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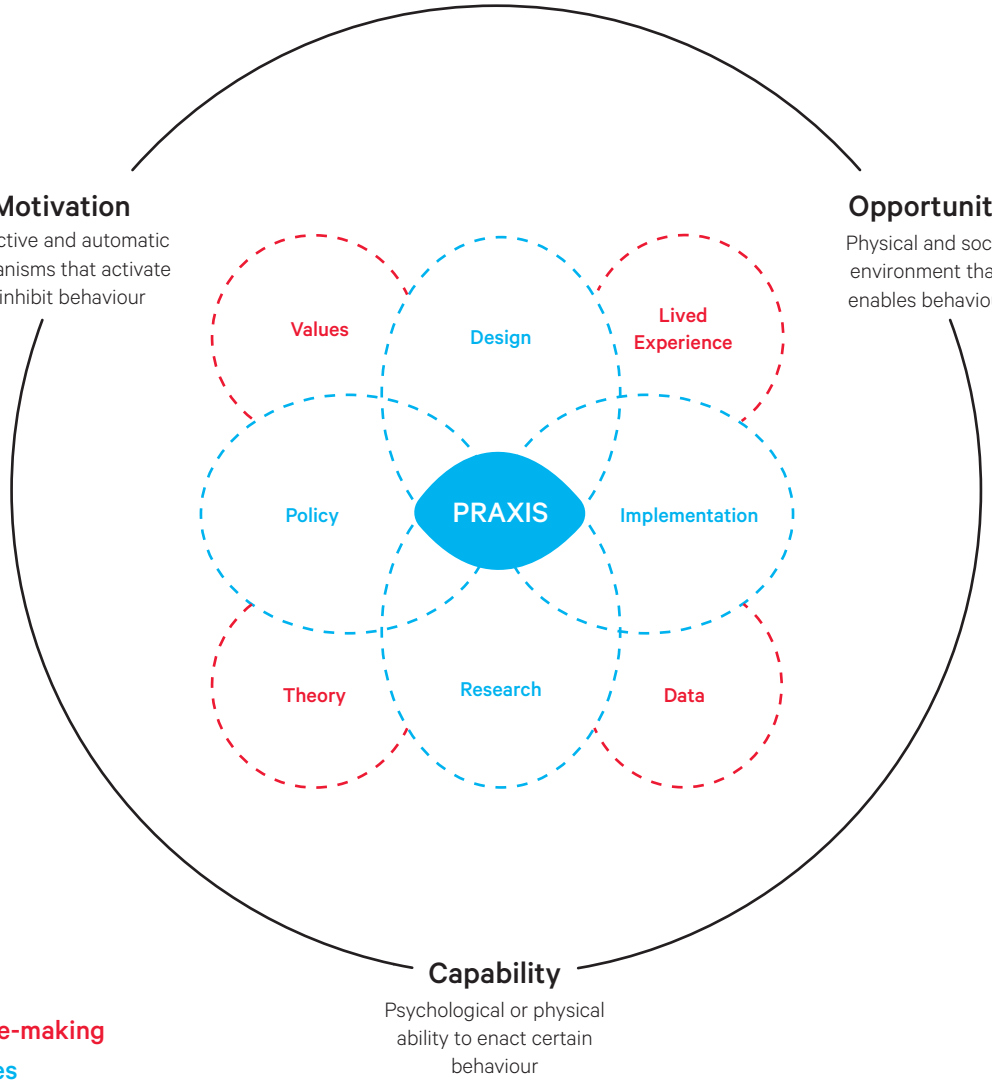

Realms of sense-making

Functions / roles

Drivers of behavior

From Susan Michie;
"Behaviour change: Theories, Taxonomy & Strategies"
http://inpes.santepubliquefrance.fr/jp/cr/pdf/2015/MICHIE.pdf

Values

Beliefs about what is most important, ethical and worthwhile in life

Lived experience

Knowledge from experience of actual conditions vs. what was planned or hoped for

Expertise, topic knowledge, heuristics, skills and working theories

Data

Things known or assumed as facts, making the basis of reasoning or calculation

Theory

A formal idea or set of ideas (well-substantiated) that is intended to explain something

Policy

Stated ideals or standards and an expected course of action

Design

Plan detailing how intentions are to be realised

Implementation

Enacting policy, generally following a plan

Research

A disciplined examination of (social) situations and effects

PRAXIS

Praxis is action that comes from continuous and creative deliberation and dialogue about doing the right thing in a particular situation to effect human flourishing.

