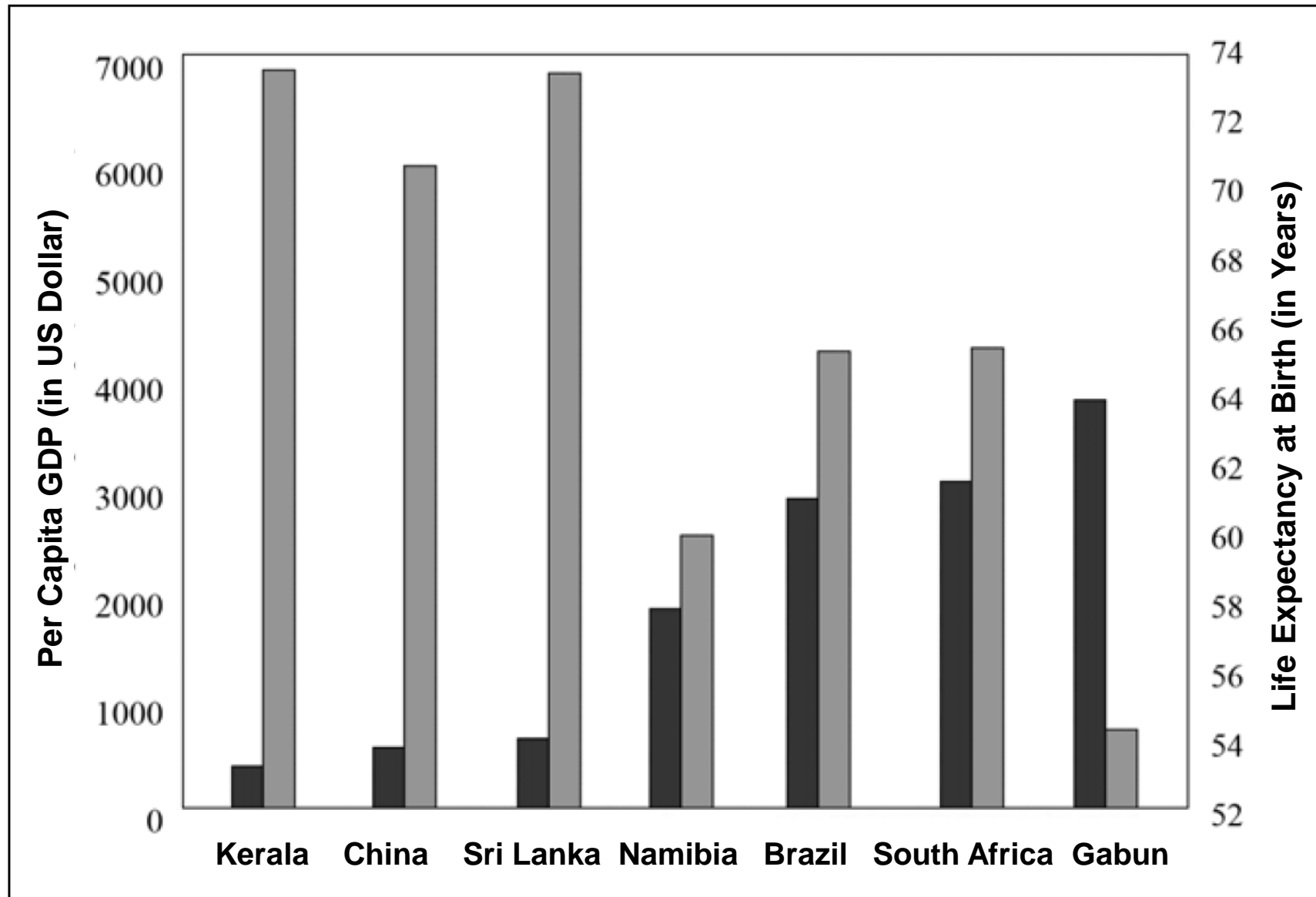


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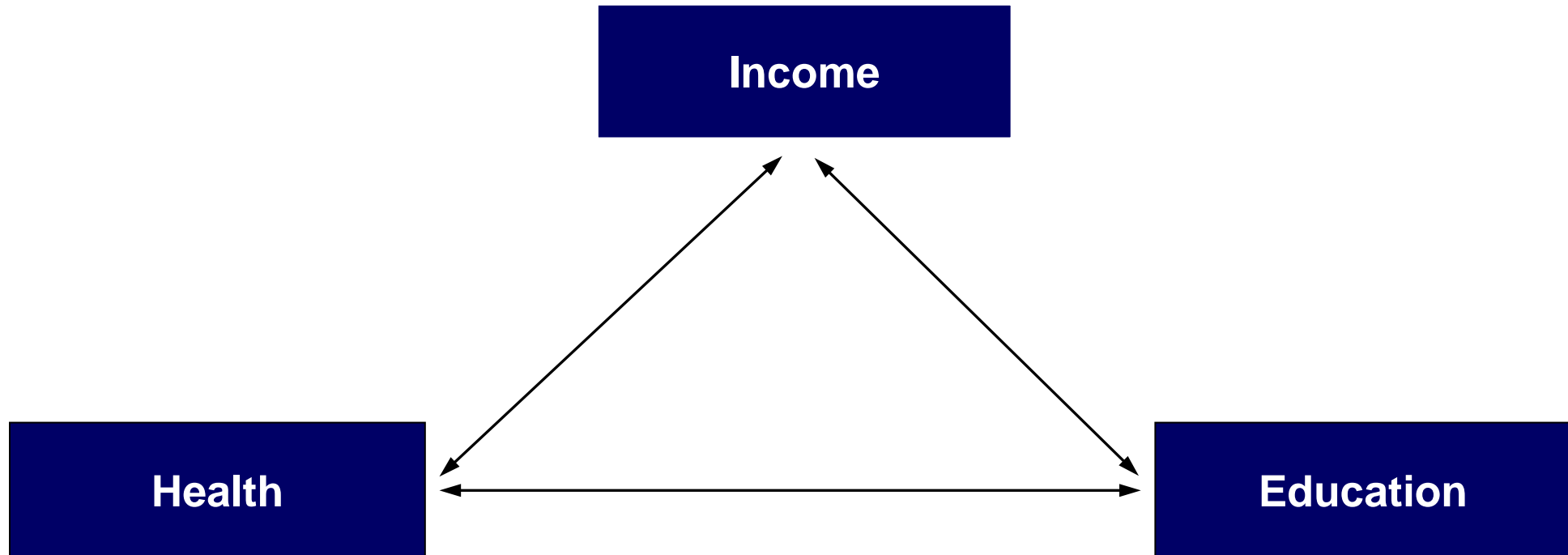
