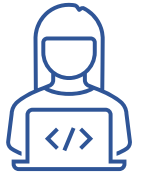


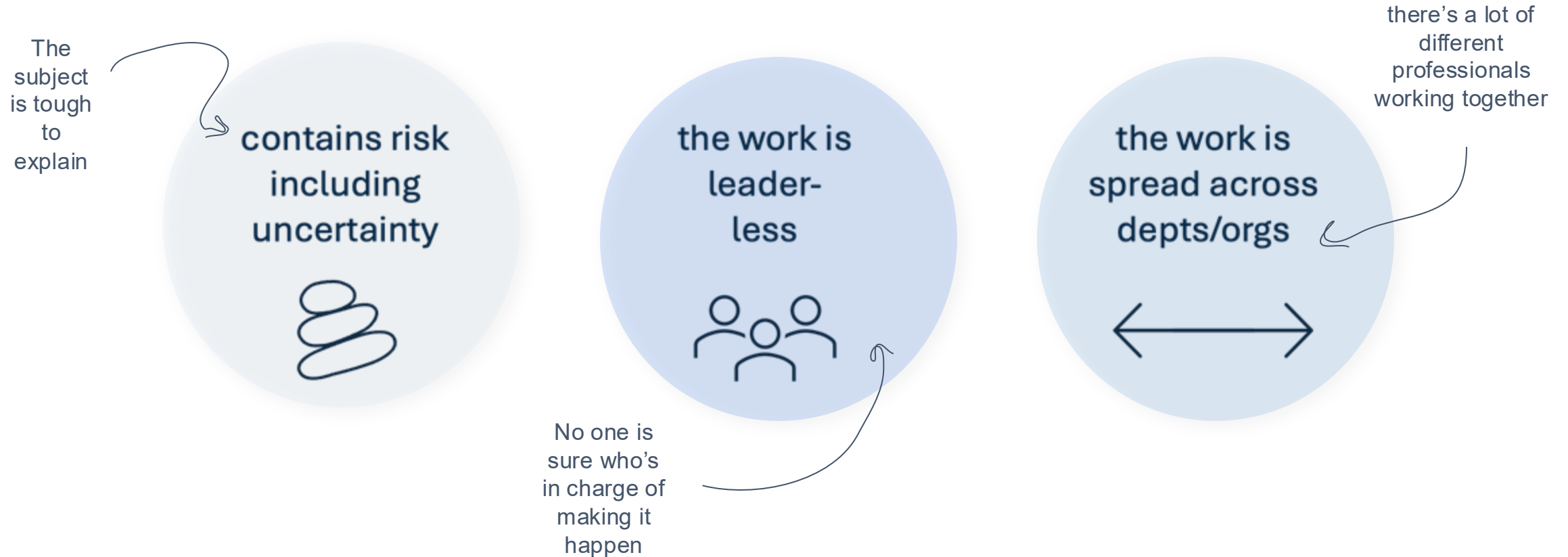
Climate Adaptation as a Complex Team Project



