

# The 7 Community Tools

Anthropological  
Tools that Make  
Community Study  
Easy, Effective, and Fun



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## Anthropological Tools for Community Study

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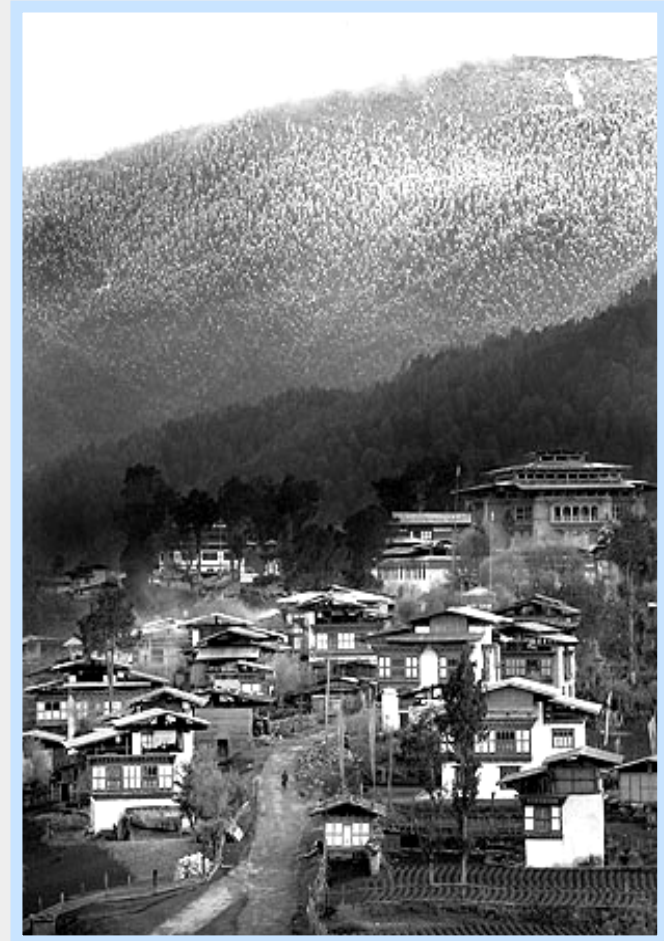


- ◇ Geo-social mapping
- ◇ Genogram
- ◇ Community Organization
- ◇ Local Health systems
- ◇ Community Calendar
- ◇ Local history
- ◇ Biographies: Life stories

# 1. Geo-social Mapping

Understanding...

- local contexts
- Sense of community
- Identify informants
- Direct observation
- Create relationship



