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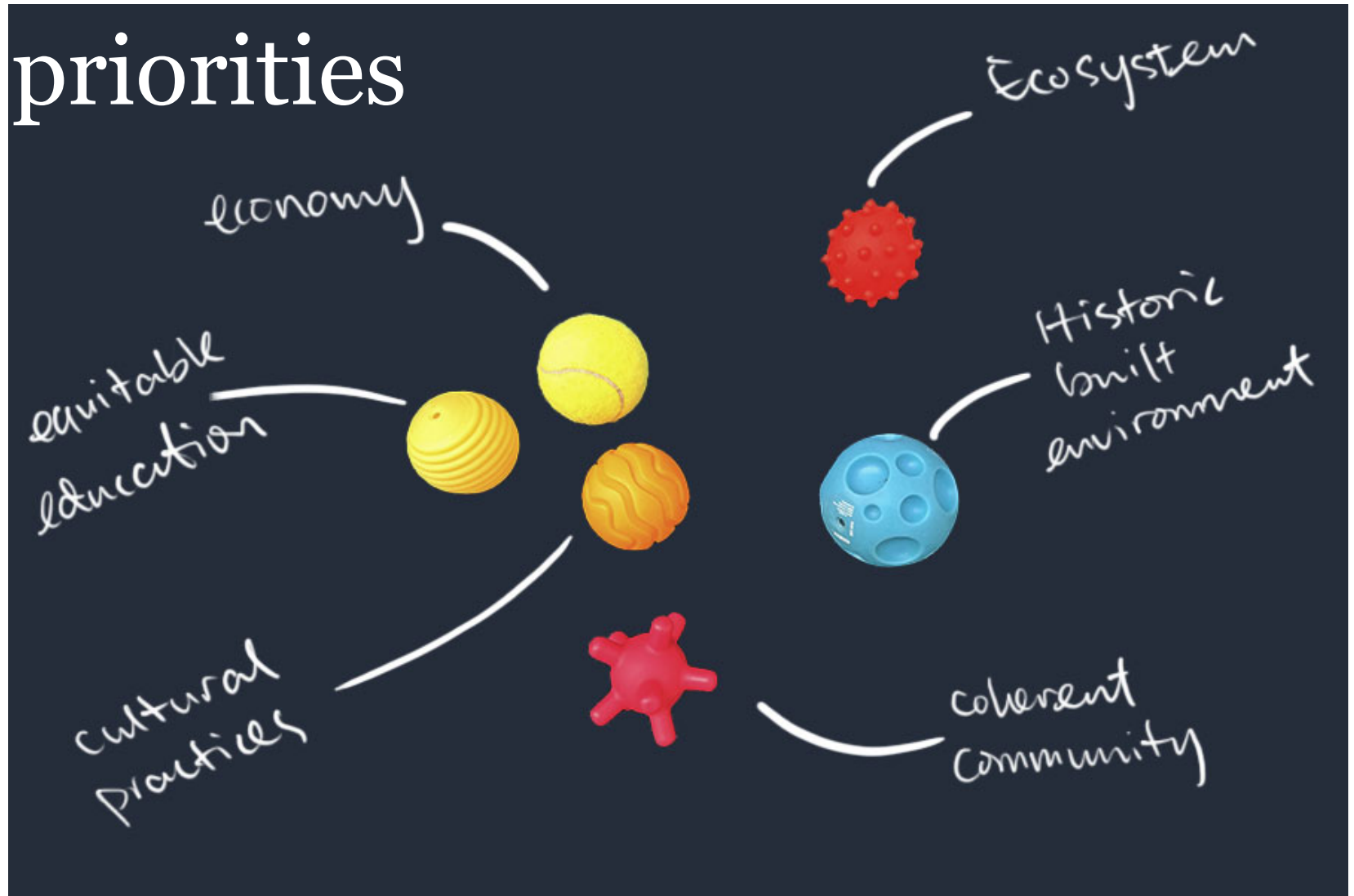– A Relational and Interdisciplinary Framework for

