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Environmental Migration Governance

Think Globally, Act Locally?

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Five scenarios of environmental migration (Kälin, 2010)

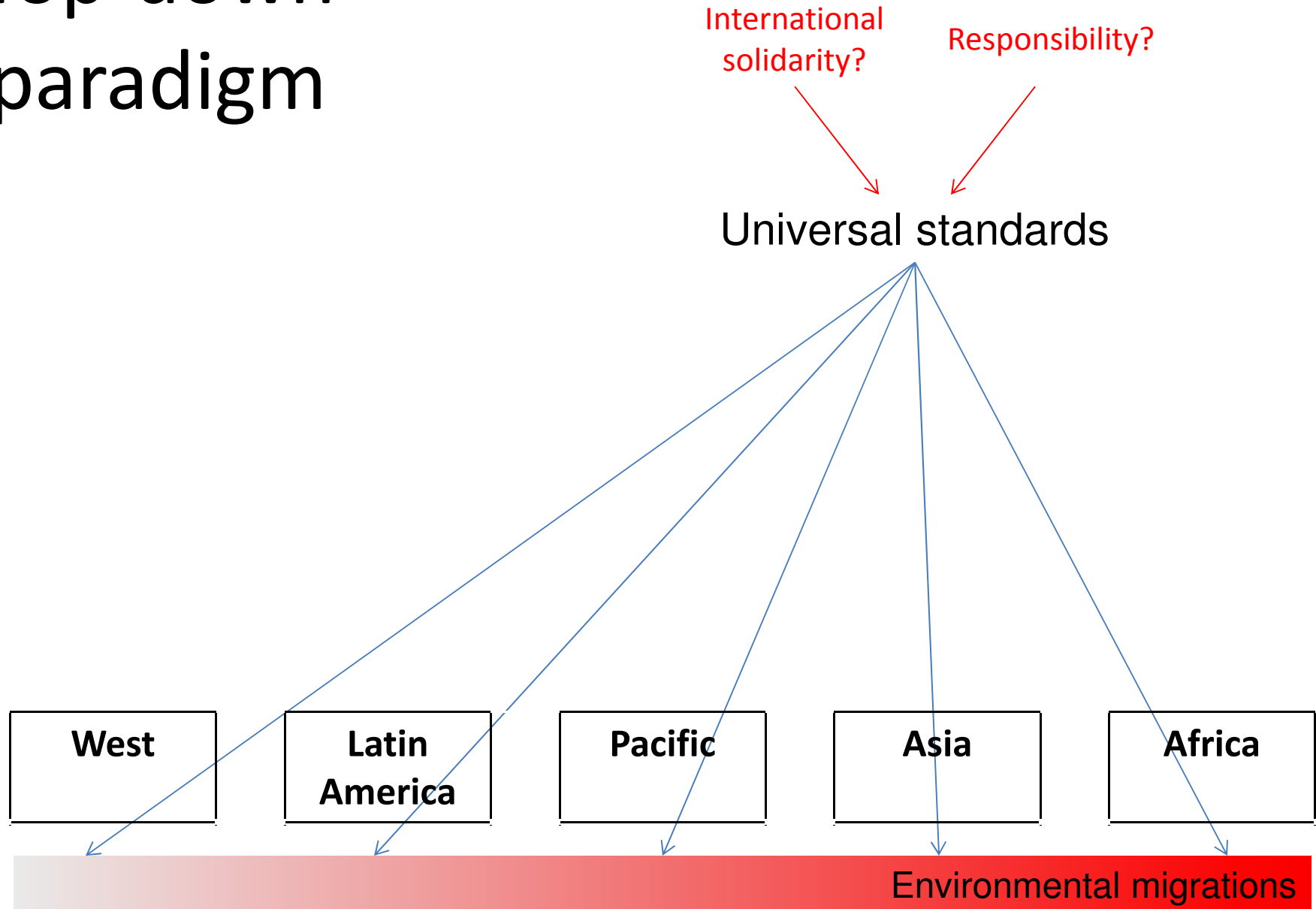
1. Sudden-onset disasters
2. Slow-onset environmental degradation
3. 'Sinking' small island states
4. Areas designated by governments
5. Unrest, violence, conflicts

Mostly internal (except scenario 3).