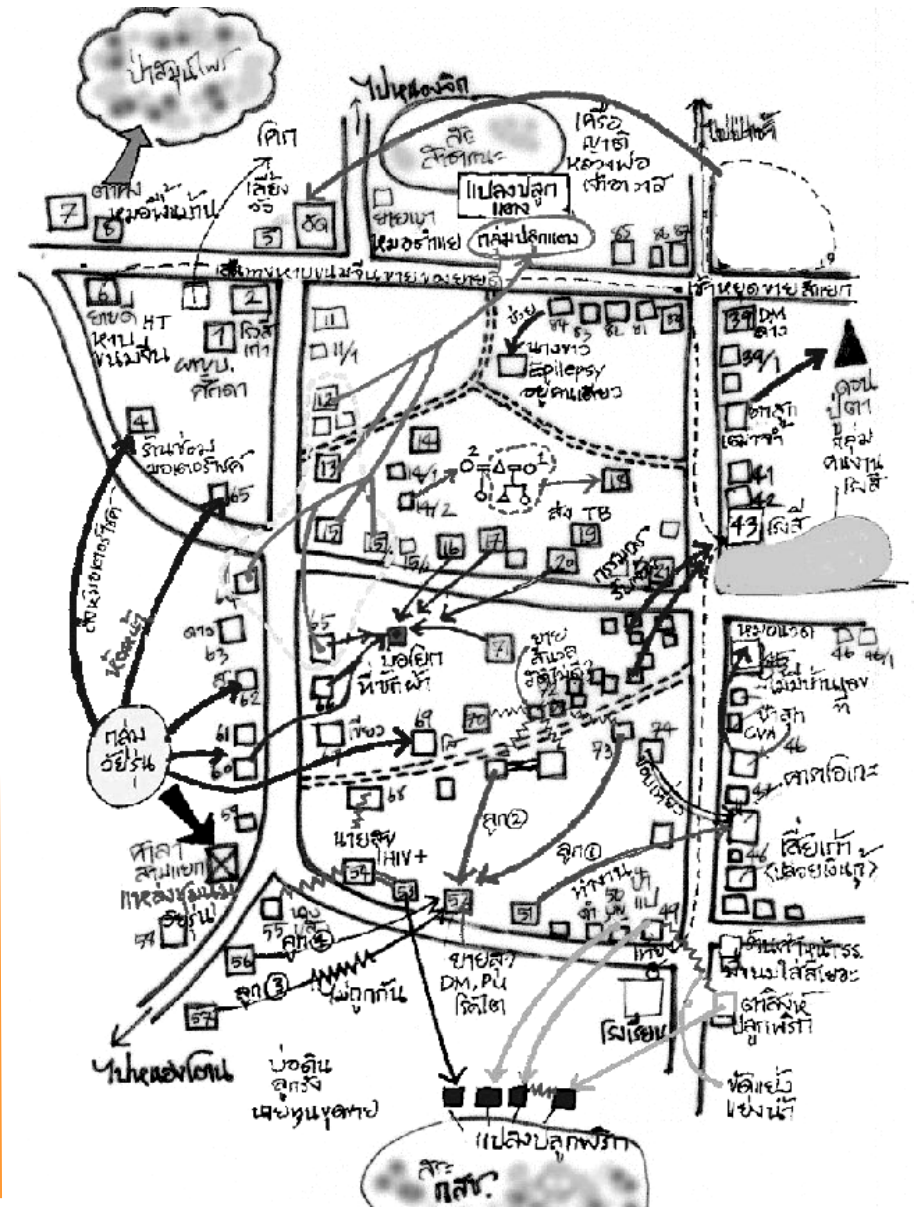
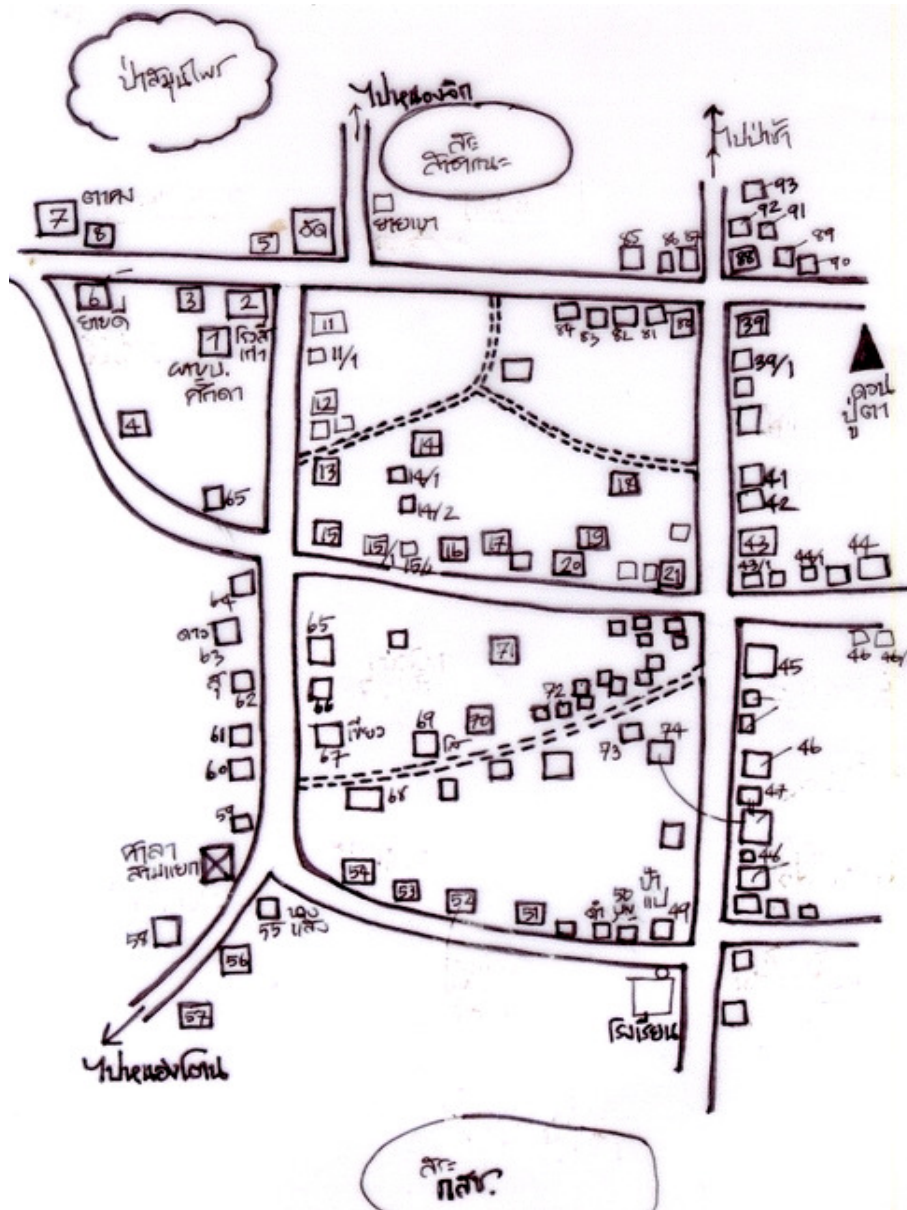
# Geographical + Social mapping

- ❖ Transecting & exploring the field.
- ❖ Social functions of places: Social activities, social identities, women's spaces, domestic, public, political, social relation, etc.
- ❖ Social meaning of spaces: Ritual, sacred, taboo, modern, etc.