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Amartya Sen: GDP and Life Expectancy



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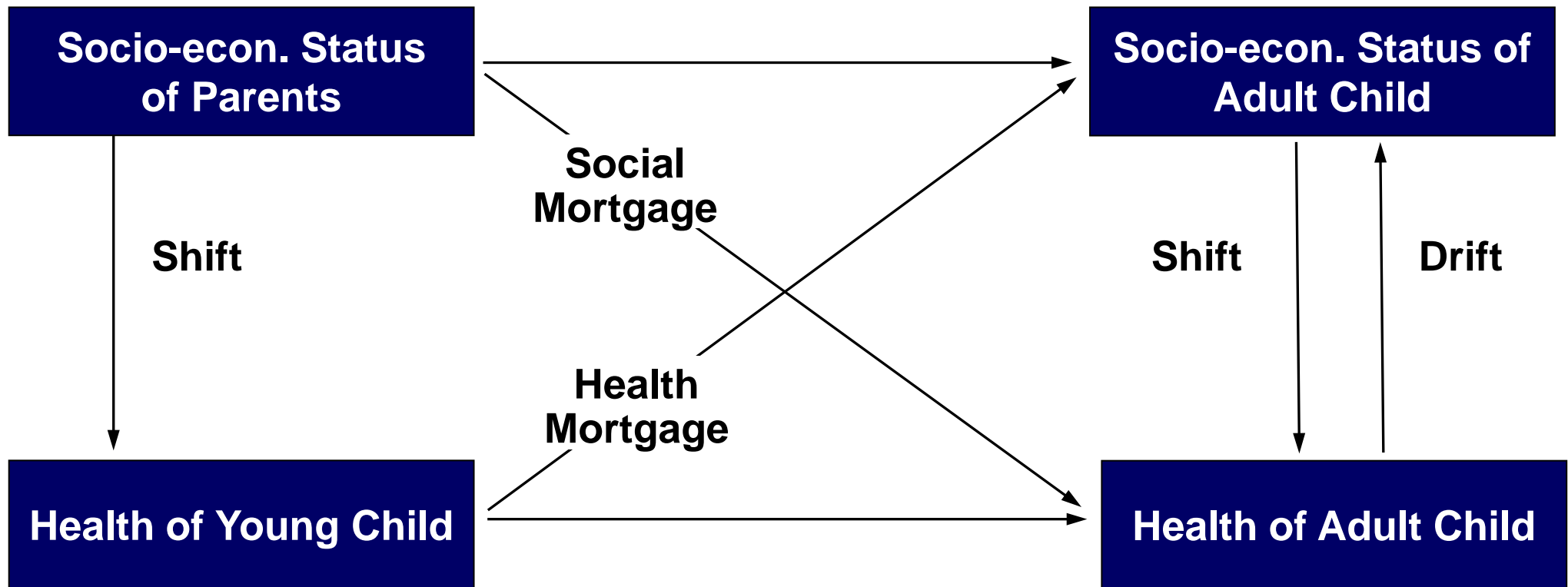


