

GAMING PEACE OPERATIONS

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PEACE CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS A WICKED PROBLEM

Wicked Problems = Clumsy Solutions

- The problem is not understood until after the formulation of a solution.
- Wicked Problems have no stopping rule.
- Solutions to wicked problems are not right or wrong.
- Every wicked problem is essentially novel and unique.
- Every solution to a wicked problem is a 'one shot operation.'
- Wicked problems have no given alternative solutions.



SOME KEY ELEMENTS OF PEACE OPERATIONS GAMES

- Understanding the peace dynamic
- Culture, communication and misunderstanding
- Force and 'courageous restraint'
- Stabilisation and reconstruction
- Recognising the long game



CRISIS IN BINNI : UN PEACEKEEPING INTERVENTION IN AFRICA



Part 1 : UN SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION

- Draft a Security Council Resolution

Part 2 : PRE-INTERVENTION PLANNING PHASE

- Implementation planning
- Rules of engagement
- Information gathering
- Posturing and positioning

Part 3 : IN-COUNTRY INTERVENTION PHASE

- Ongoing action on the map
- Responding to emerging reality
- Updating information
- Updating rules of engagement
- Negotiation with the real actors

Part 4 : DEBRIEF

- Outcomes for participant and reflection from players and college facilitation team.

EMERGING GAMEPLAY

- Players respond variously to Incomplete and constantly changing key information
- No obvious end point / 'mission accomplished'
- Complex player-led political interactions both internal and external to the crisis develop during play.
- New, ad-hoc organisational relationships that have to be constructed in play
- No 'DS solution' - possible outcomes are highly varied

BARWICK GREEN



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COMMUNICATION, CONFUSION AND CULTURAL CLASHES



Key Elements of Barwick Green include:

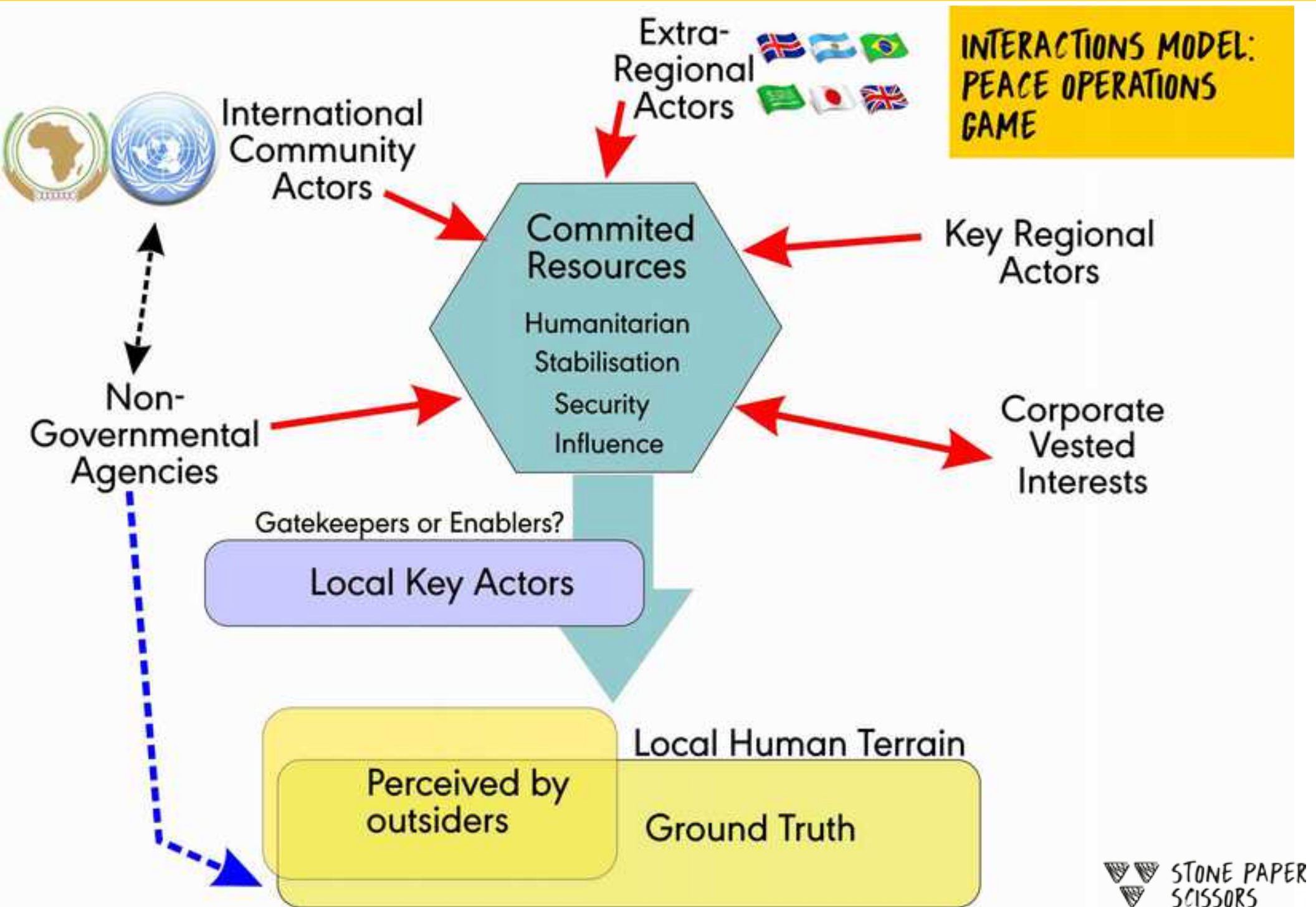
- Impact of cultural assumptions
- Communication barriers and their consequences
- Multiple actors with complex motivations

EMERGING GAMEPLAY

Includes:

- Attitudinal change and conflict
- Informal relationship building
- Challenging internal and unseen assumptions
- Unintended consequences (as ever).







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