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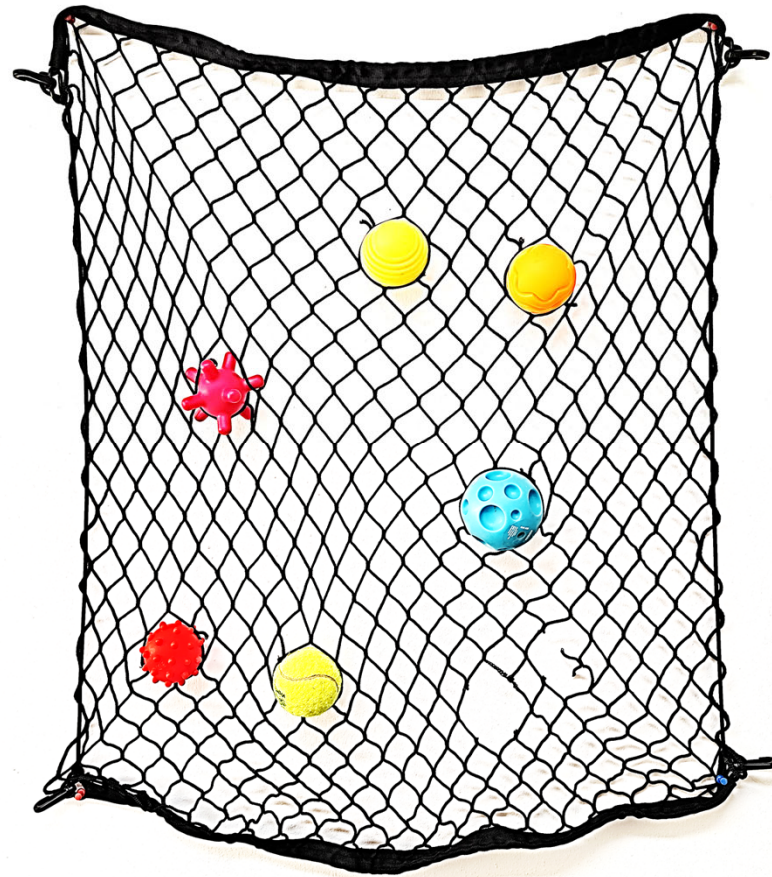
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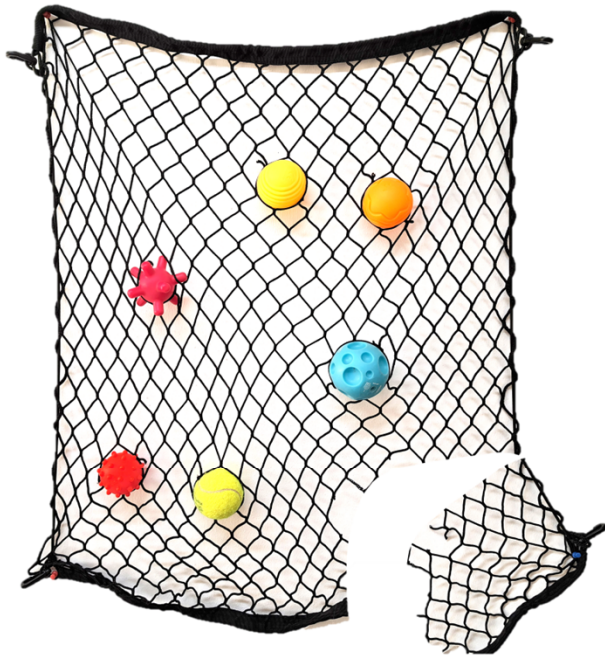Cardiff University

