

Synthesis of the socioprofessional workshops

Session 1 – Major challenges of China

Here are the themes that emerged from the Socio Professional Workshops.

China seems to be very conscious of the varied and rapid change occurring in different sectors of society, involving the economy, research and technology and domestic migration.

The country's political and institutional system – made up of government, companies and civil society- is trying to manage changes such as the rapid growth of the economy and urban sprawl. Despite this reaction, several imbalances still exist in the areas of law and institutional policy.

Even if some workshops are demanding political and social change in their specific fields, there is no global questioning of what China is today. The same applies to China's philosophical and cultural heritage, which is generally not highlighted. The young people's group has even stated that tradition and religion are sometimes rejected by Chinese youth.

There is a general consensus that China is going through what could be called a “transition period”. This might be the key word. Even though change is occurring rapidly, all the workshops underlined that China needs time to adapt to this new context.

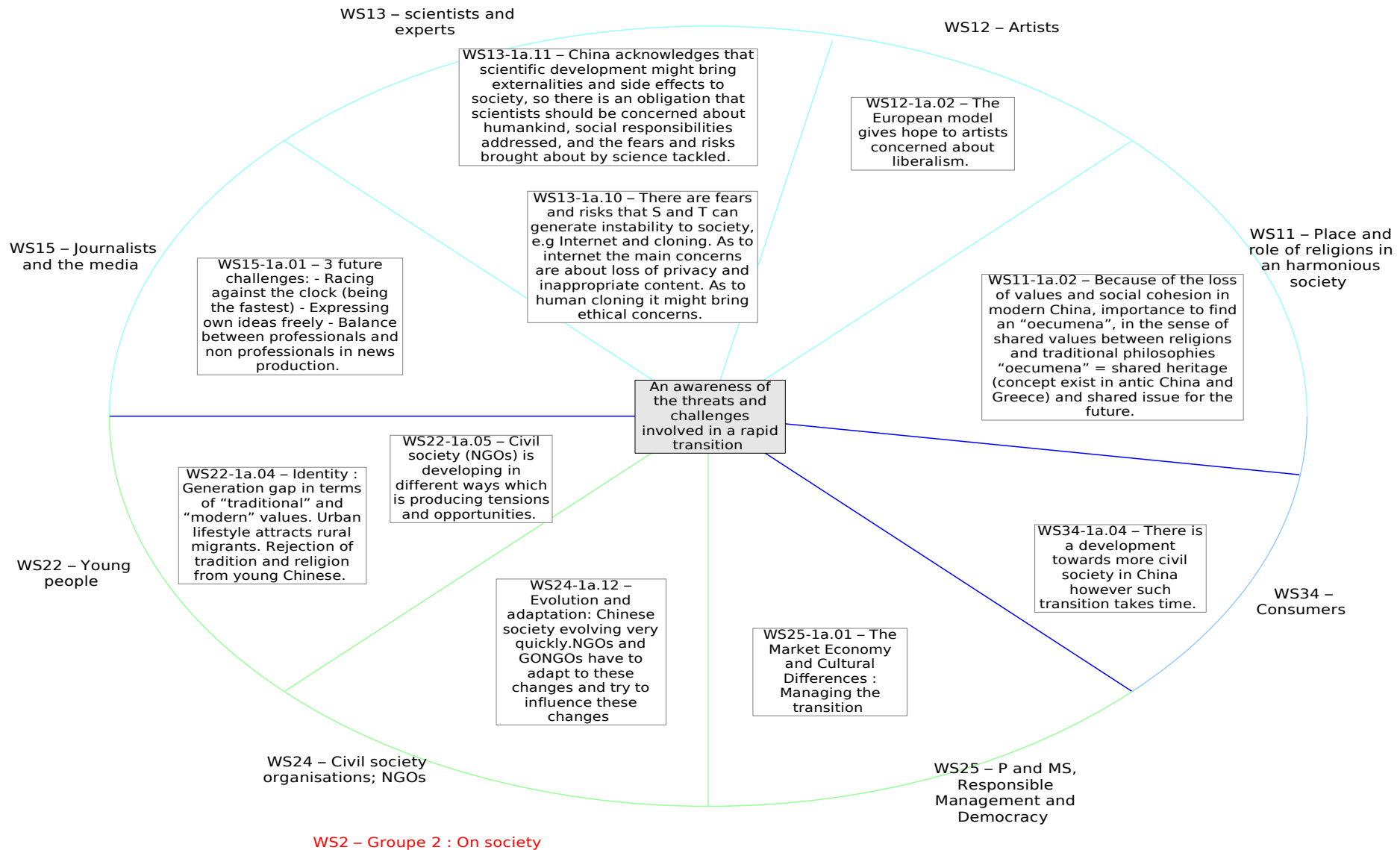
Several workshops highlighted a demand to effectively protect the rights of underprivileged sectors of the population, the most vulnerable being women, peasants, migrants and unskilled workers.