Existing or new laws?

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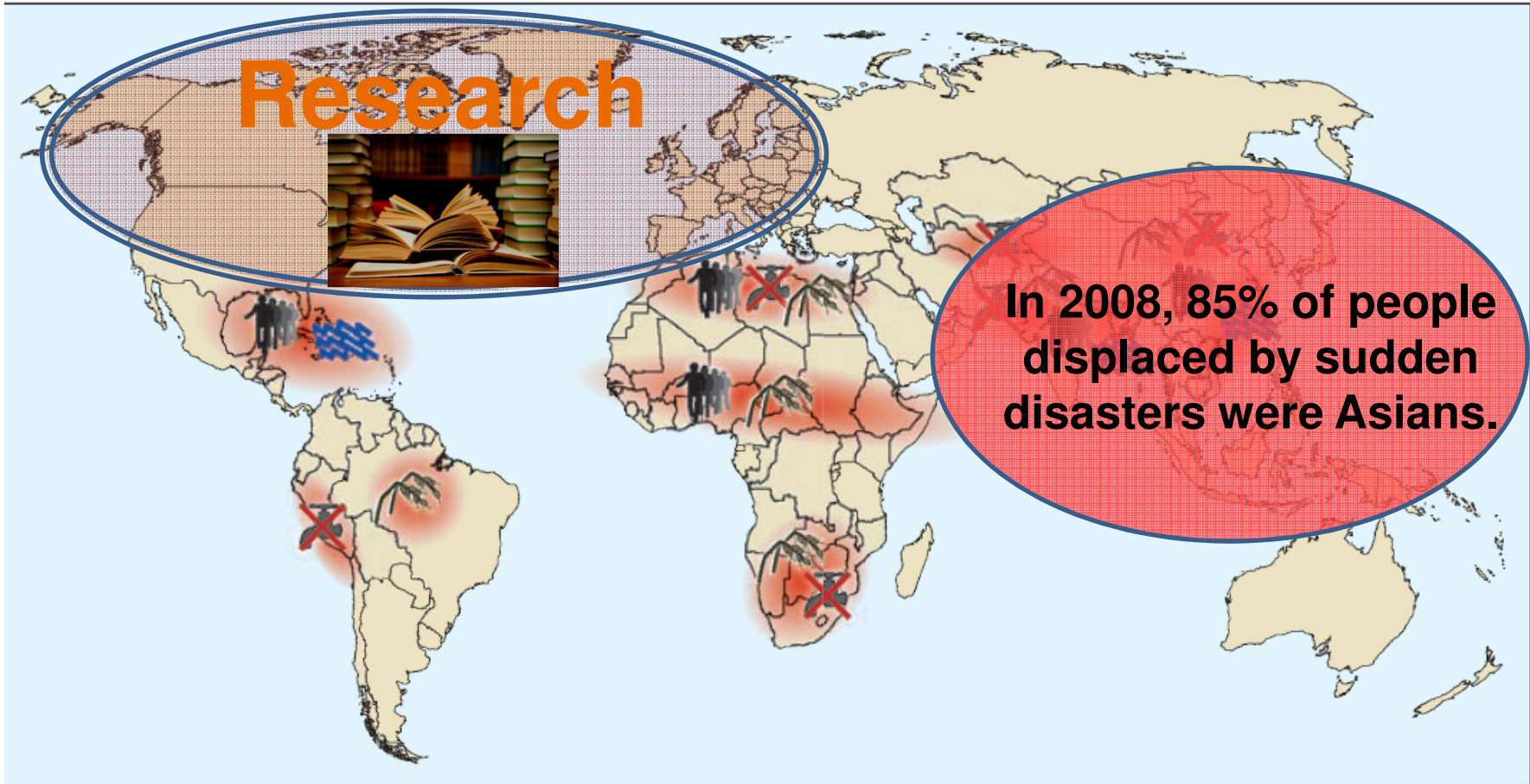
Top-down paradigm





By whom?