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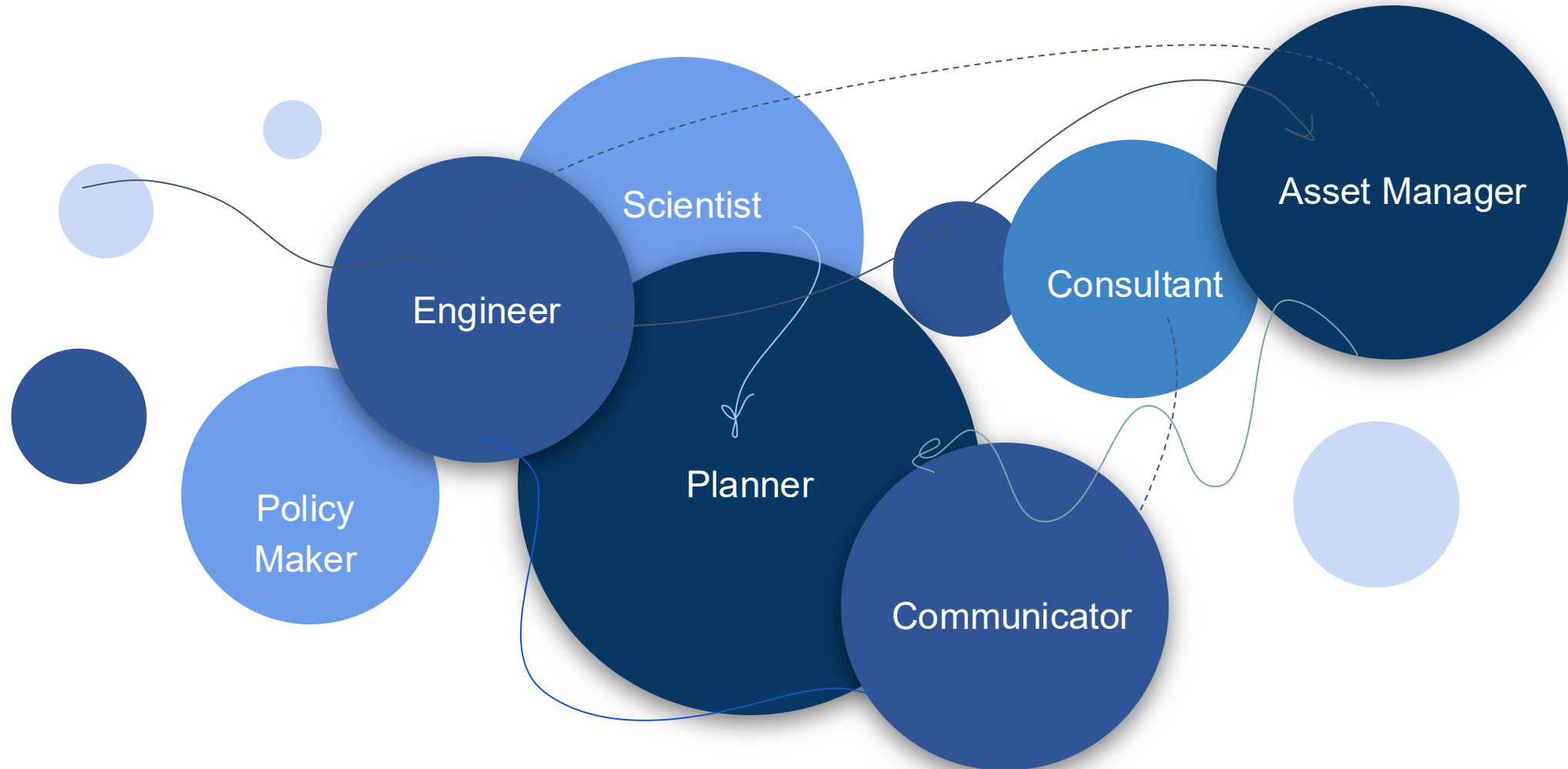
The Problem