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Geo-social mapping is not just a map;  
it is a way of understanding and organizing  
community information.

# Mapping vs Geo-social mapping



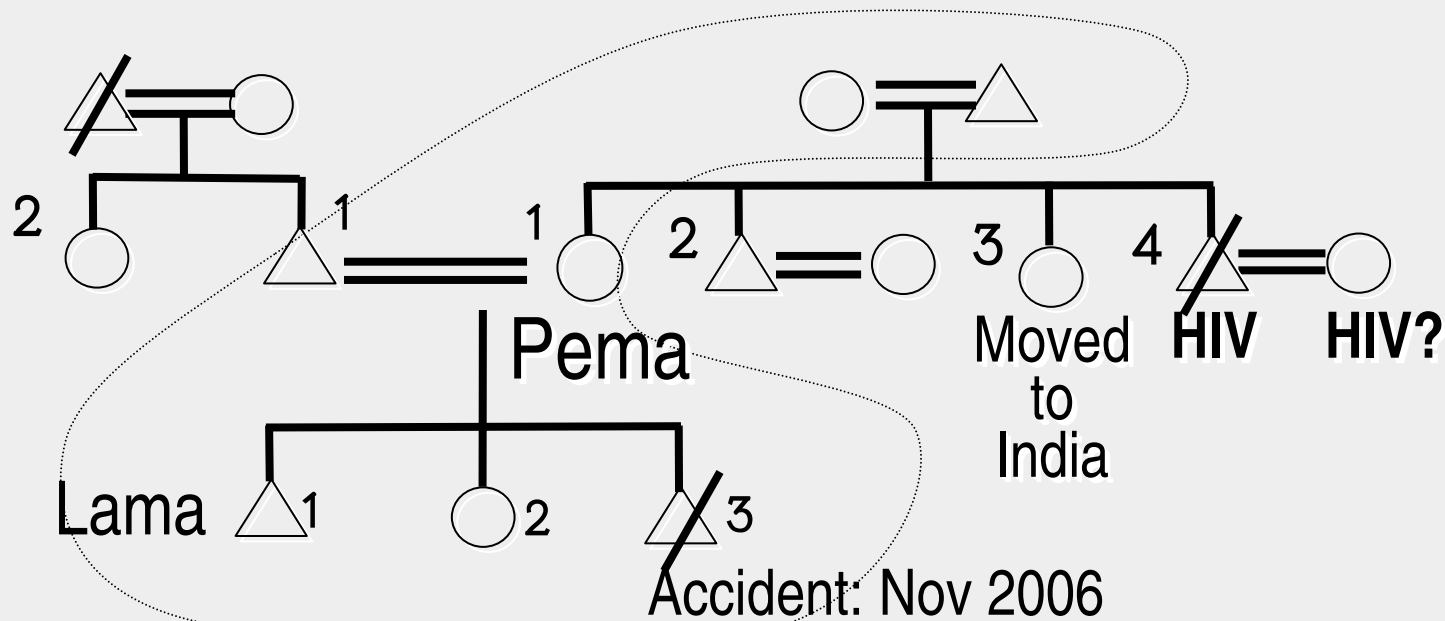
# 2. Genogram

## Family and Kinship Structures



**The most basic social relationship;  
The fabric of traditional society**

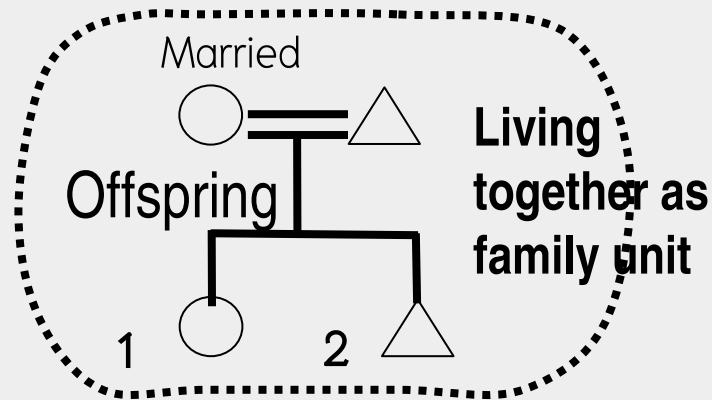
# Genogram



○ = Female

△ = Male

○/△ = Dead



○ ≠ △

Divorced

○ ~ △  
Fighting

○  
(42)  
= Age

△  
# 11

= house no.