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Conflict constellations in selected hotspots



Climate-induced degradation of freshwater resources



Climate-induced decline in food production



Hotspot



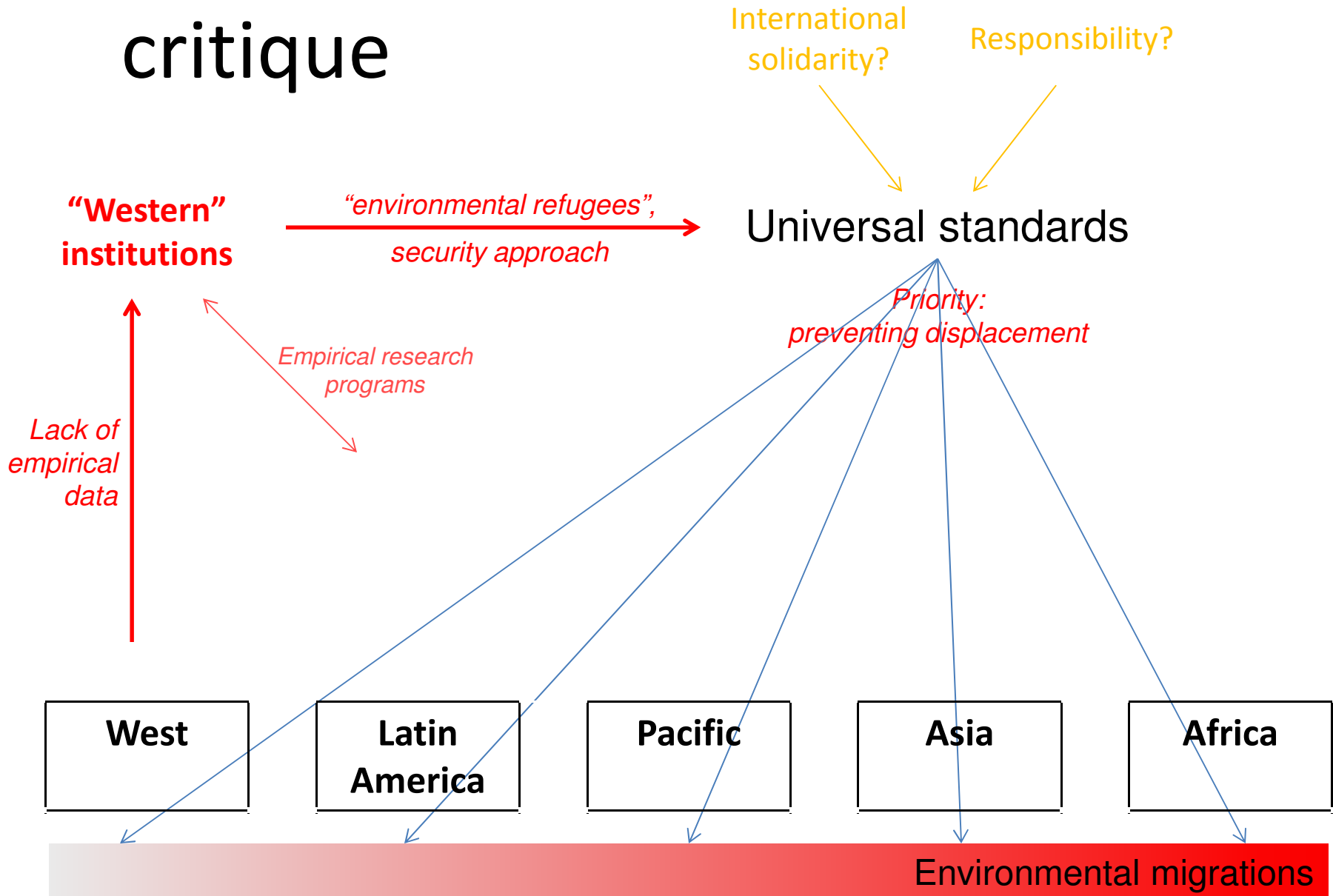
Climate-induced increase in storm and flood disasters



