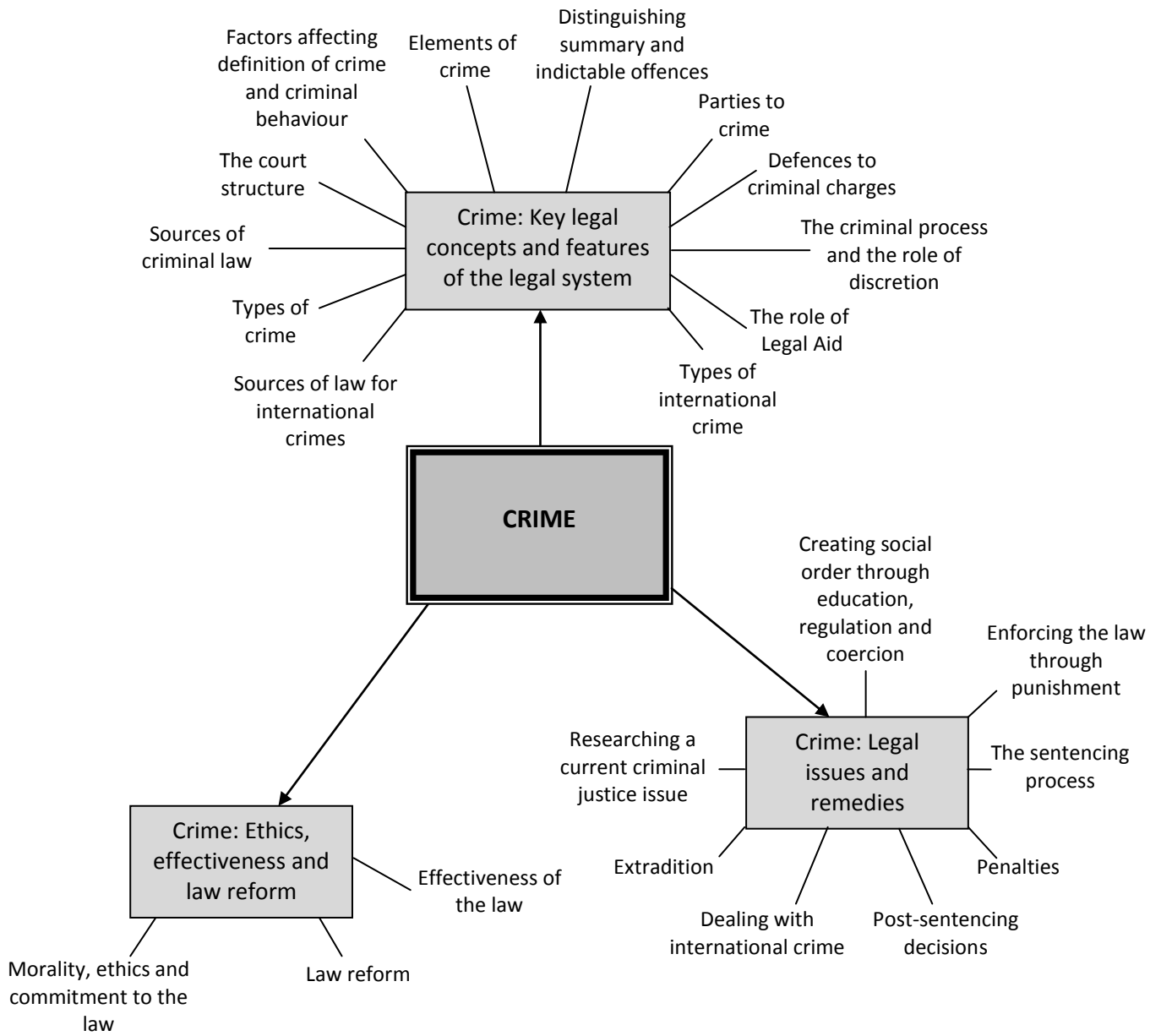
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## Topic 2: Human rights