Another interesting point is that, aside from remarks made in certain workshops, the drive for political and cultural renewal remains focused on domestic issues. While Europeans are interested in what is occurring inside China and what role China may play in a global context, there is no unified vision from the Chinese side of what this role could be. Intercultural dialogue between Europe and China is welcomed, but there is a feeling that opportunities have been missed in terms of China's relationship with the world.

Session one – main themes:

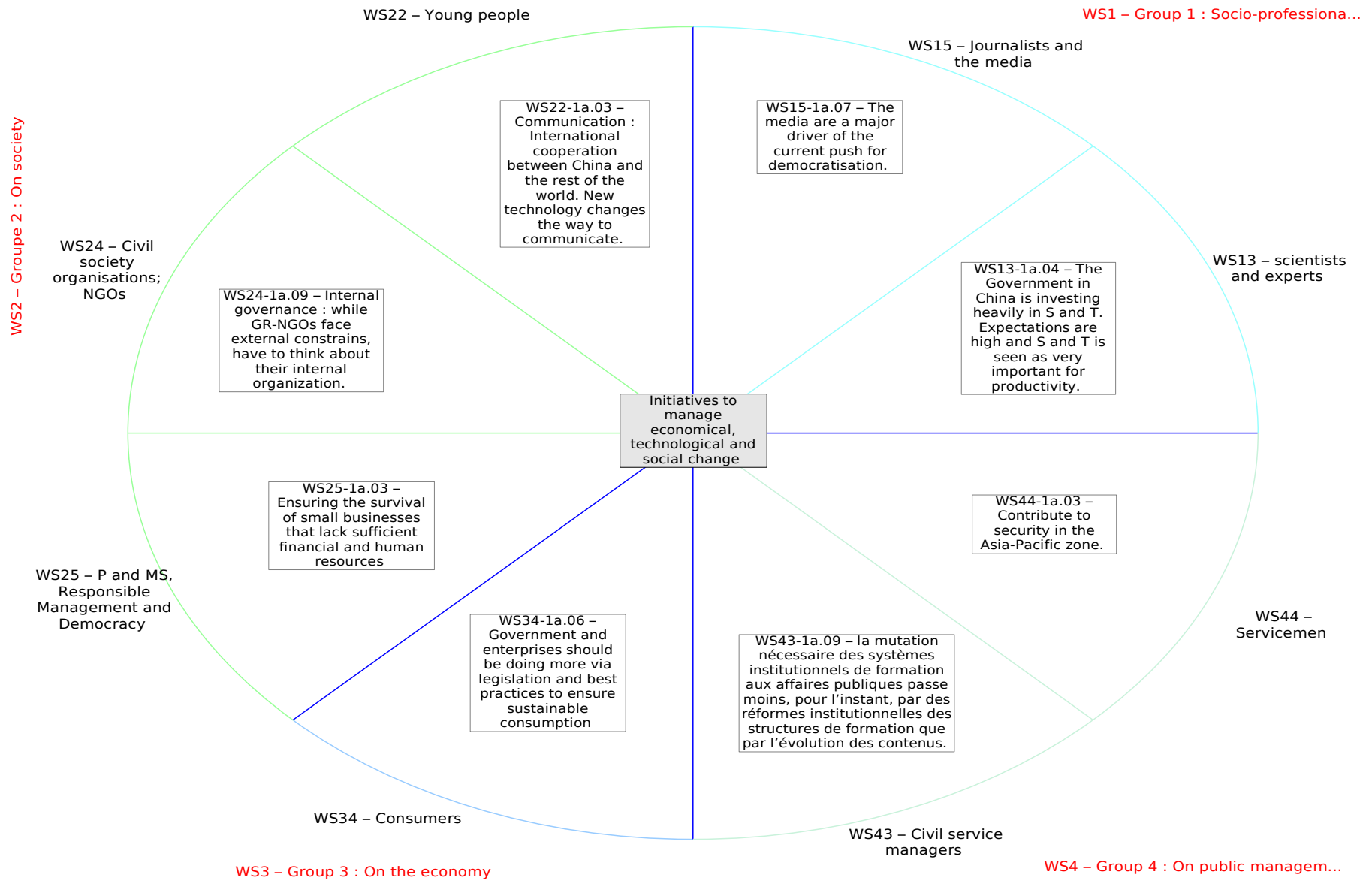
- An awareness of the threats and challenges involved in a rapid transition.
- Initiatives to manage economical, technological and social change.
- Institutional reform for new economic and social trends.
- The demand to protect the rights of underprivileged sectors of the population.
- The renewal of Politics: rebuilding governance.
- Intercultural dialogue and missed opportunities.

