

Investments in Europe: Struggles over democratic legitimacy and EU politico-economic expertise

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1 Introduction

Investments in Europe

- engagement of experts in European politics
- knowledge, resources, relations, institutions beyond the nation state confinement
- a European field of politics in the making

EU expert groups

- democratic legitimacy questioned
- functional necessity ascertained

➔ social conditions of such this controversies

➔ changing laws of gravity in European politics

➔ politicisation – not democratisation

2 Methodological framework

field-analytical methodology

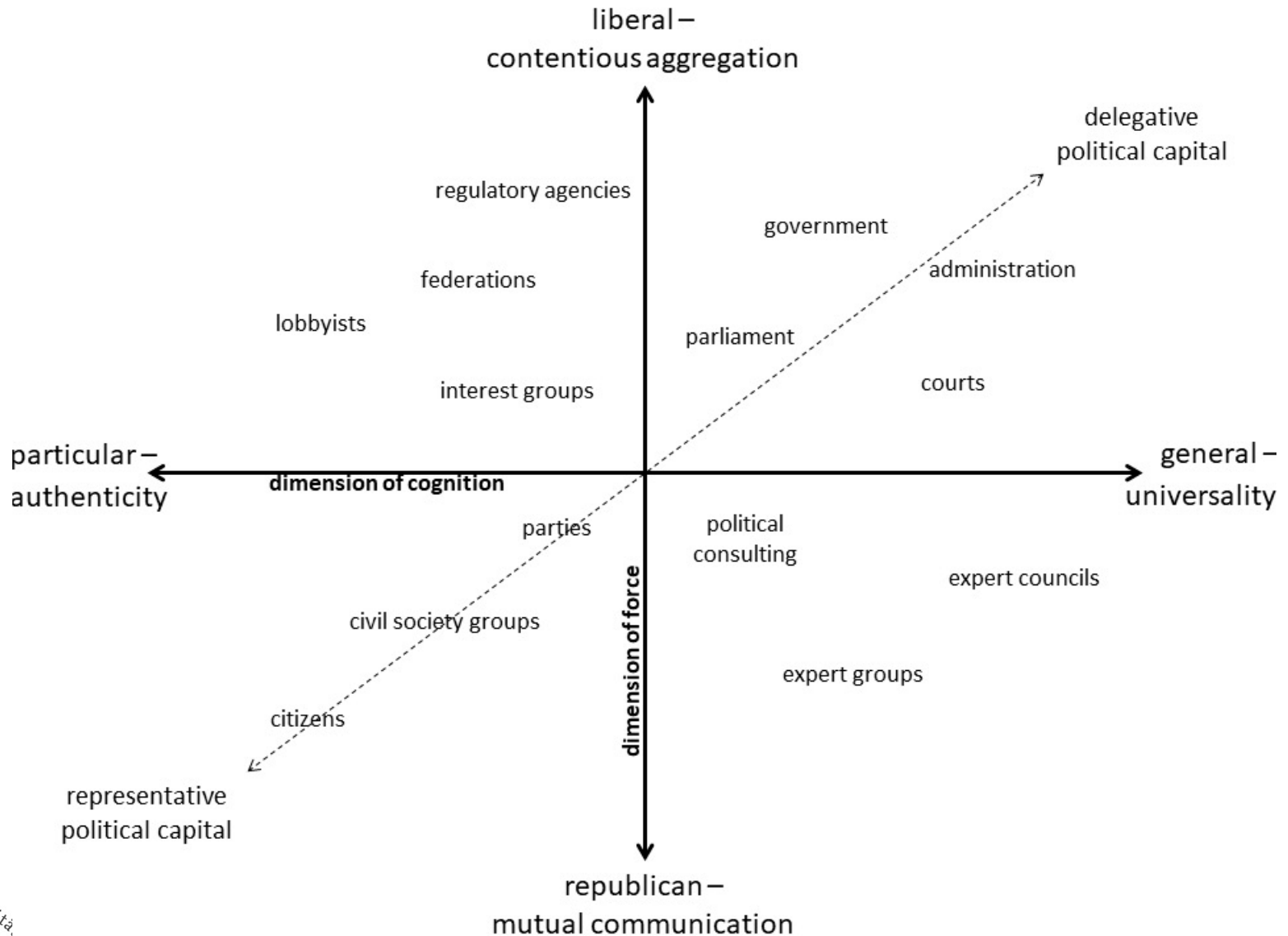
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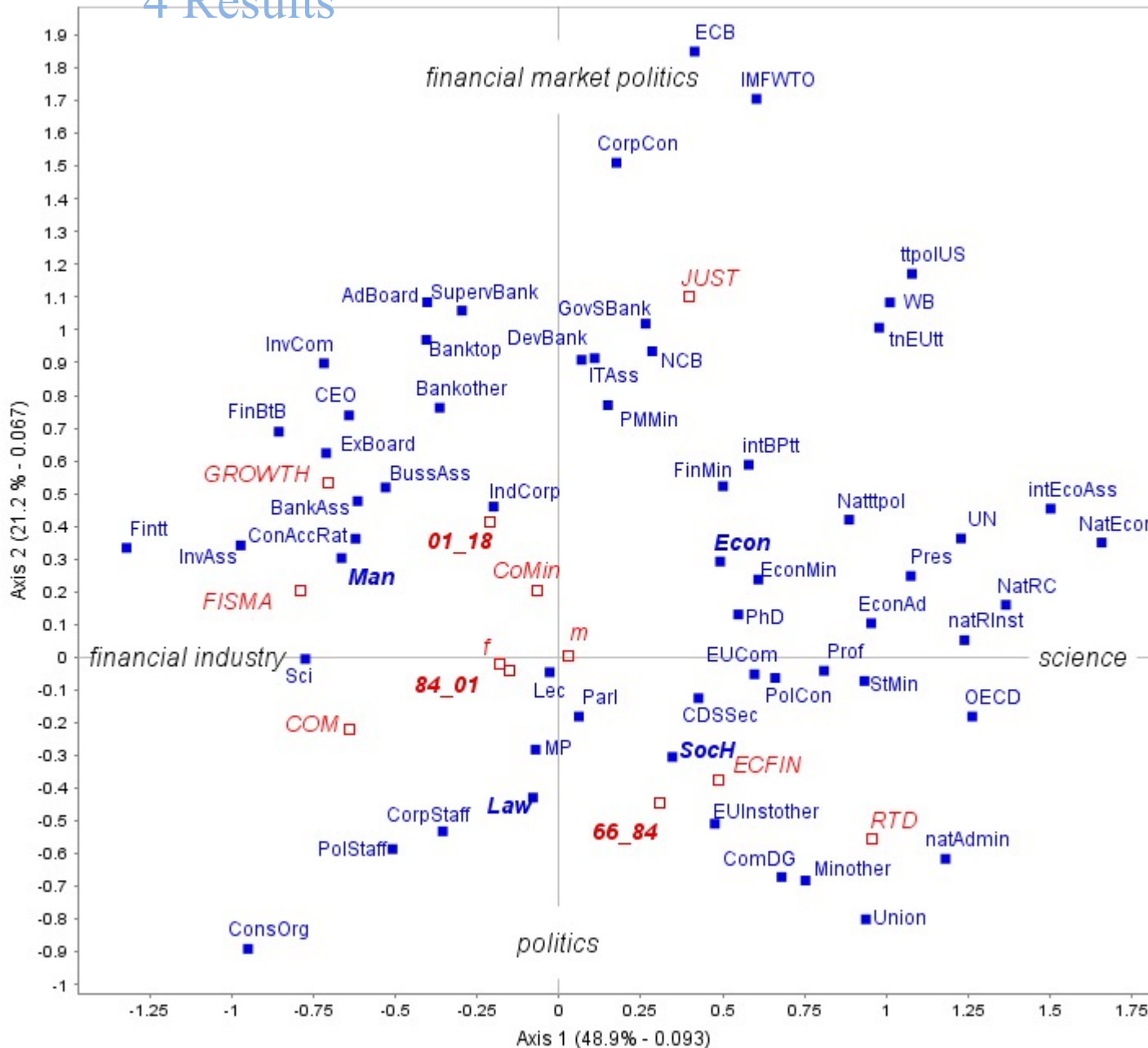
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3 Data and Analysis

- 21 EU expert groups, 261 individuals
- 1966-2017
- areas of monetary policy, market integration, economic governance
- CV-information coded using GTM
- Construction of a multidimensional trans-historical space using MCA
- Interpretation of first three axis