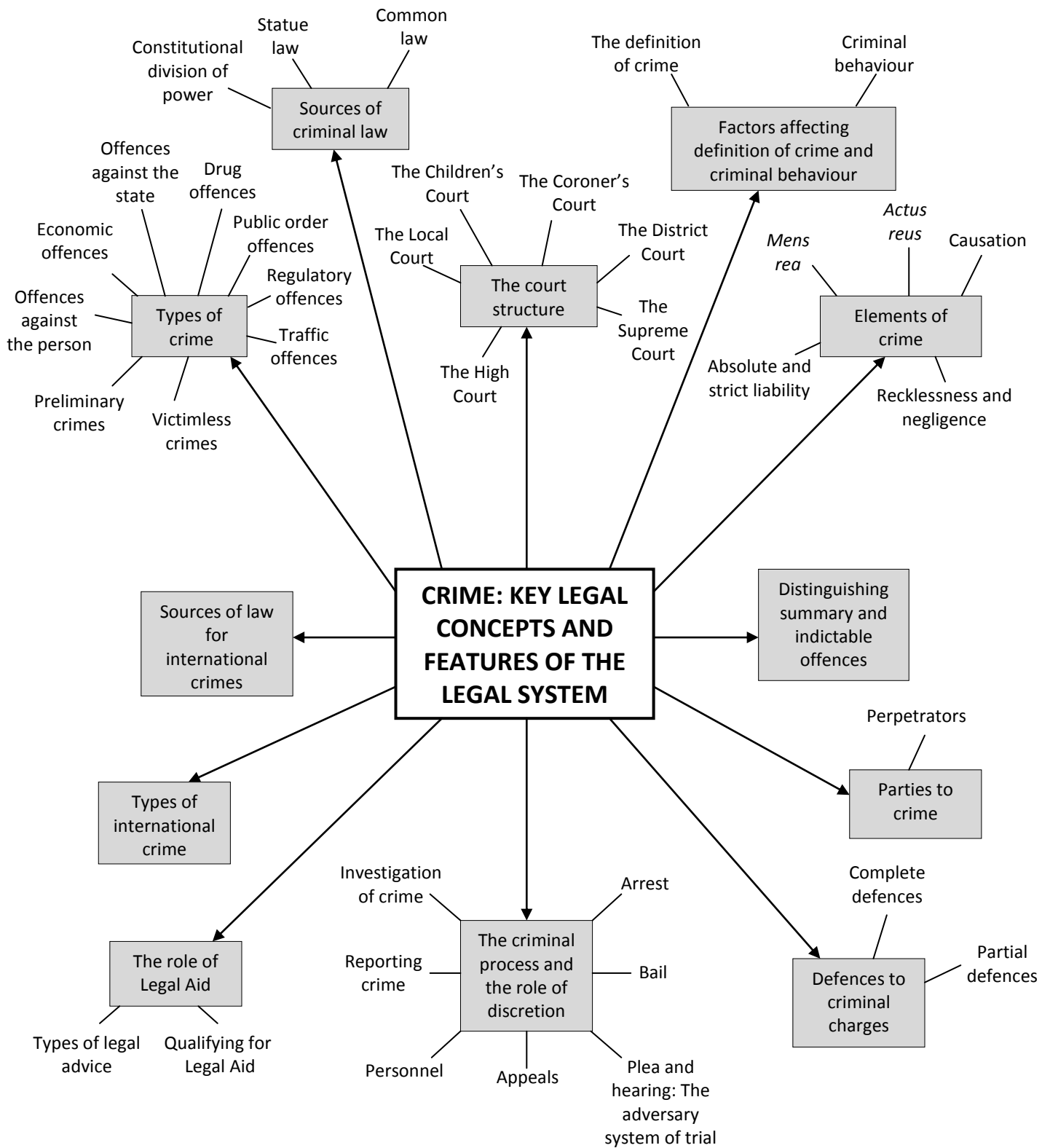


## PART II: FOCUS STUDY – CRIME

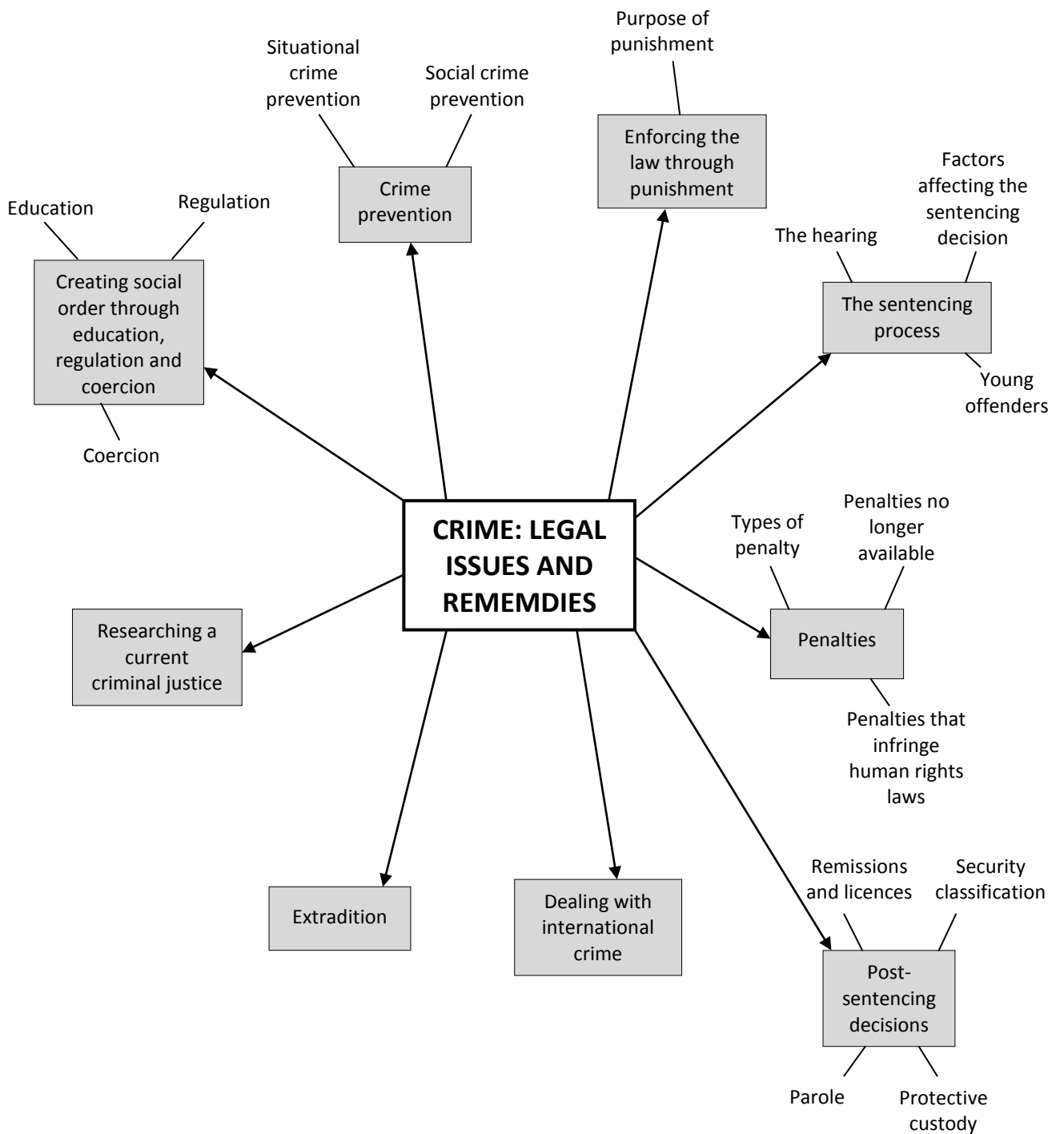