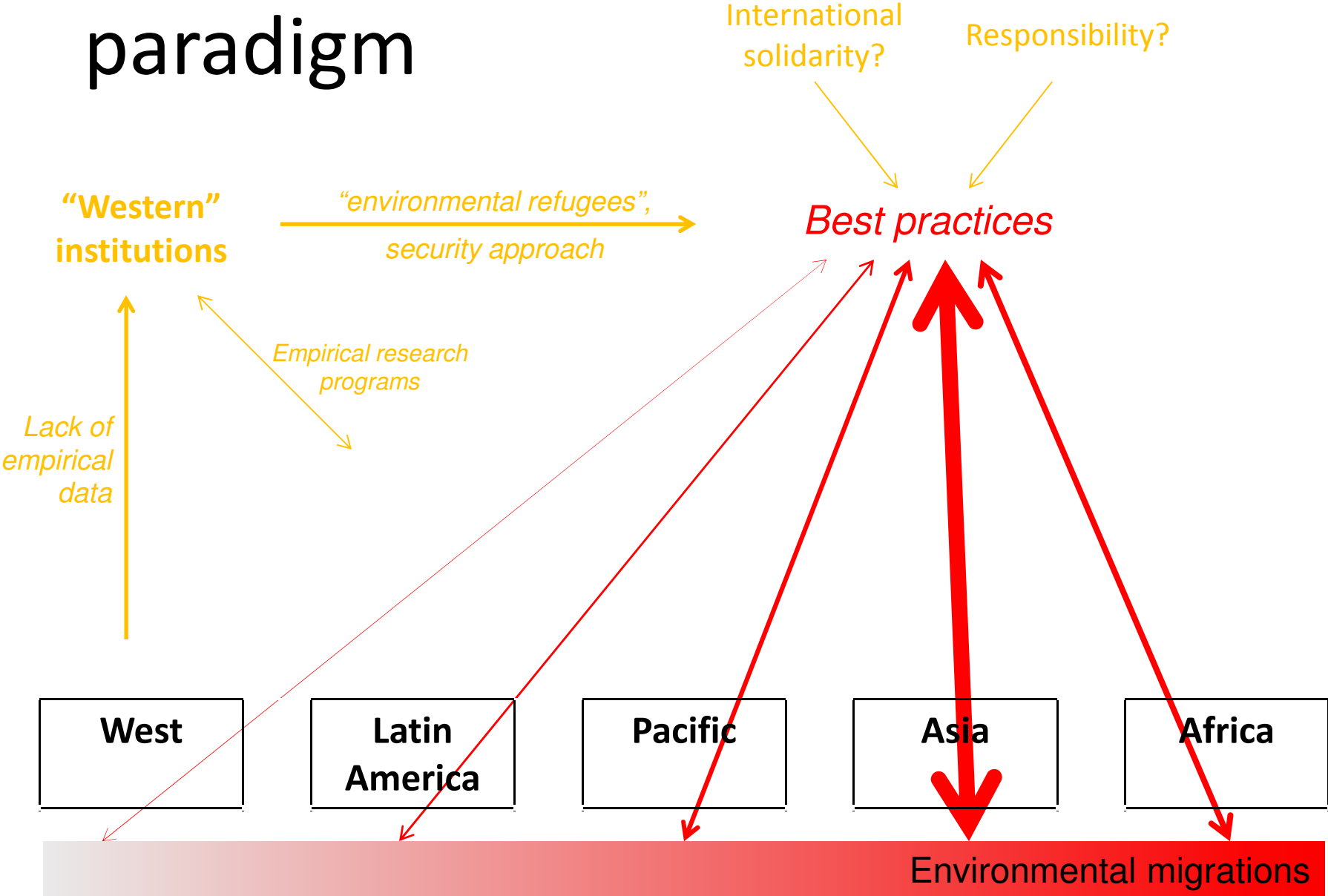
Environmentally-induced migration

Adapted from German Advisory Council on Global Change, 2008

Post-colonial critique



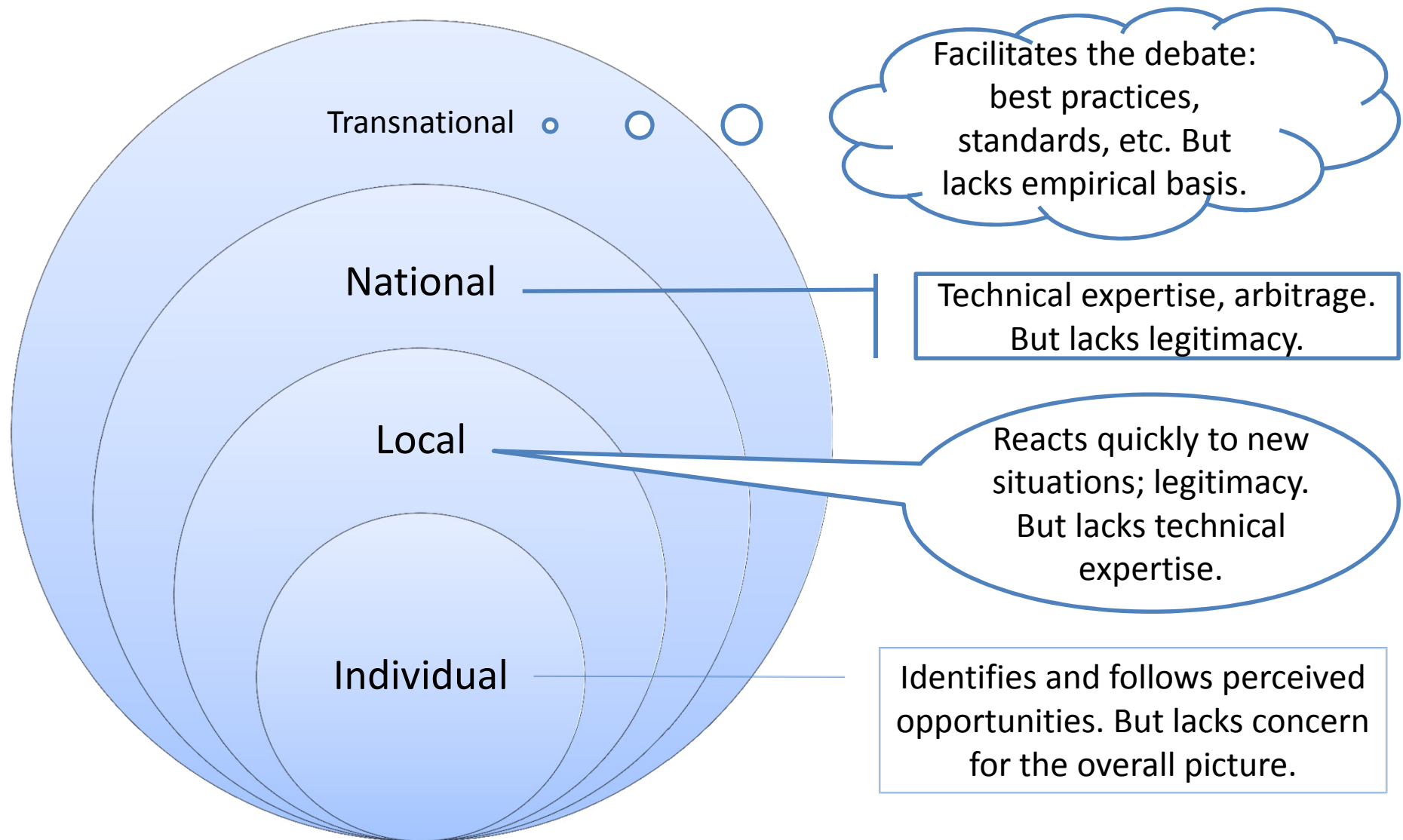
Participative paradigm



Planning globally, acting locally

- Plenty of lessons from past resettlement.
 - Tonga tribe relocated as part of the Kariba dam project: **disbelief toward British colonists**. (Howarth, *The Shadow of the Dam*, 1961)
 - Transmigration in Indonesia: **role of the receiving communities**. (e.g. Hugo, 2011)
 - Dhaka city: **misdevelopment**.

Conceiving multilayer decision-making



Challenges for Local Governments

Decisions at the place of departure	Decisions at the place of arrival
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adaptive strategy: staying or leaving (or something in between).- (If need be), defining a migratory strategy: prohibition, restriction, authorization, encouragement, or compulsion; individual or collective; where to; when; what public support, etc.- Who decides? Majority vs. minority and individual rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Allowing immigration: rational or emotional approaches.- Respecting immigrants: rights-based vs. economic approach.- Integrating immigrants: assimilation or incorporation, or juxtaposition.- Recognizing immigrants' identity: collective representation, collective rights.

Thank you for your attention!