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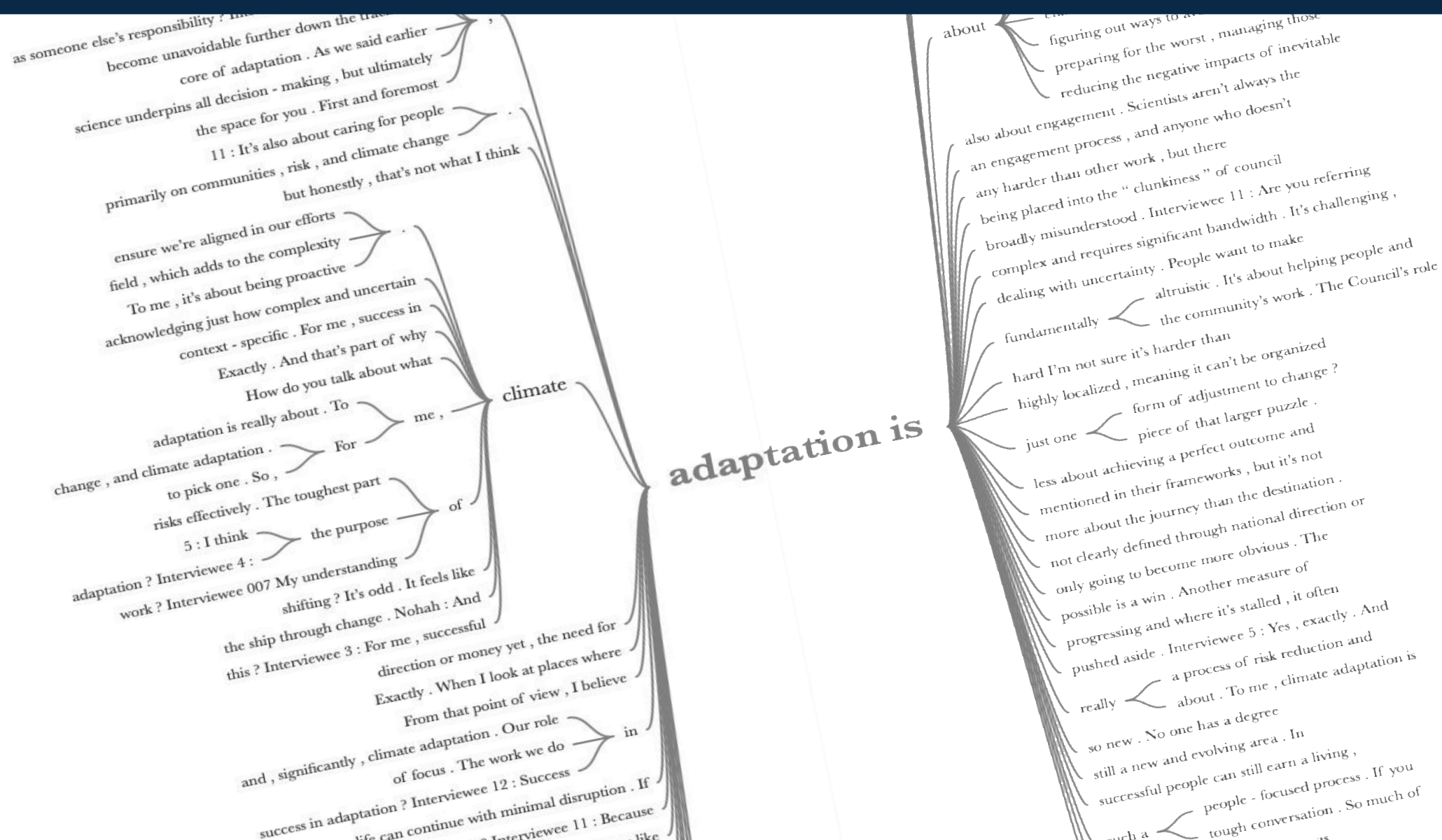
Research Method & Participants