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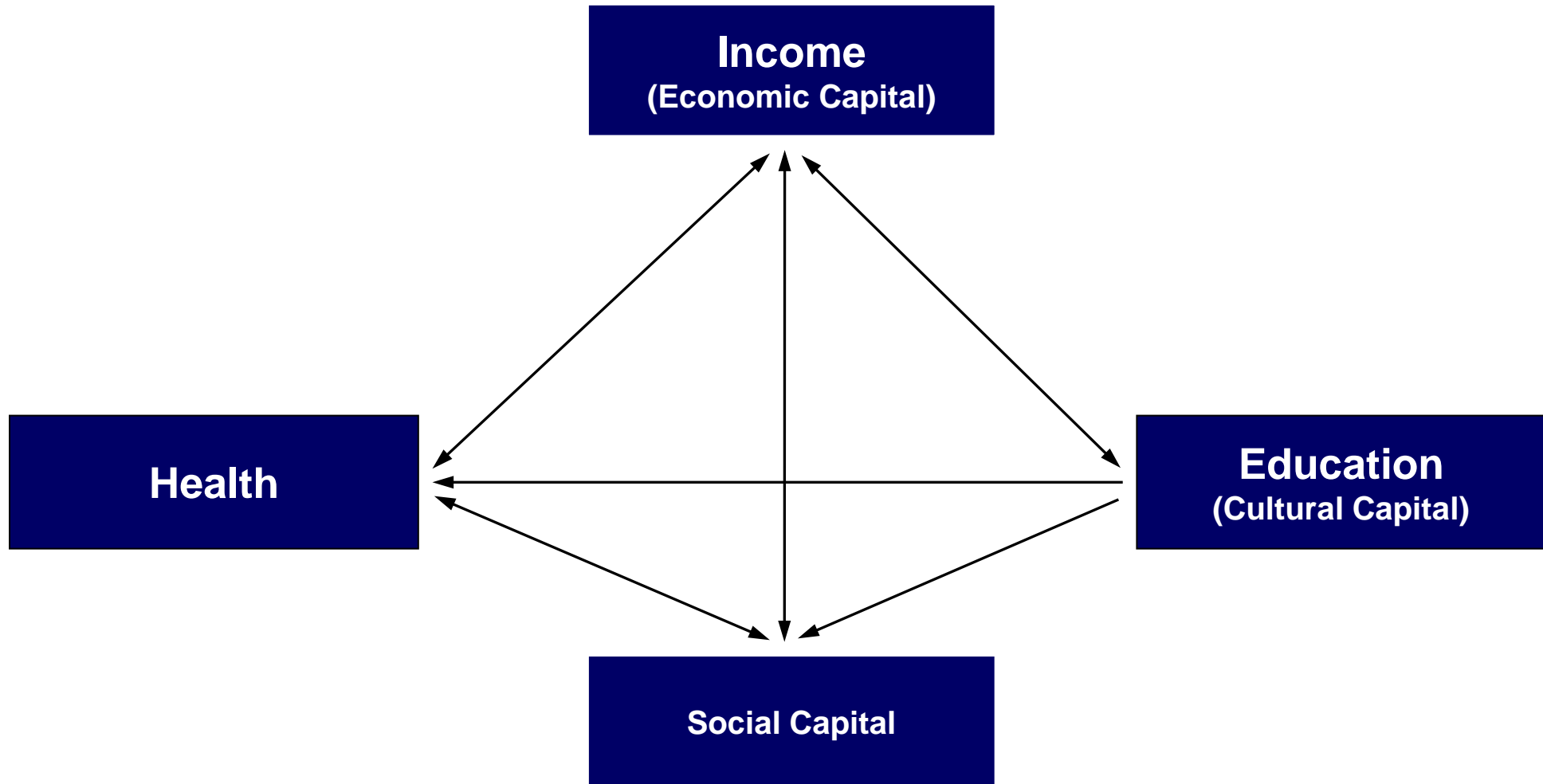