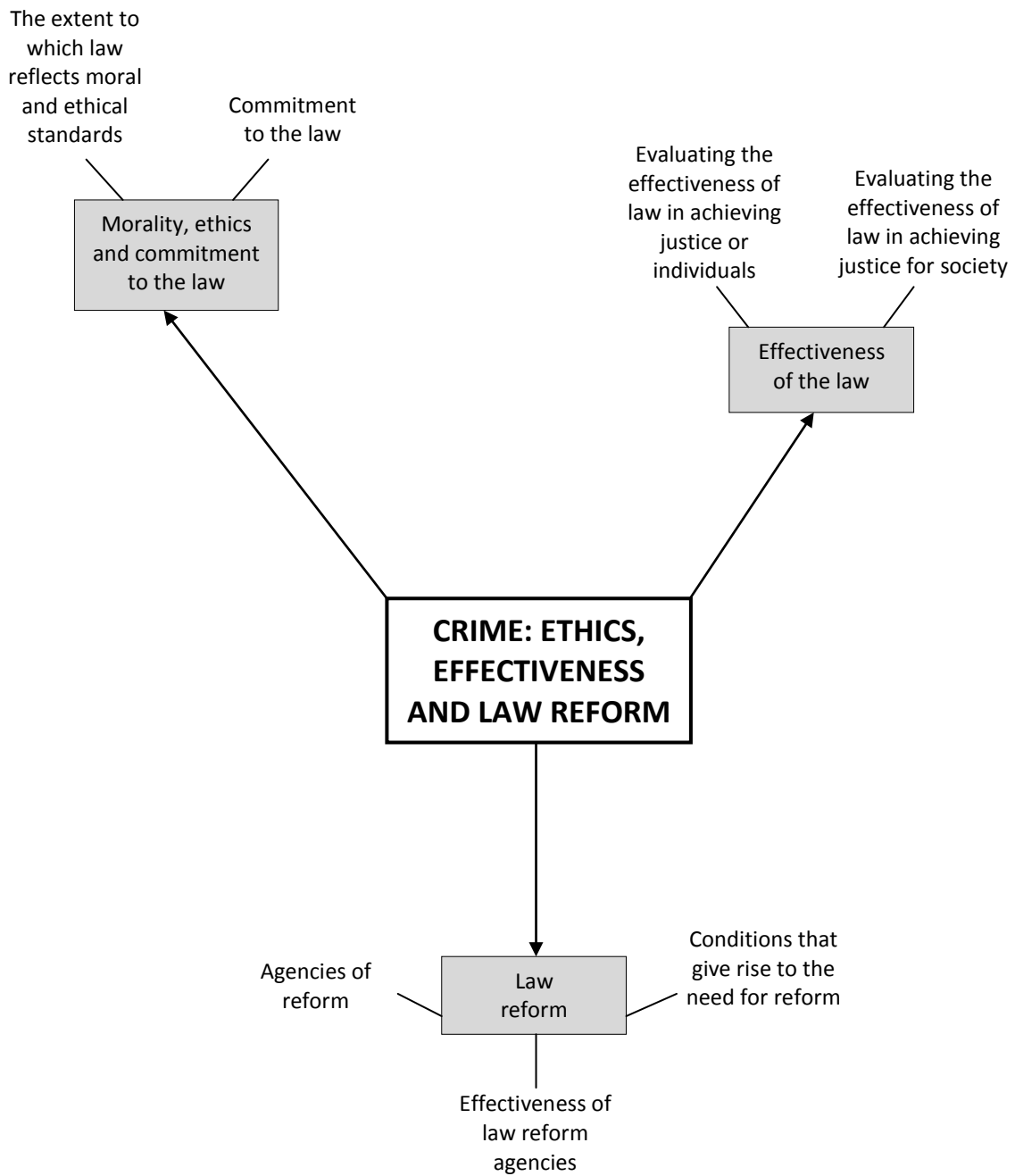
# CRIME: Key legal concepts and features of the legal system