'As we think about what we want to achieve, we alter the way we might achieve that. As we think about the way we might go about something, we change what we might aim at.' It is always risky. In seeking the truth, adbuctive reasoning is a necessary aid.

Draws on Infed | What is Praxis? http://infed.org/mobi/what-is-praxis/

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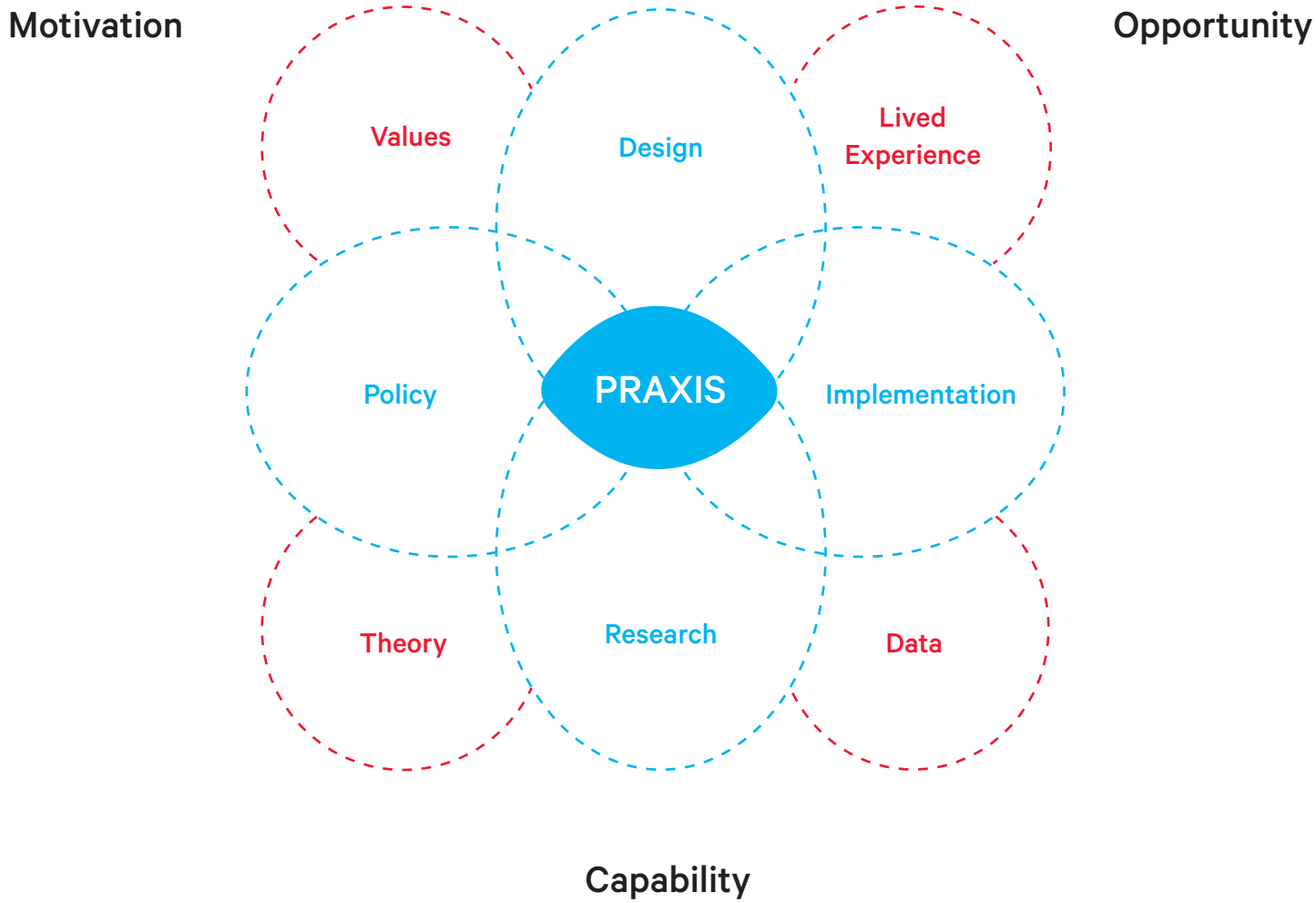

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