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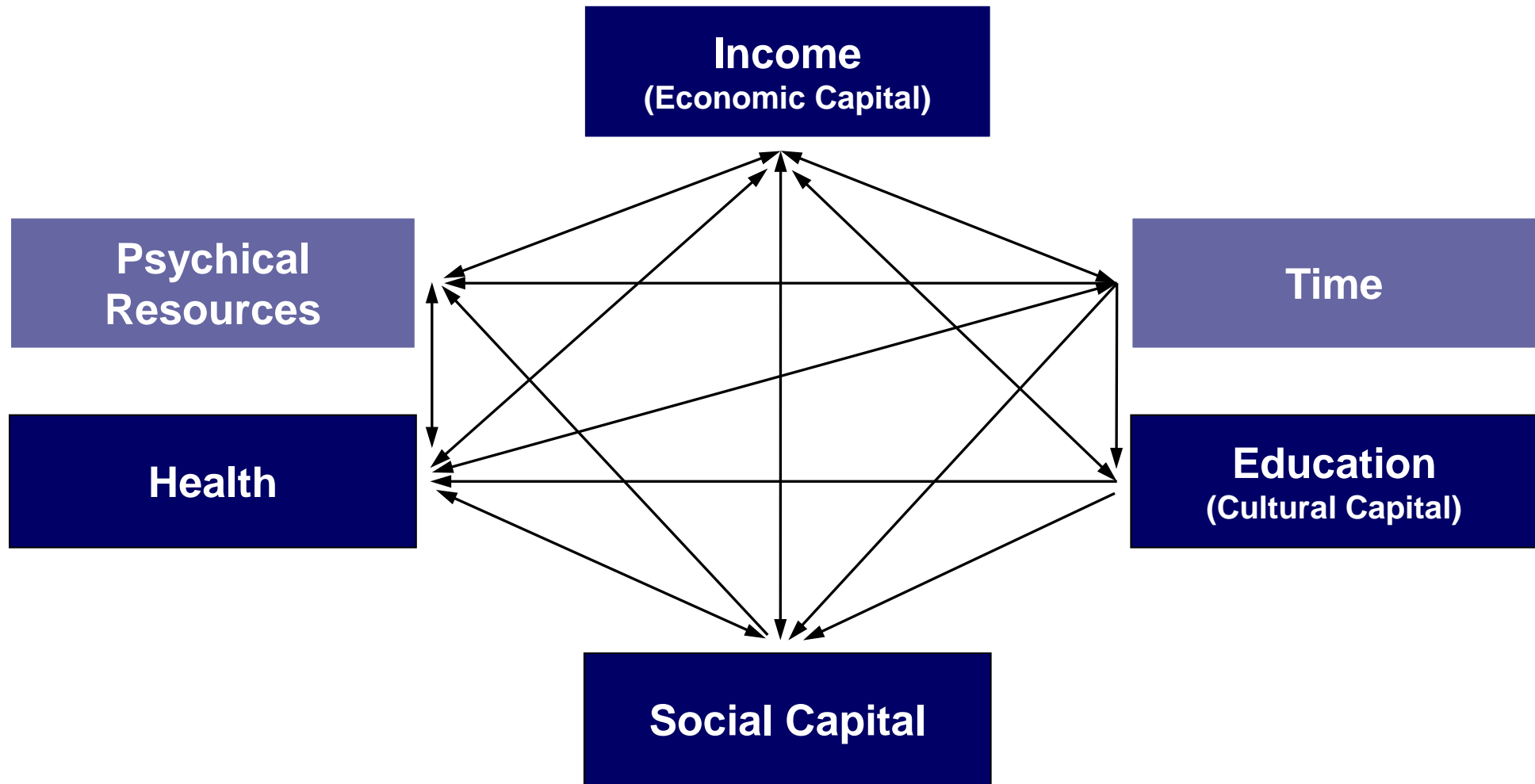