# 3. Community Organizations

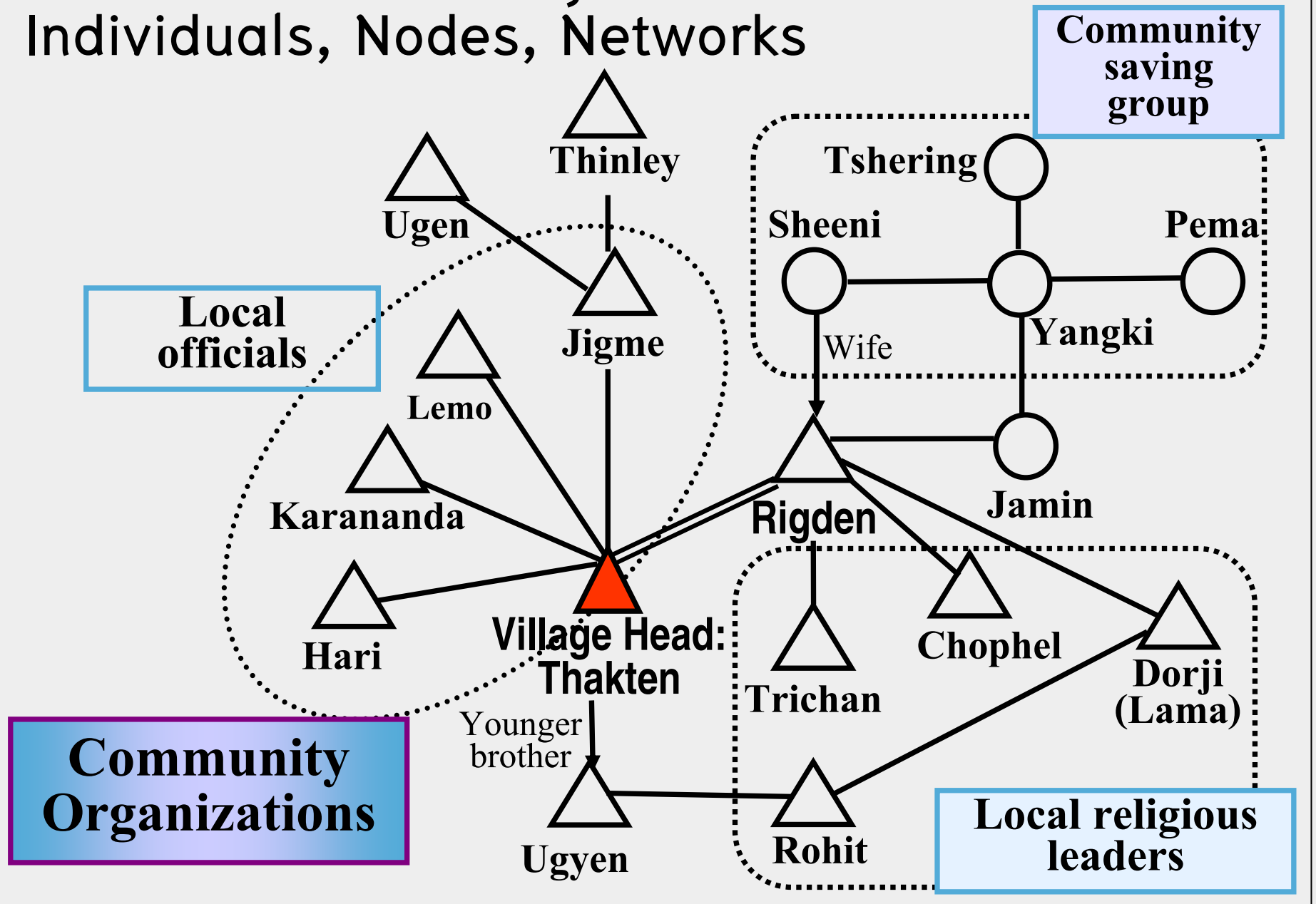
Mapping Social Structures and Social Relations