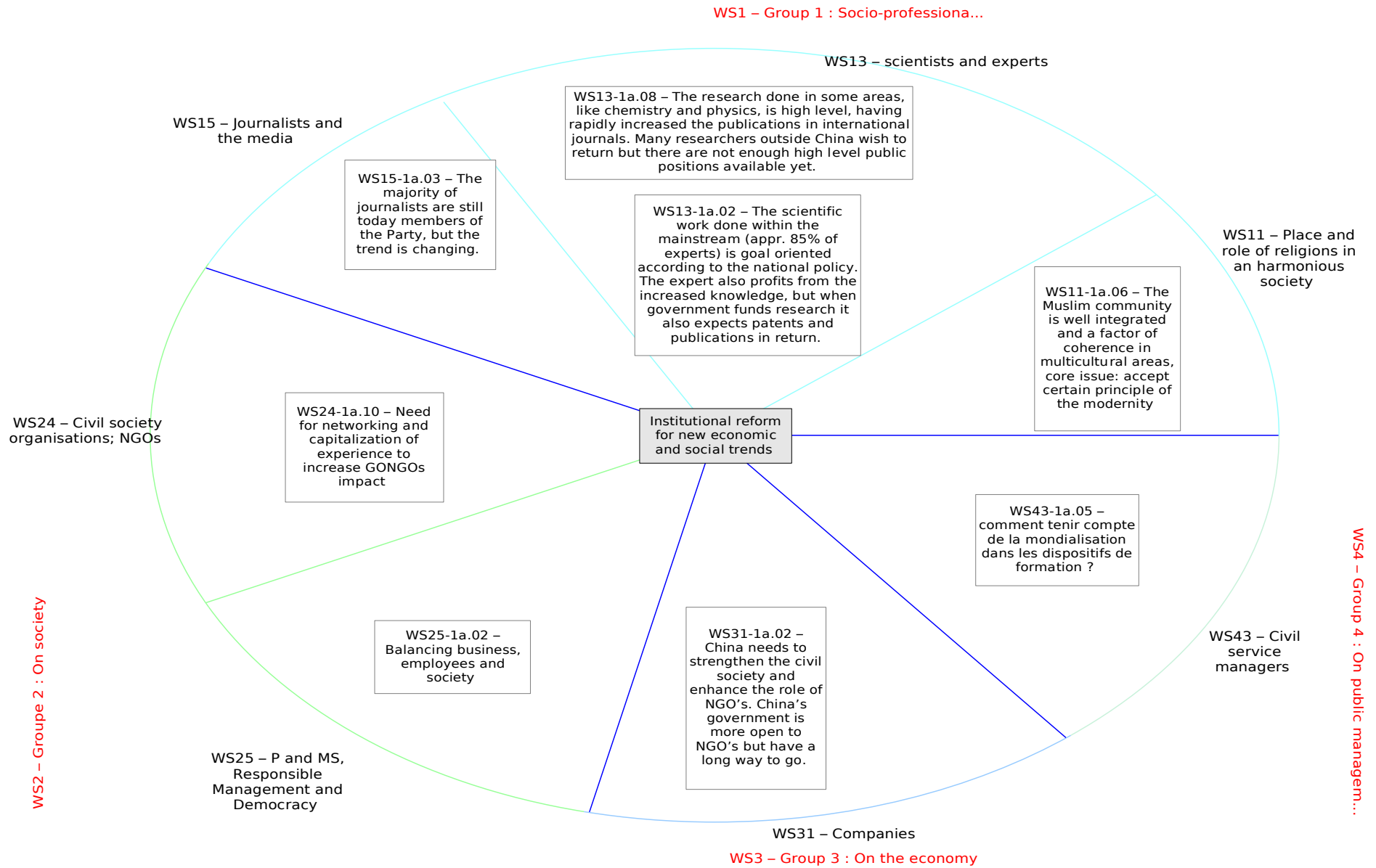
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