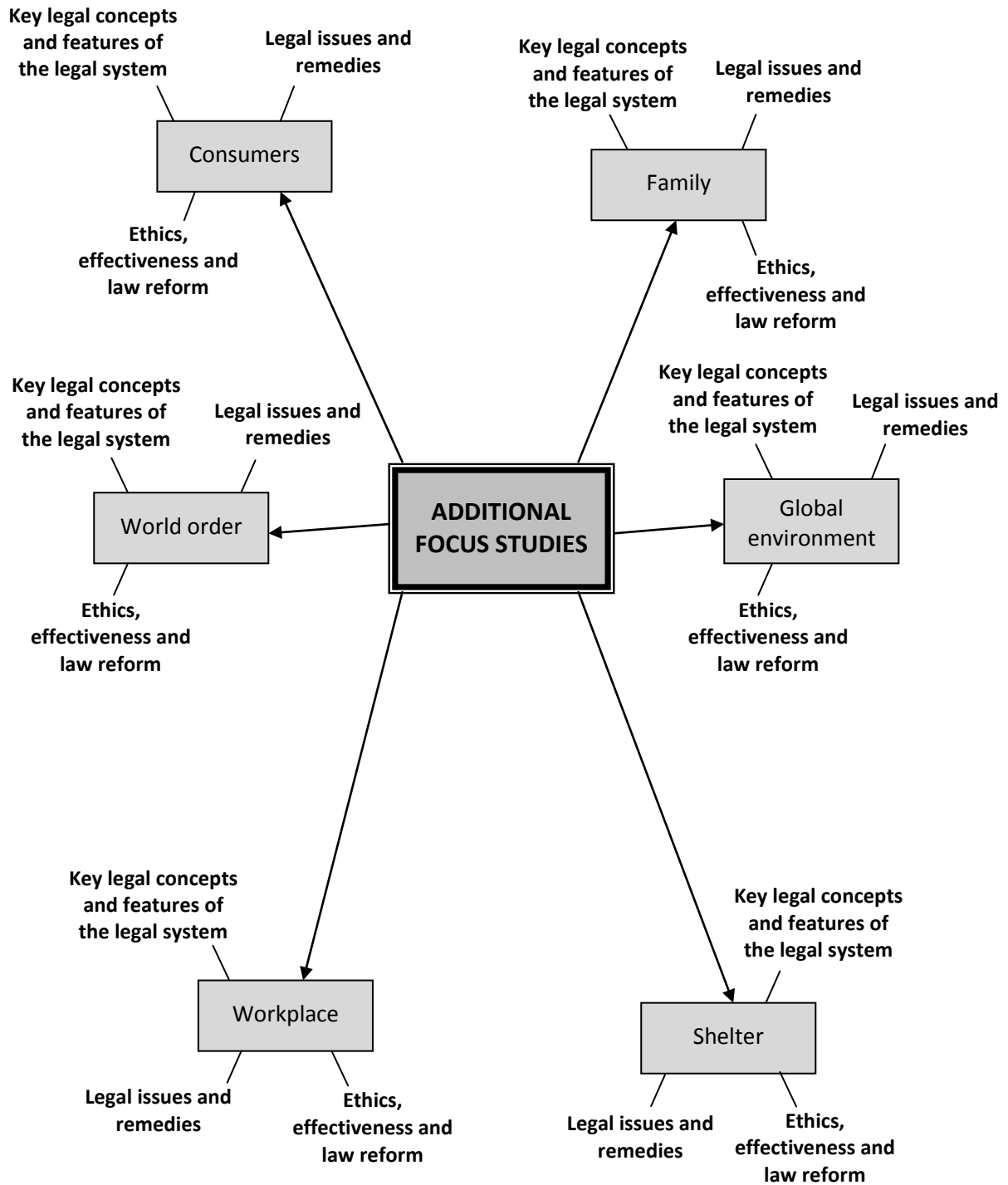
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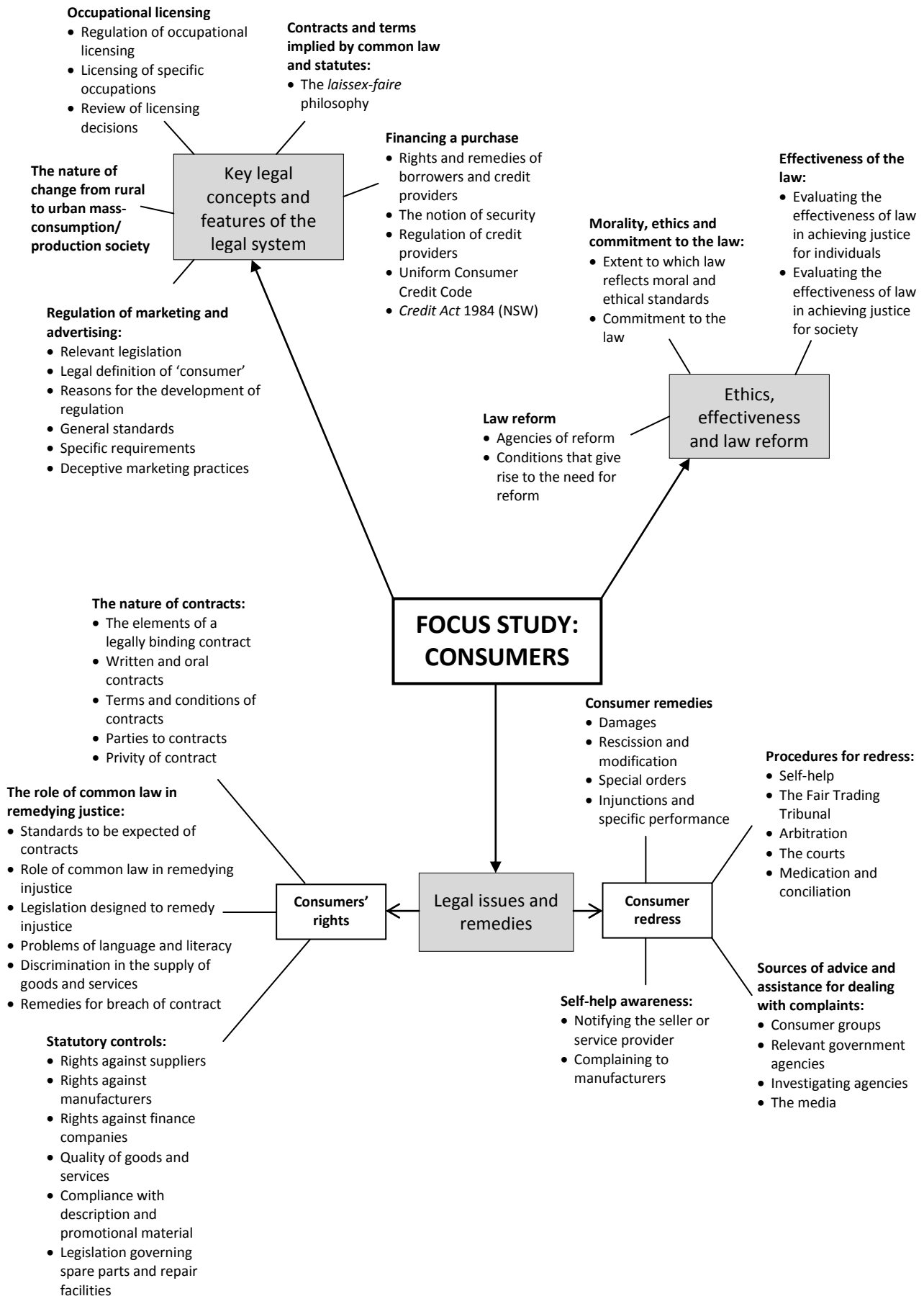