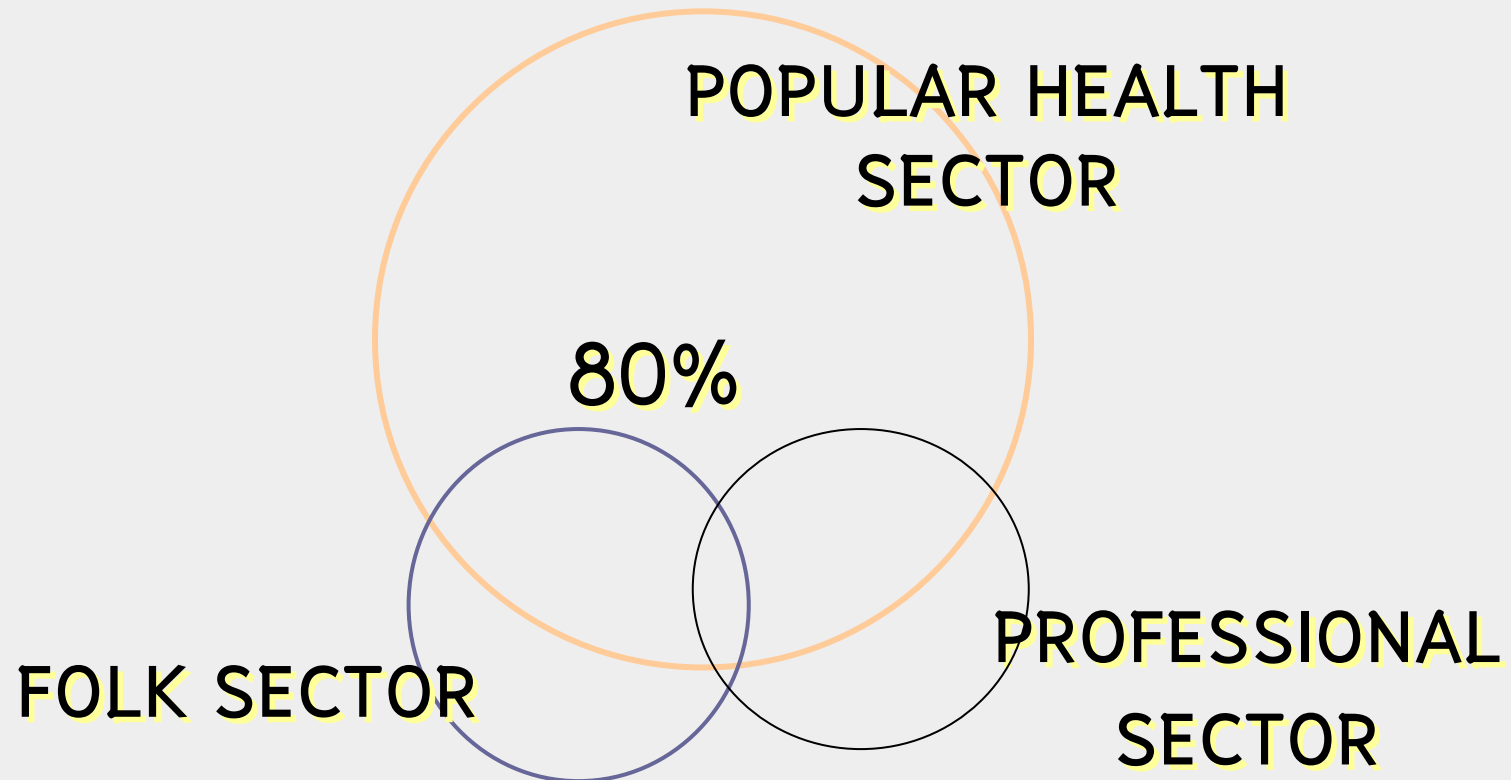
Organization by action and operation  
Formal and informal organizations