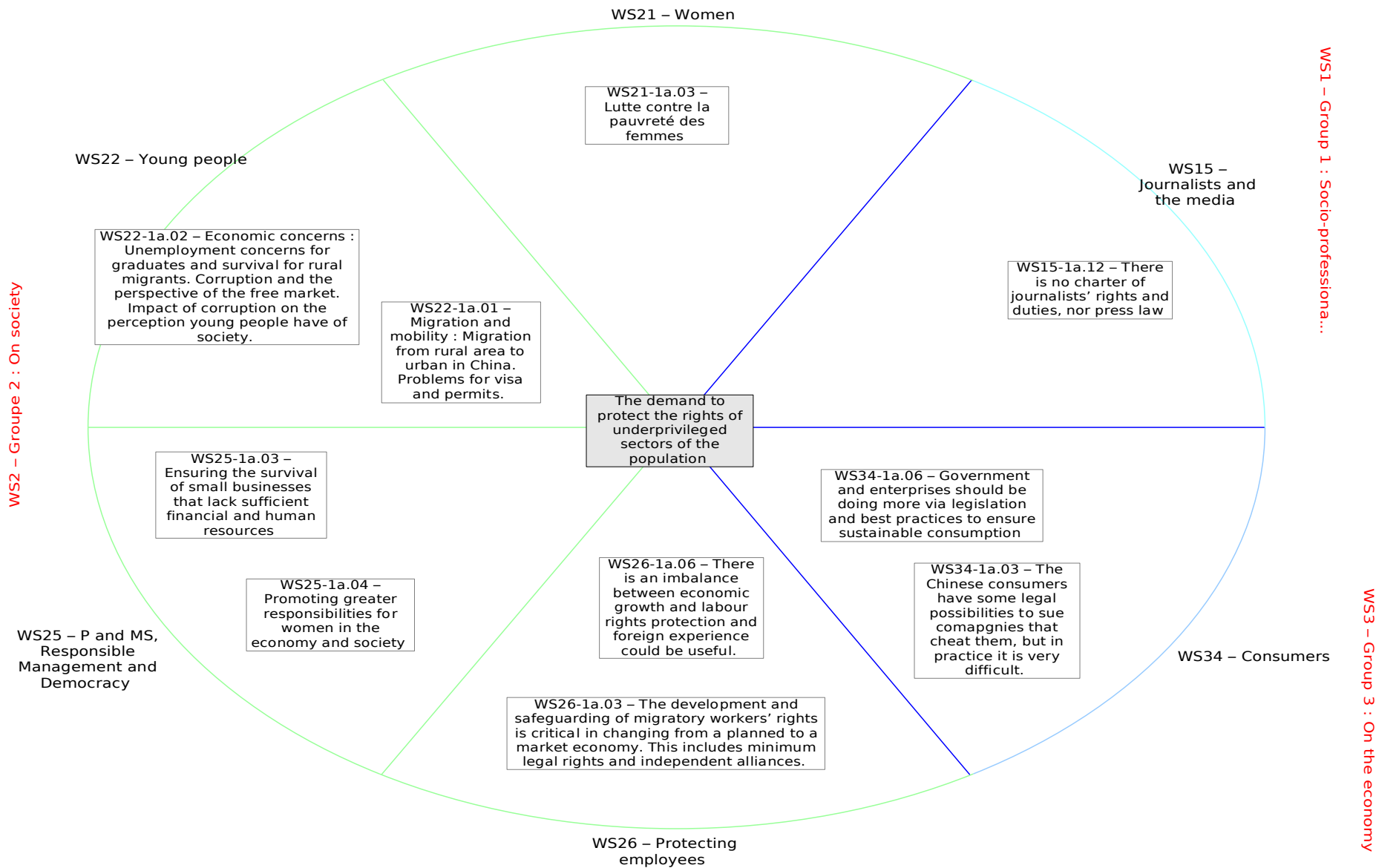