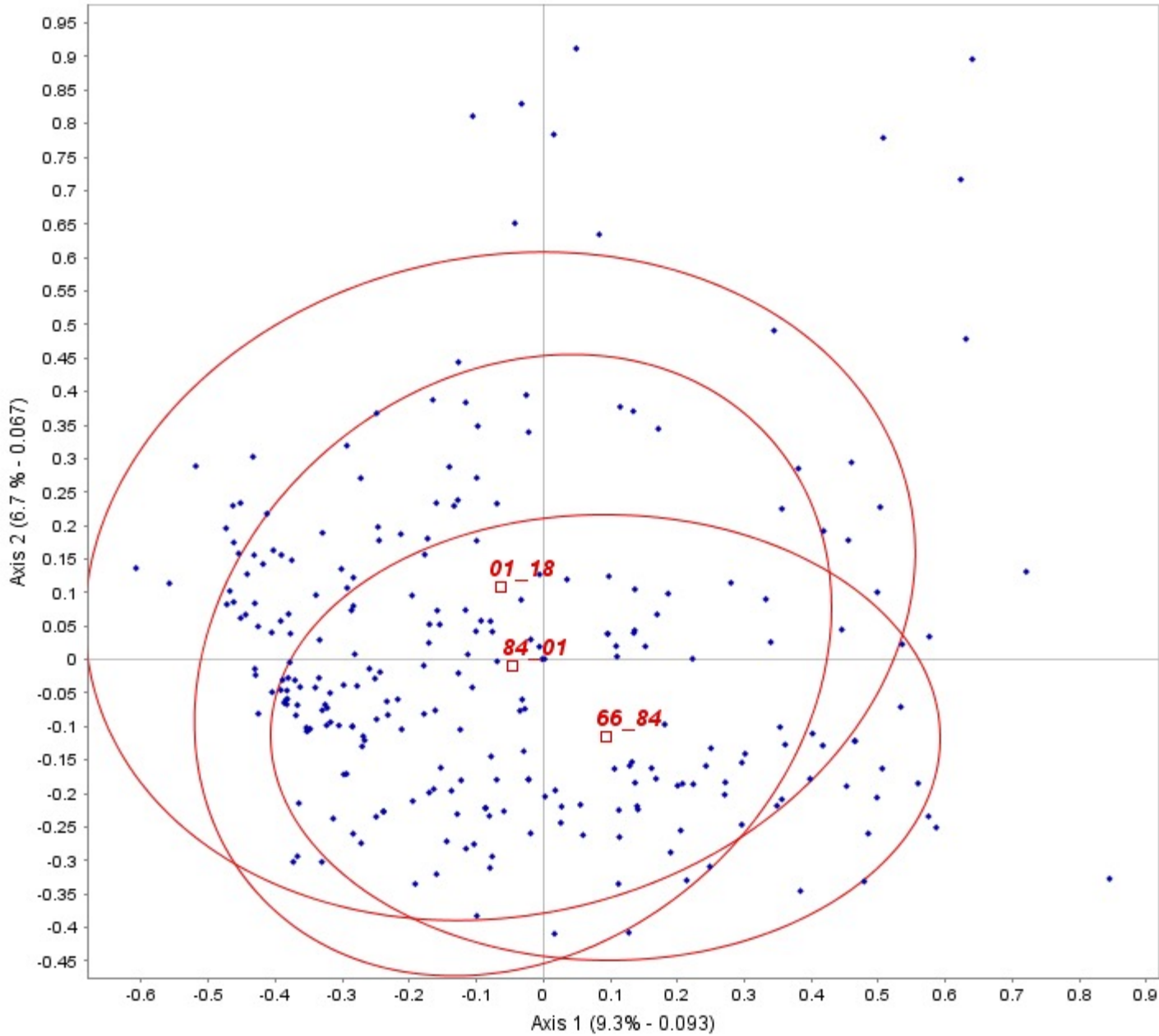
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1	0.093	9.3	48.9
2	0.067	6.7	21.2
3	0.052	5.2	10.3

4 Results



axis 1
 ,classical'
 academic experts
 (policy consulting)
 VS
 Lobbyig experts
 (investment
 companies)