# Social Network Analysis: Individuals, Nodes, Networks



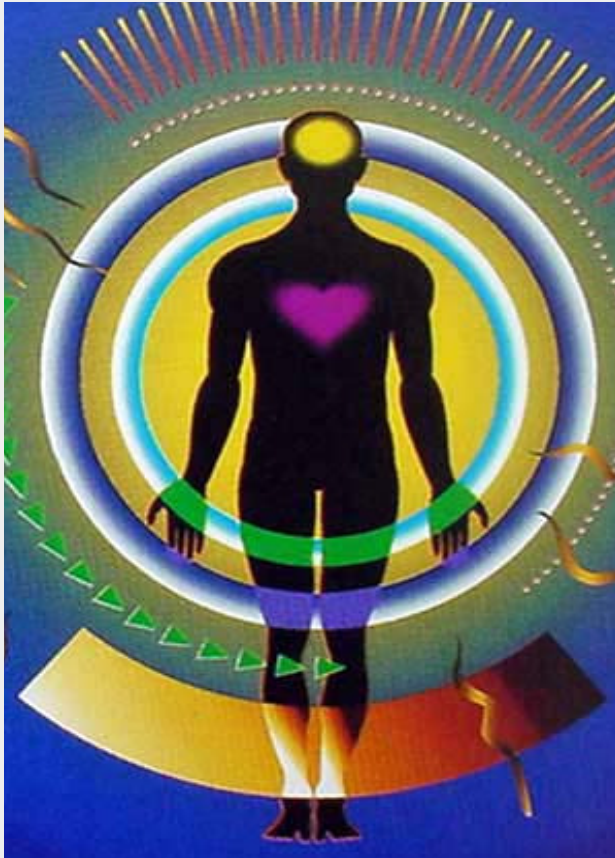
## 4. Local health systems



Pluralism of medical systems  
Cultural diversity

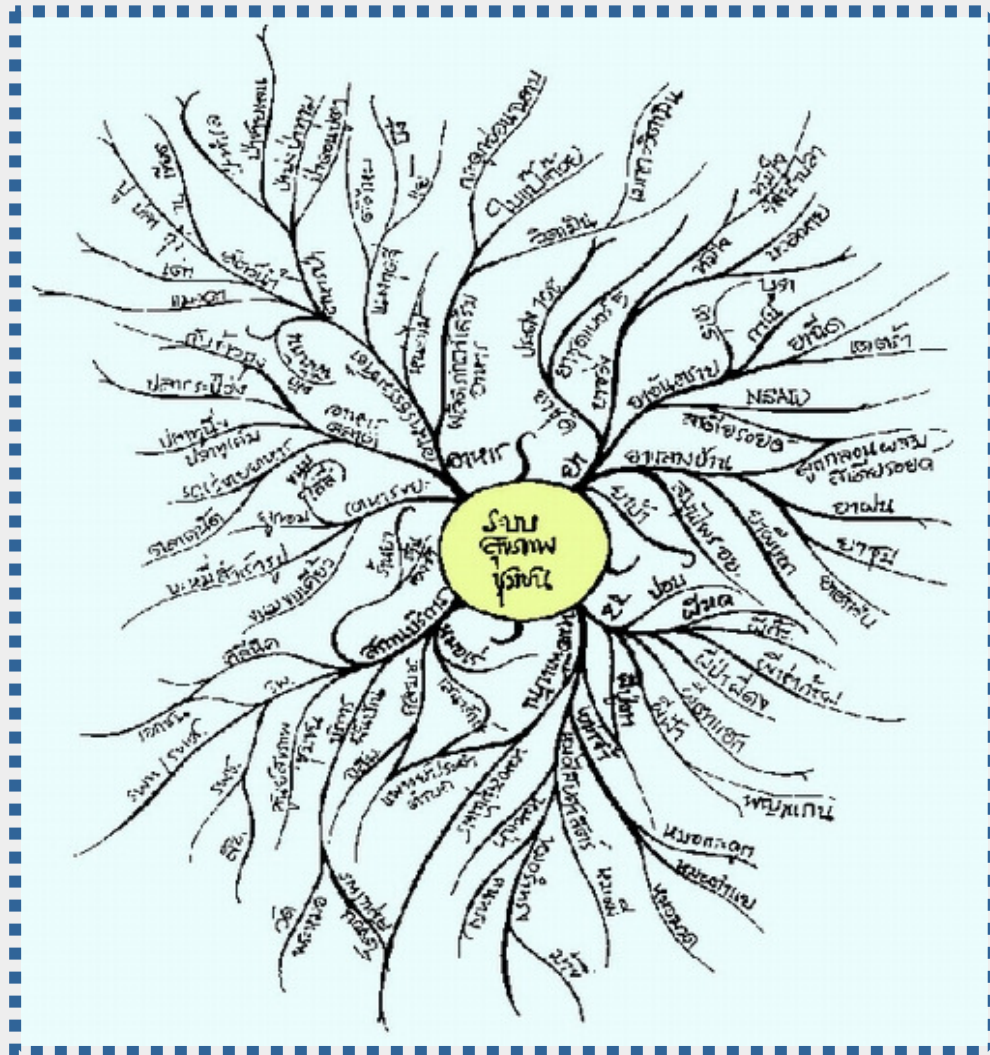
# Medical Pluralism

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- Humoral medicine
- Faith healing
- Astronomy
- Practical experience