Semi-Structured Interviews Across the Adaptation Ecosystem



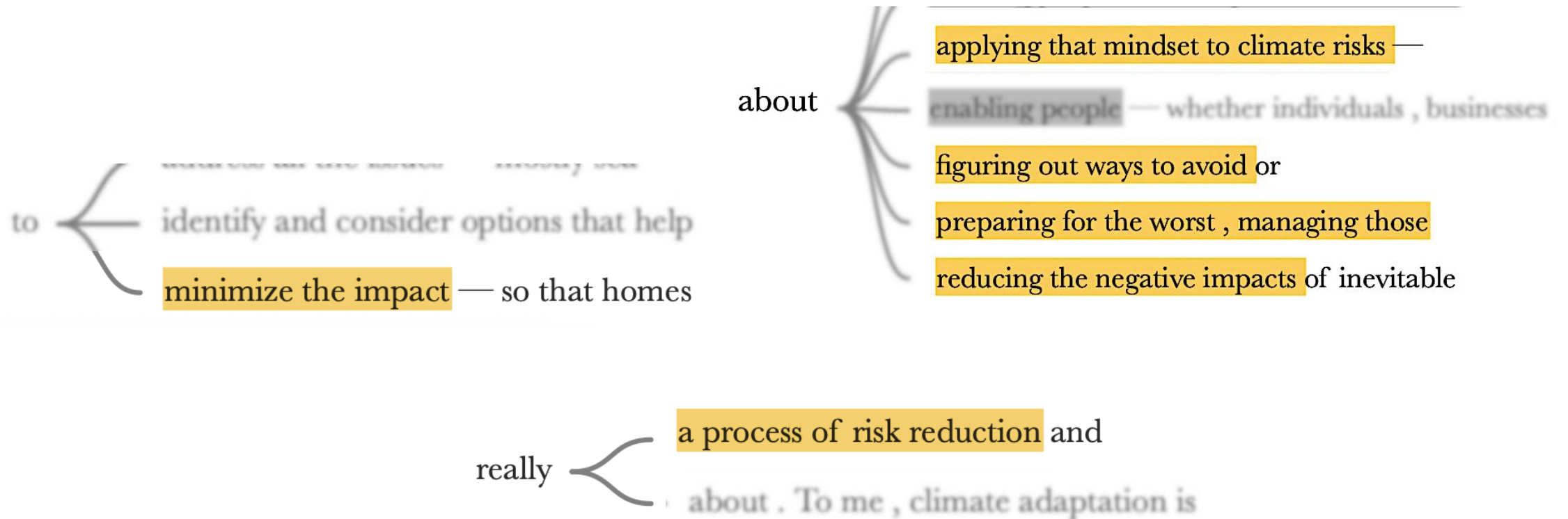
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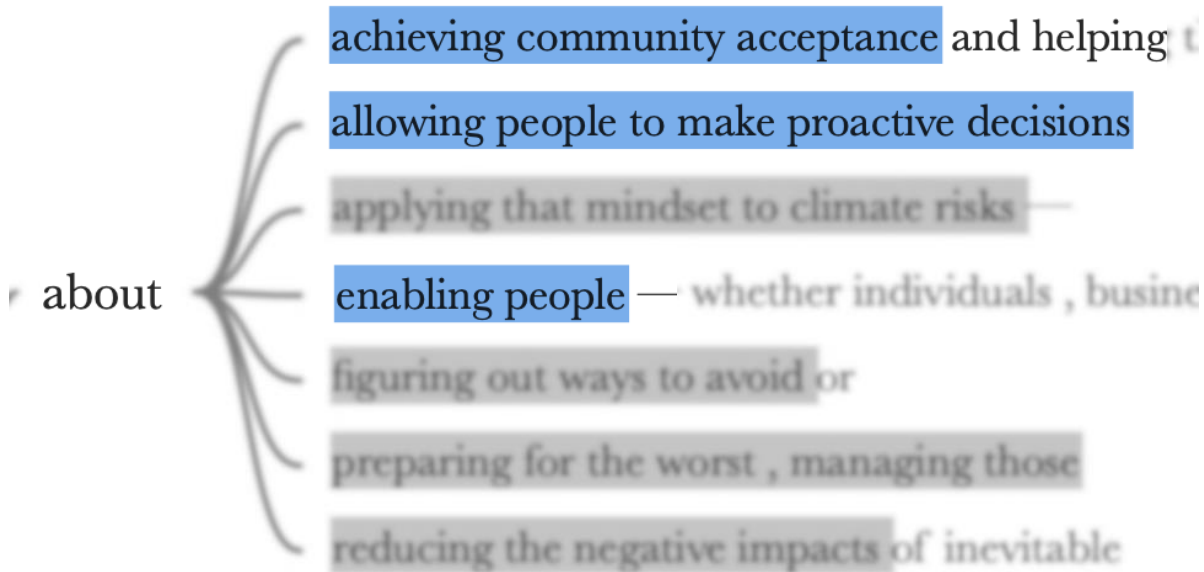
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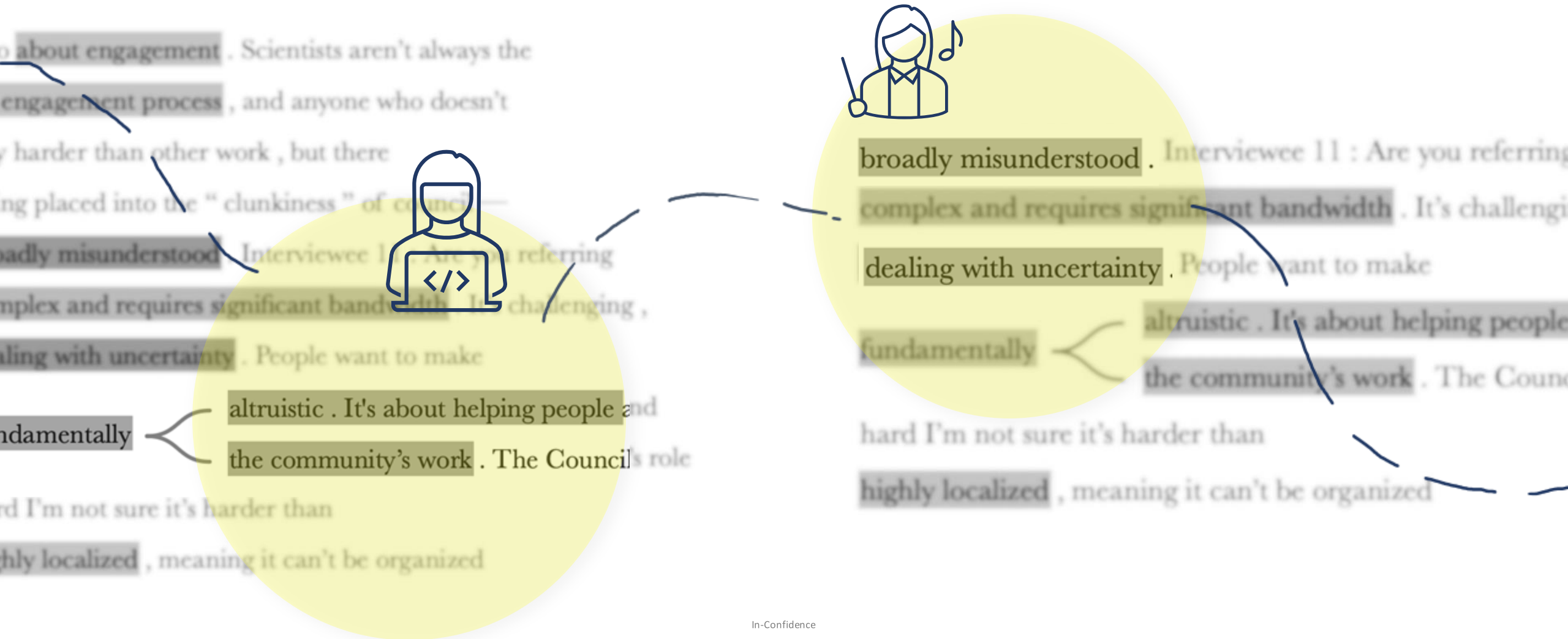
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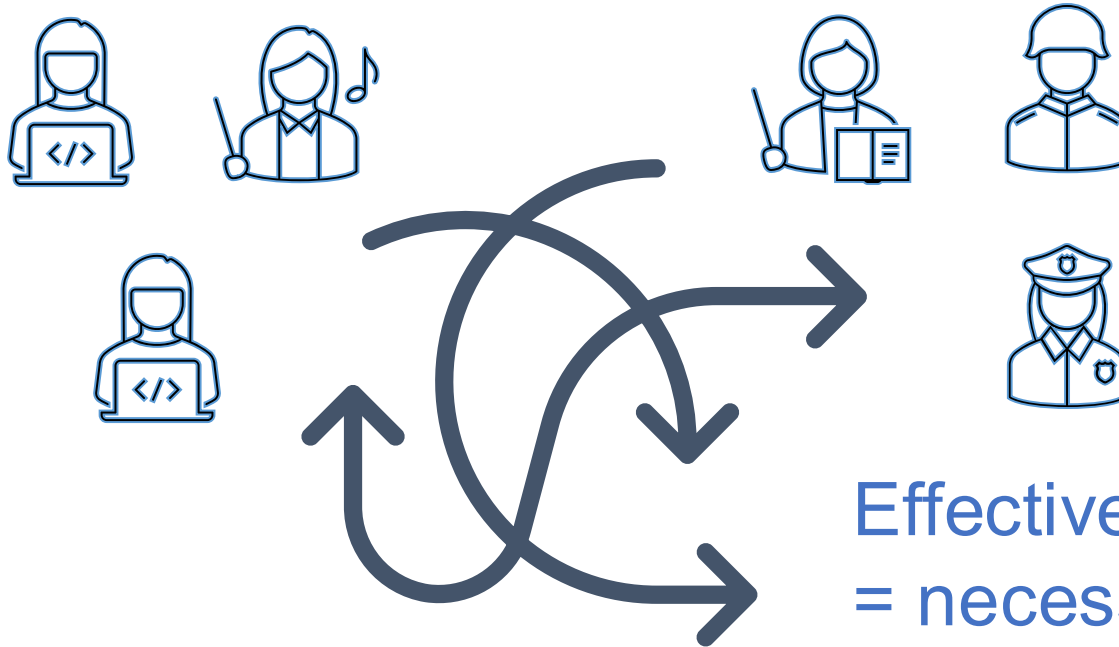
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The problem framing connection

Understanding Communication as Risk Coordination Work



Implications for Risk Governance



Effective internal communication
= necessary for adaptation

adaptation is fundamentally about managing uncertainty *together*

Inter-professional Communication as Central

How We Talk About Climate Adaptation Matters



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