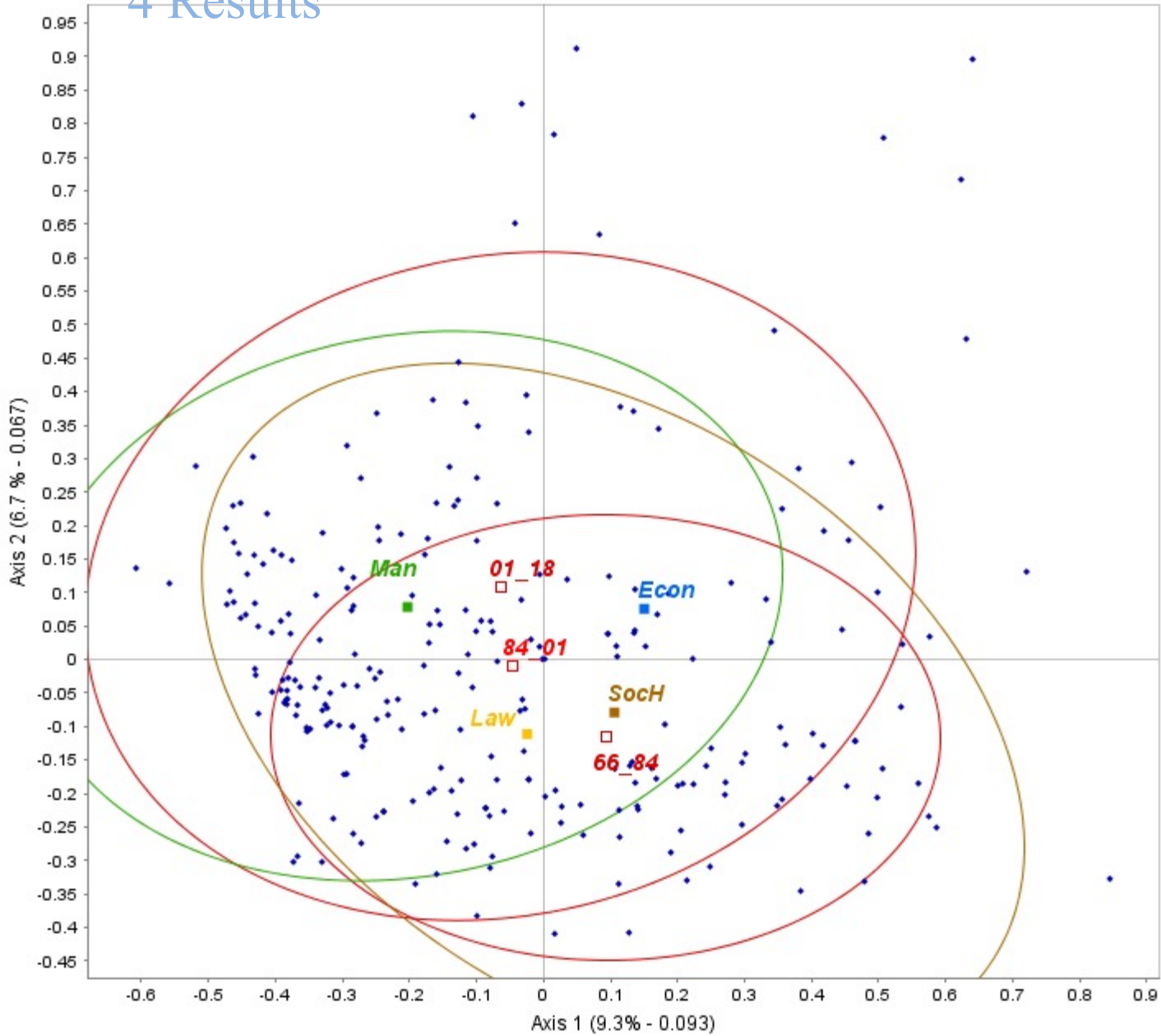
axis 2
 financial market
 politics (powerful)
 VS
 ordinary politics
 (law)



time periods

- approx. 76% of individuals with the characteristic in ellipse
- backgrounds have shifted over time
- diversity has increased

4 Results



disciplins over time

- social sciences and humanities decreases
- management and business increases
- law decreases slightly
- economics always present