# Mind Mapping of Local Health System



# 5. Community Calendar

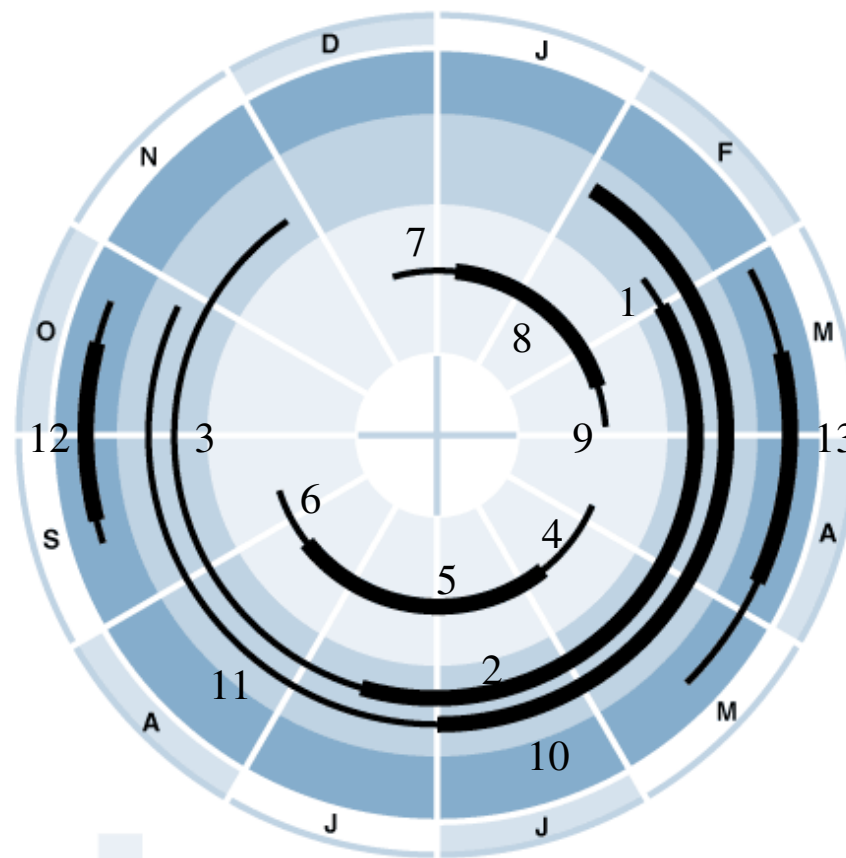
Understanding local ways of life



Economic calendar: Occupational cycles  
Cultural calendar: Religious & social events

# Community calendar: Economic & Cultural

Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<b>Economic</b>												
1		■										
2			■	■	■	■	■					
3								■	■	■	■	
4				■	■							
5						■	■	■	■			
6									■	■		
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8	■	■	■									
9			■									
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11							■	■	■	■		
<b>Cultural</b>												
12										■	■	
13			■	■								



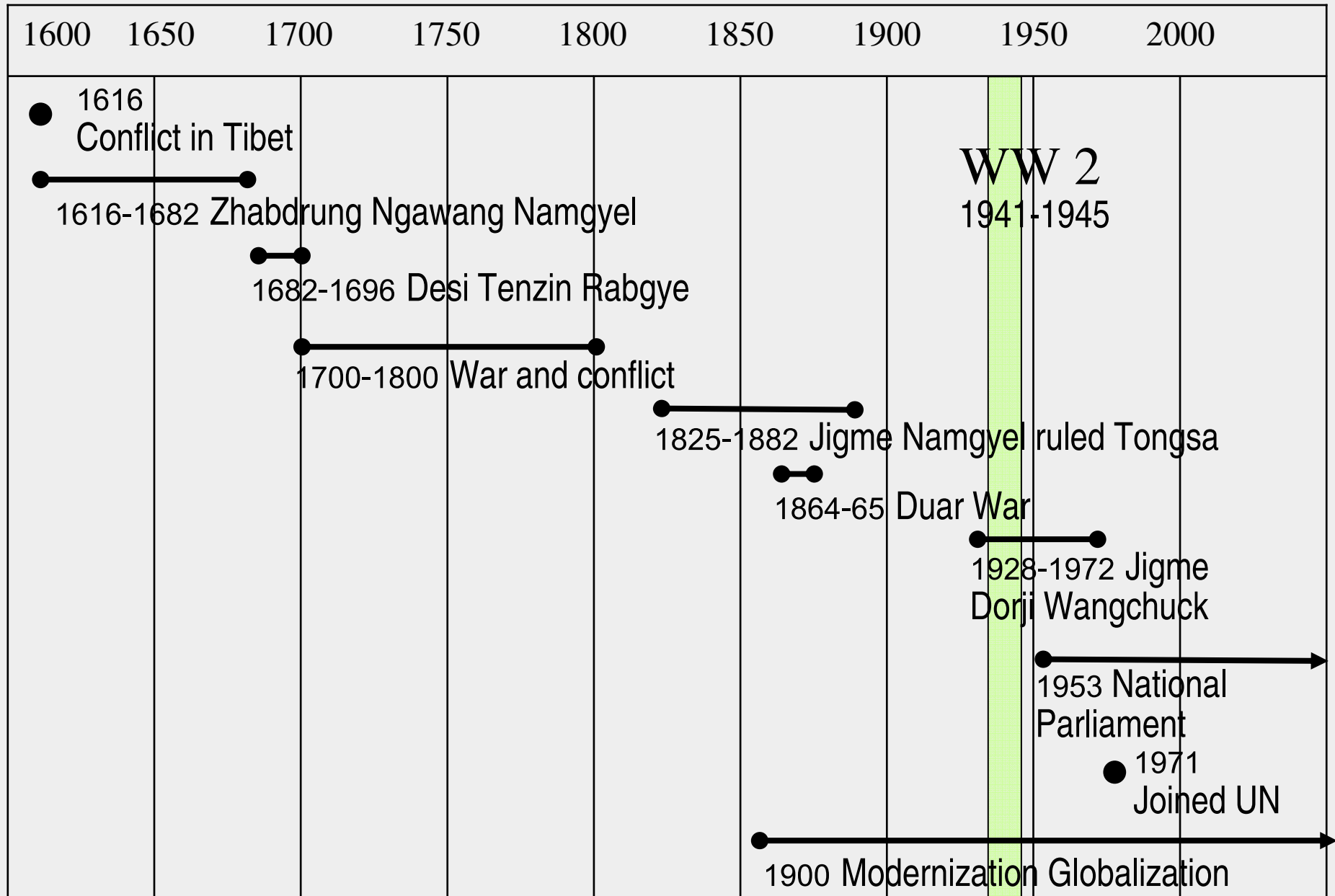
Mapping economic and cultural events around the year