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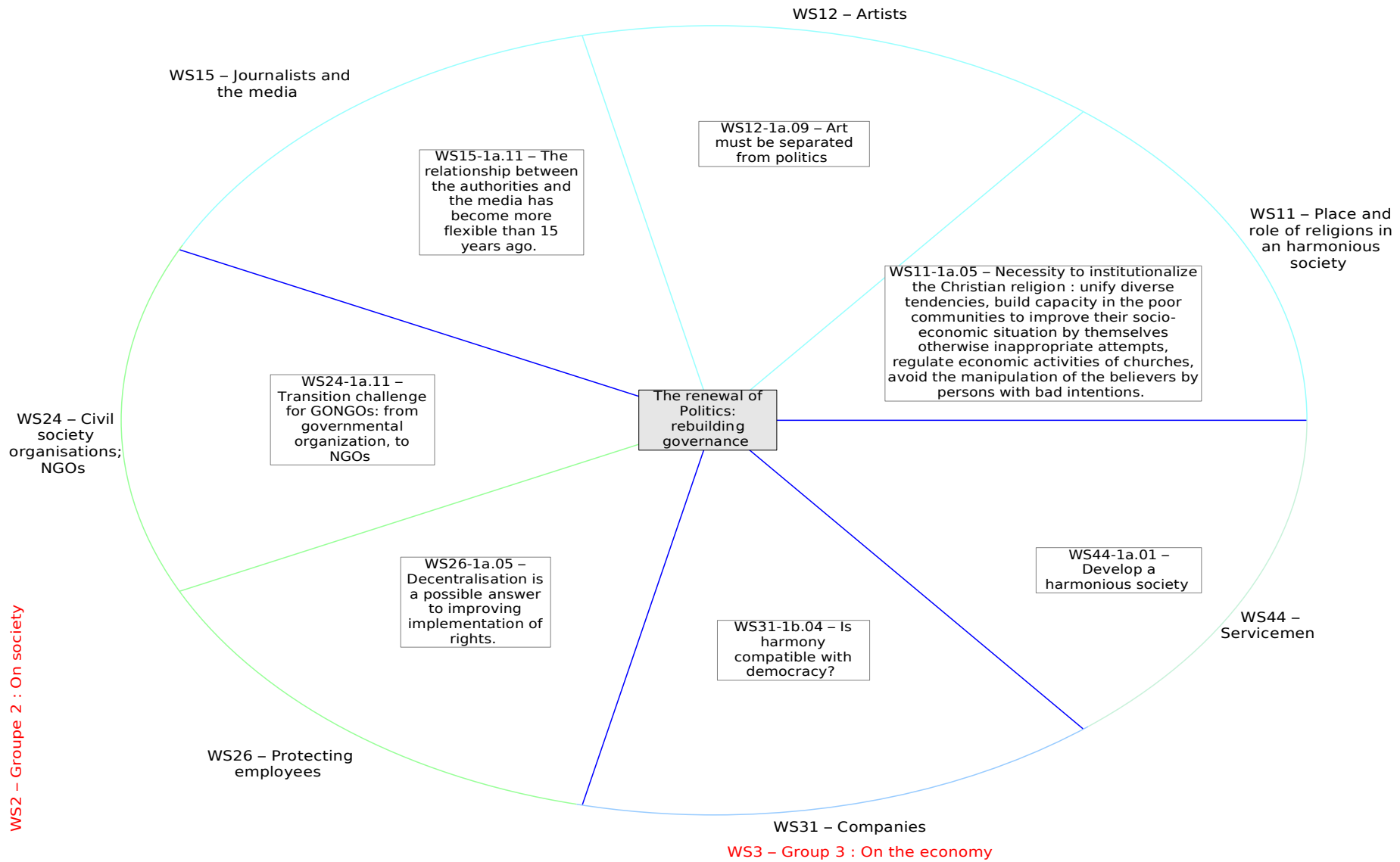
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