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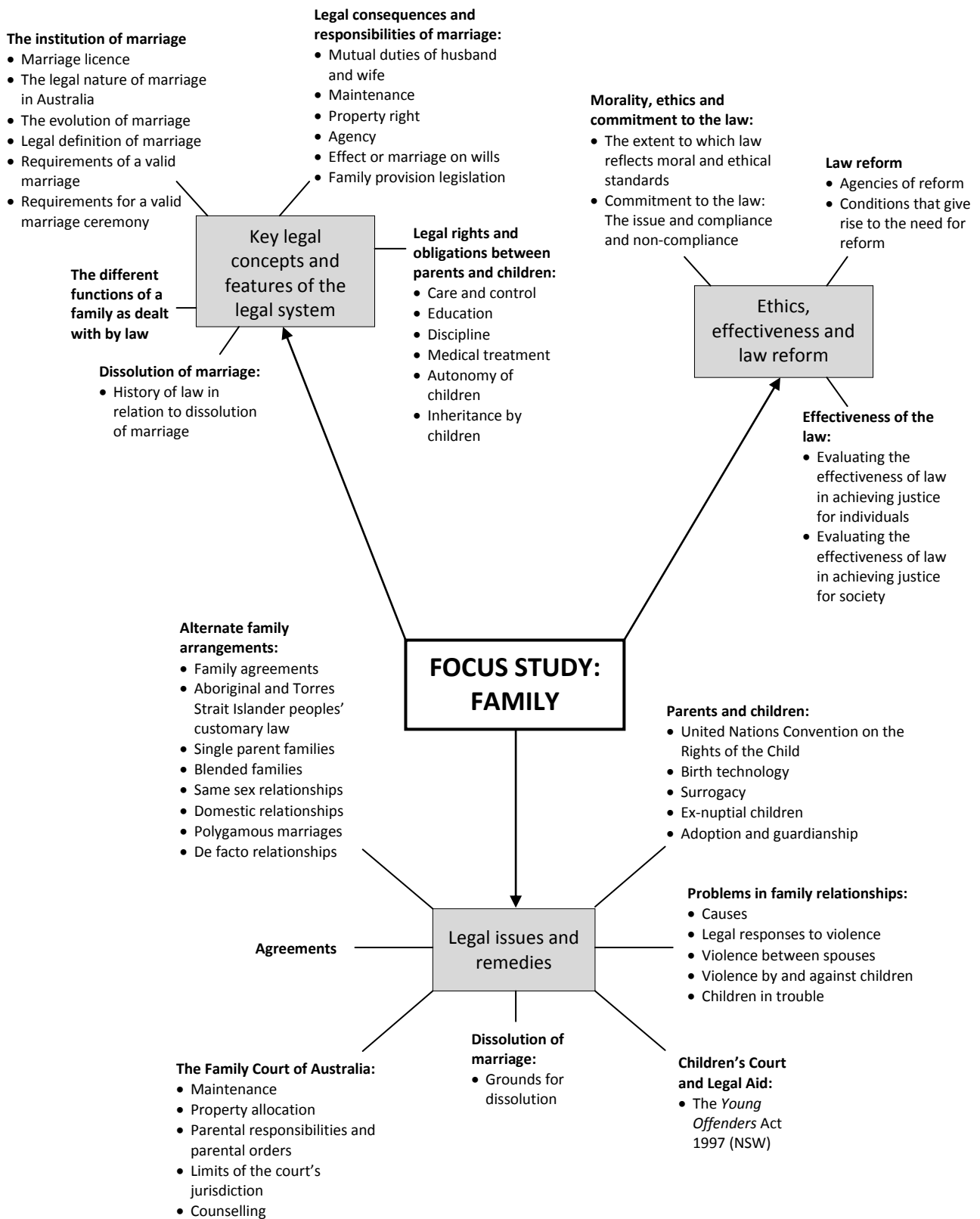
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