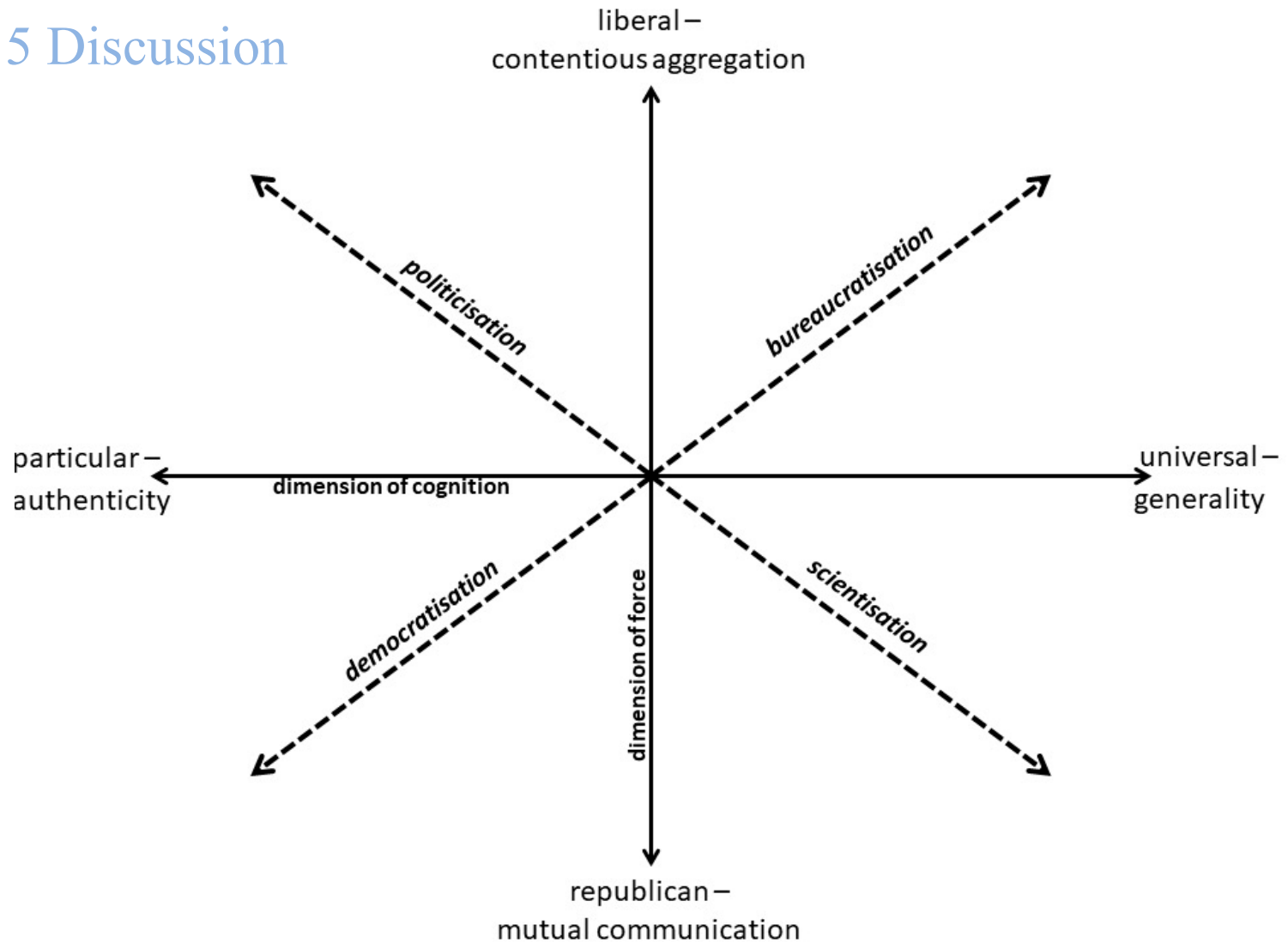
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- Changes in expertise are connected to changes in policy area and these to certain moments of political integration in time: expertise is linked to the state of the state.
- Taking position in the struggle over regulating access and transparency of EU expert groups is linked to the position of agents in the EU space expertise: NGOs, consumer organizations and MEPs vs Commission and business interests.

➔ development over time:

- de-scientisation
- shift towards corporate interest and interest brokerage
- new rhetoric of though- and output-legitimacy

5 Discussion



➔ politicisation as employing practices that draw on contentious aggregation that involves particularistic, authentic standpoints