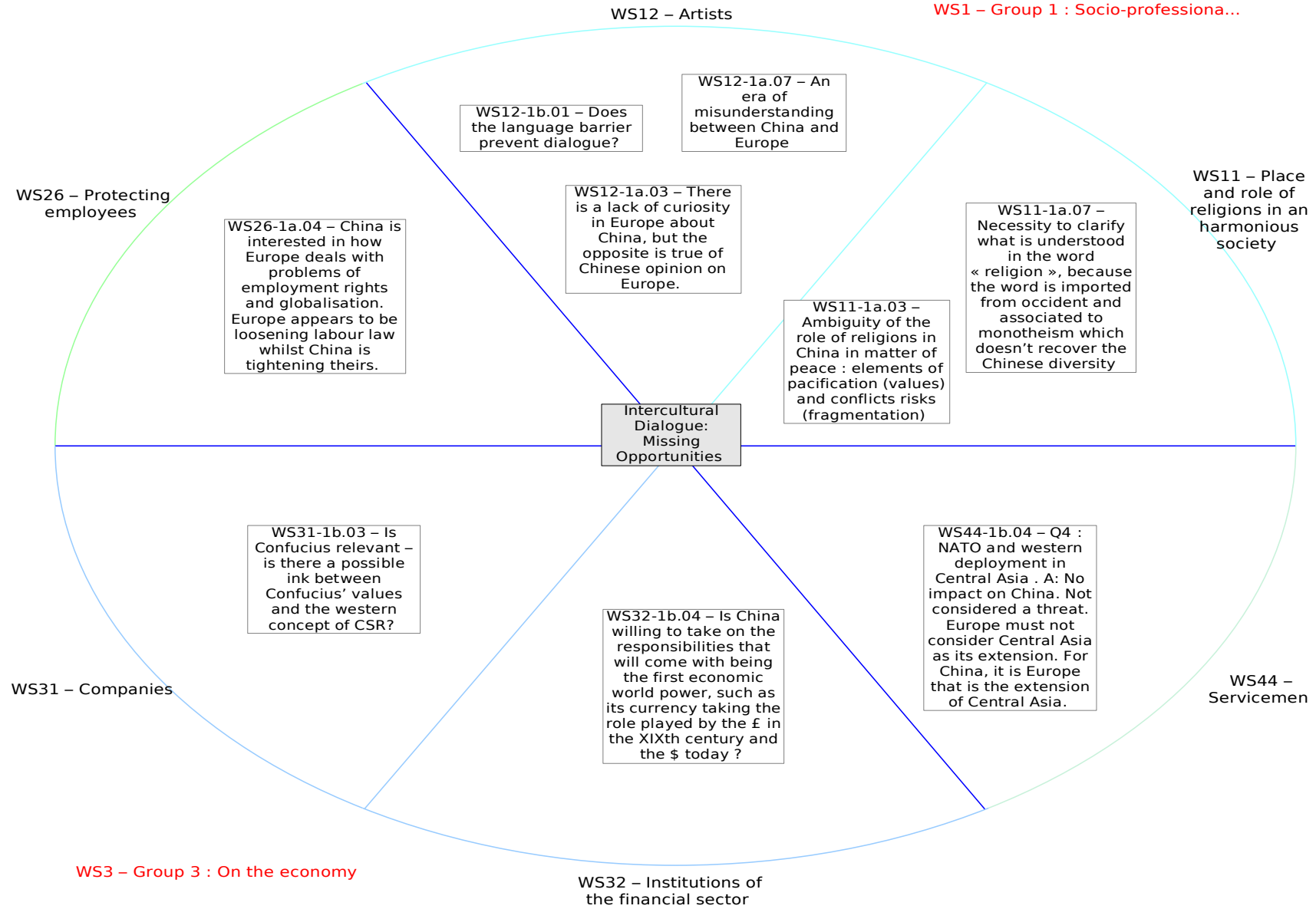


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