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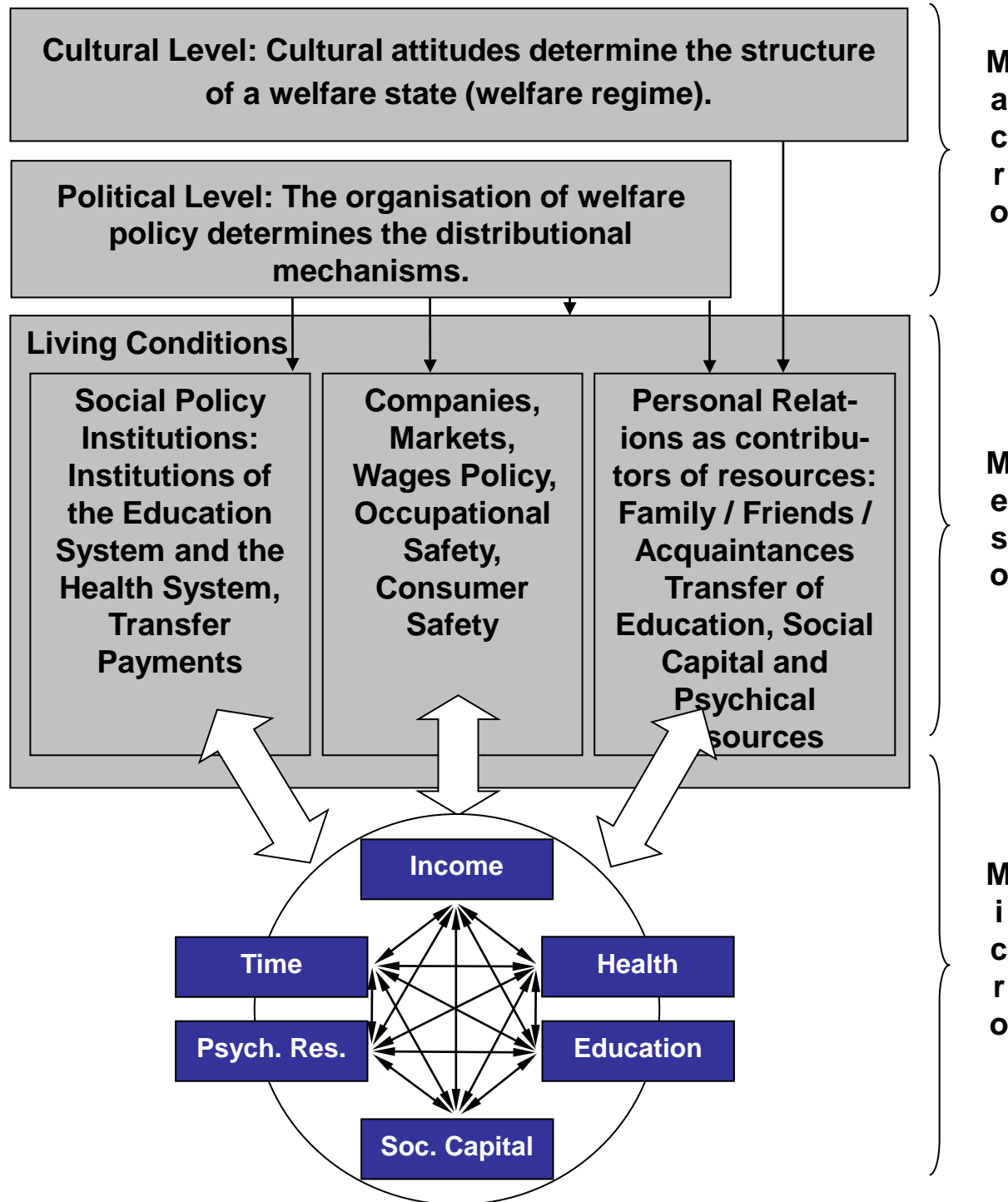


Resources and Conversion of Resources: Sen, Bourdieu, & others



Psychical Resource Theories: Foa & Foa 1974, 1976; Hobfoll 1989; Hobfoll & Jackson 1991; Becker 1997; cf. Schubert 1994, 2004

Multi-Level Model of Resource Distribution and Conversion



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Preventive Educational Policy and Compensatory Social Policy

	Preventive Educational Policy	Compensatory Social Policy
Phase of Life	Mainly Youth	Mainly older
Time Bias	Prospective	Retrospective
Format	Influencing the preconditions of future market processes	Reacting on already established market outcomes
Typical Social Policy approaches	Acquiring qualification for future developments (service)	Compensatory monetary transfers
Relationship Status	status-creating	status-maintaining

Source: Allmendinger / Leibfried 2003: 64, modified

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