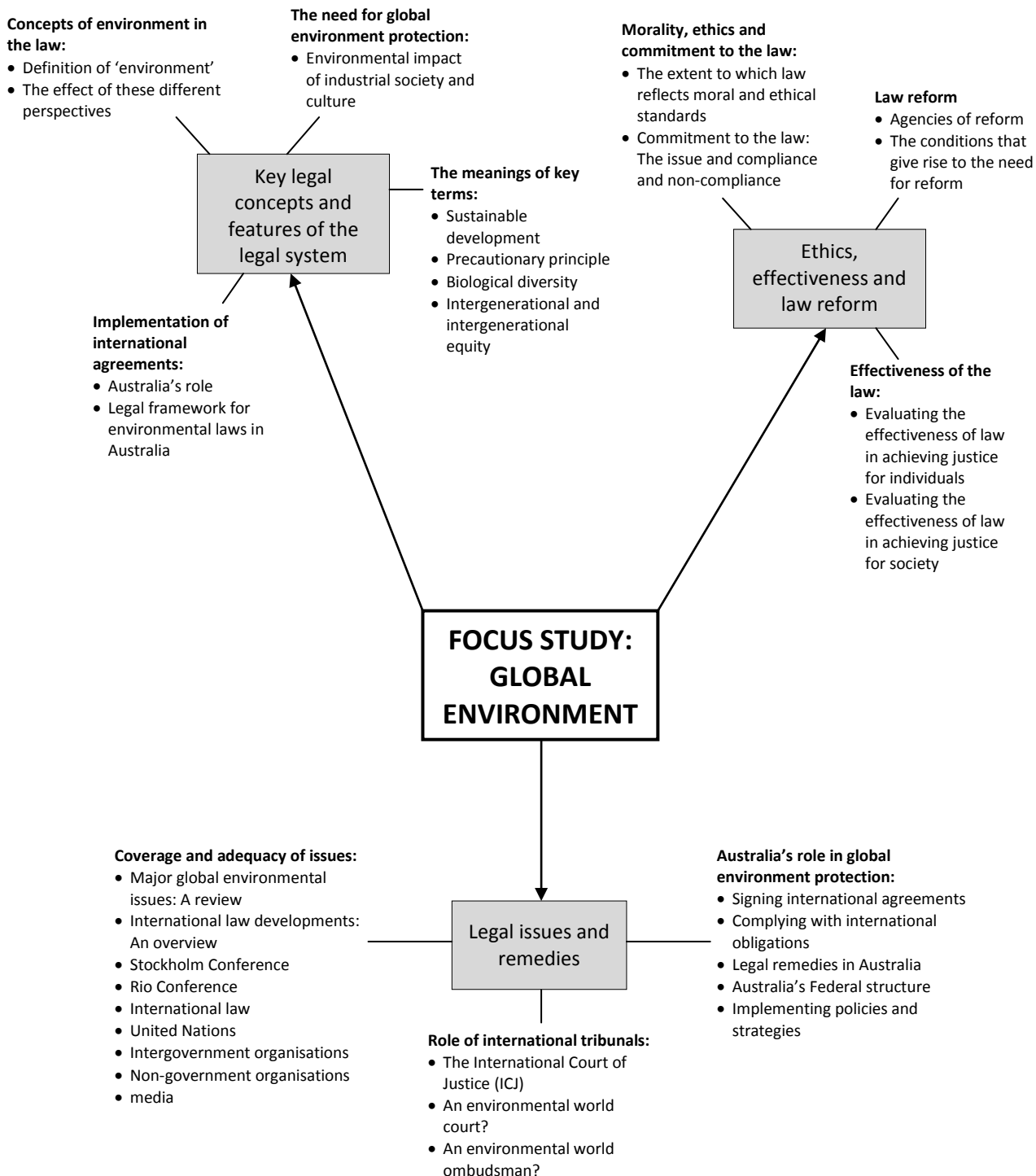
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