# 6 Local History



- Economic
- Political
- Social
- Health

# Bhutan Historical Chart (Example)





# 7. Life Stories

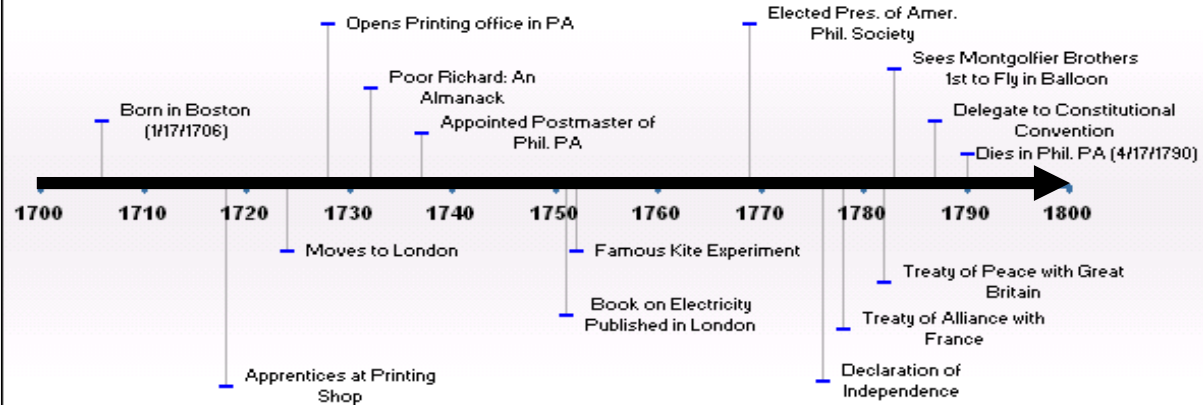
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- Elder persons
- Religious Leaders
- Community Leaders
- Healers
- The Poor
- Ethnic Minorities



**Biographical accounts: Personal stories reflect social changes, values and cultural practices.**

## Events in the Life of Benjamin Franklin



**Married to Feroz Gandhi**  
Gave birth to two sons  
1944: Rajiv Gandhi  
1946: Sanjay Gandhi

Indira **seperates** from her husband to assist her father in politics and through illness.  
**Feroz has a hart attack in 1958** - which brings Indira and him back together

**Indira attends The United Nations Conference of Human Environment**  
She was the only voice from the South, and her speech and statement 'Poverty is the biggest polluter' sparked off a global debate on poverty and environment in the South

High Court of Allahabad found Gandhi guilty of employing a government servant in her election campaign

**26th of June**  
President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, influenced by Indira - declared India 'State of Emergency'

**Indira launches the 20 point programme - the hallmark of the Indira Gandhi regime**

**19th of November**

Indira Gandhi is born - only daughter of Mr Jawarhal Nehru and Mrs Kamala Nerhu

**India's independence**  
Nerhu becomes Prime Minister

**Indira becomes President of the Indian National Congress**

**8th of September**  
Indira's husband Feroz dies

**27th of May**  
Nerhu dies

**Indira becomes the first female Prime Minister of India**

**The Wildlife Act, 'Project Tiger'**

**The Green Revolution**  
India manages to acheive total food sufficiency and can stop all import

**Smiling Buddha**  
India's underground nuclear test. India becomes the youngest nuclear power

**Indira becomes re-elected as Prime Minister**

**31st of October**  
Indira gets assassinated by her own two Sikh guards

