Analysis using DSRP Questions
For use with mapping

Remember that a **Distinction** is made up of an **identity** (what something is) and an **other** (what something is not). To perform a Distinction analysis, take a step back and ask yourself these questions:

1. Are these all the identities that you need? Is there something important missing?
2. Are any of your identities overlapping or redundant?
3. Do your identities represent specific constructs? Could you add language to make them more distinct?
4. Do any of your identities cause you to marginalize or overlook other identities?

Remember that a **System** is made up of an interaction between **part** and **whole**. To perform a part-whole analysis, take a step back from your map and ask yourself these questions:

1. Would my analysis benefit from turning any distinction into a whole and considering its parts?
2. Are there parts missing in any of my existing wholes?
3. Have I considered how the parts are related?
4. Should I zoom into any part and deconstruct it further into parts of its own? (i.e., make a part a whole)

Remember that a **Relationship** is made up of an **action** and a **reaction**. To perform a Relationship analysis, take a step back from your map and ask yourself these questions:

1. Are these all the relationships that I need? Are there relationships missing?
2. Should any of my relationships be directional (arrows)?
3. Should I identify/distinguish any of the relationships? (i.e., give them a block and a name)
4. Should I zoom into any of these relationship-distinctions and consider their parts? (i.e., create an RDS)

Remember that a **Perspectives** are made up of an interaction between **point** and **view**. To perform a Perspective analysis, take a step back from your map and ask yourself these questions:

1. Do the distinctions, relationships, or part-whole organization of my map reveal an implicit perspective (i.e., bias, assumptions, root perspective, etc.)
2. Would my analysis benefit from adding a perspective(s) or turning any distinction into a point of view?
3. Are there perspectives missing from my analysis?
4. Have I looked at the alternatives to the perspectives I have included?

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