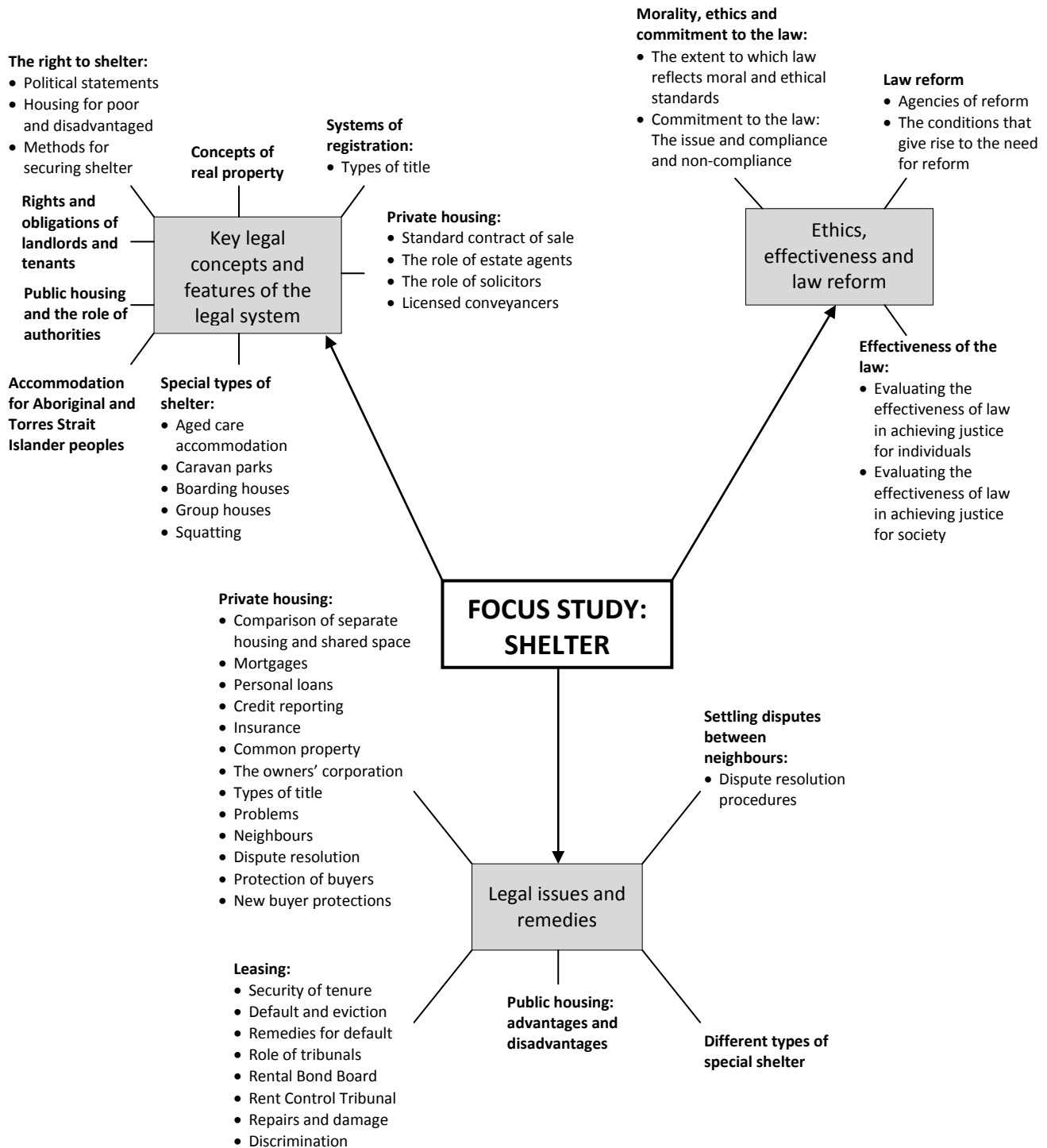
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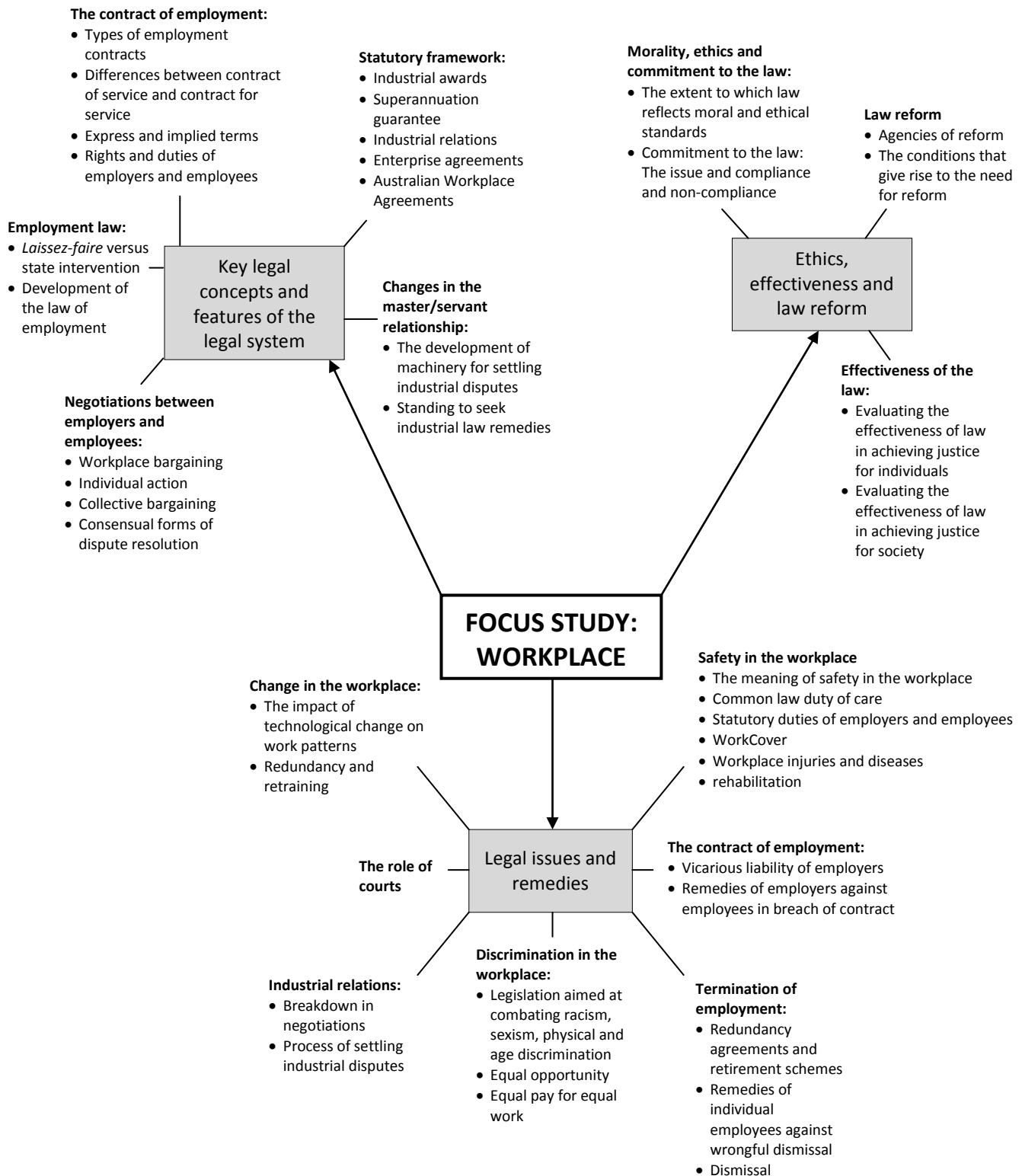


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# Focus Study 5: Workplace



## Focus Study 6: World order