Many priorities

Economy

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equitable education

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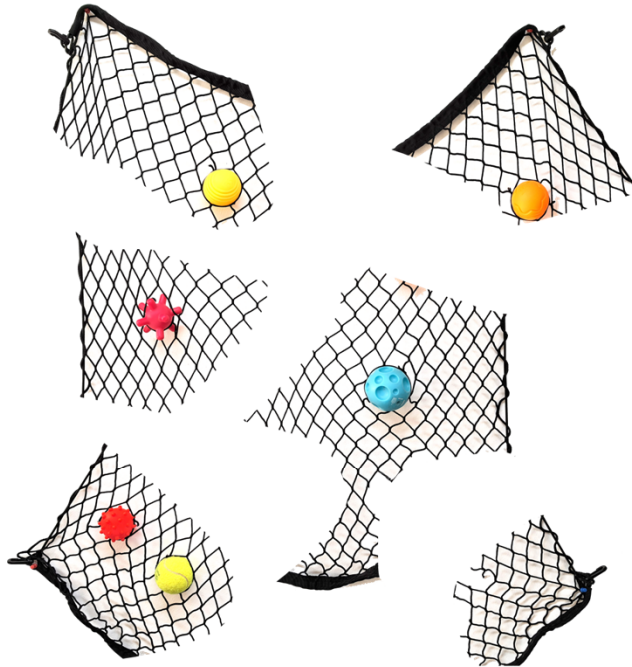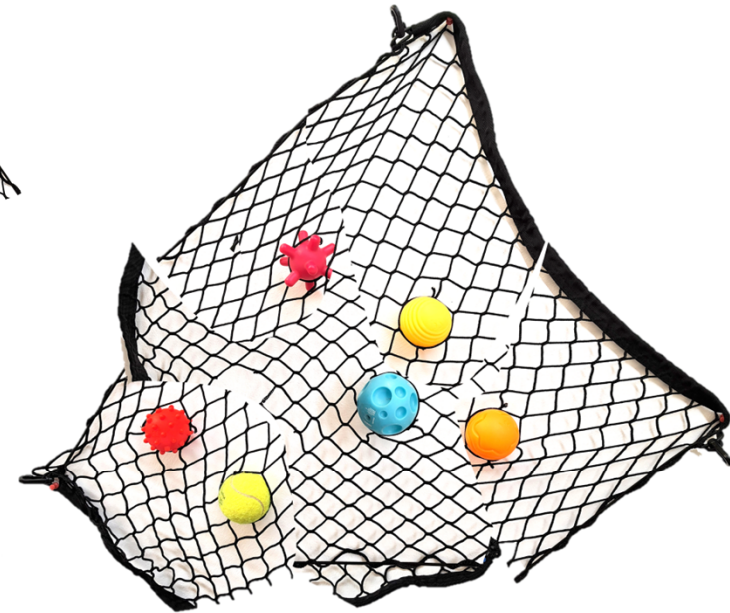# A network/assemblage of actors and associations

Disruptions in the assemblage

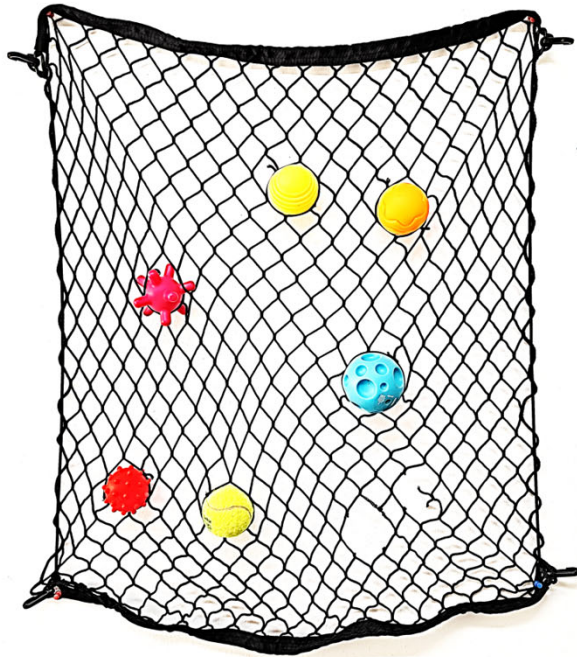Association disrupted in the assemblage

Assemblage breaking down

New associations and new assemblage formed

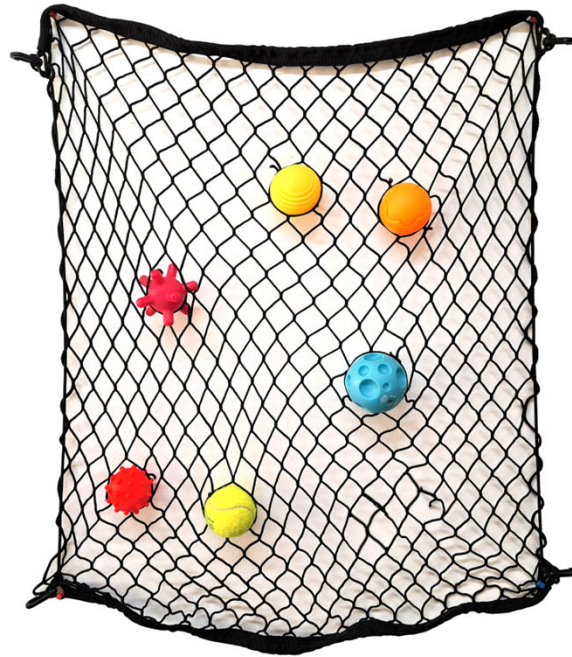The British Academy
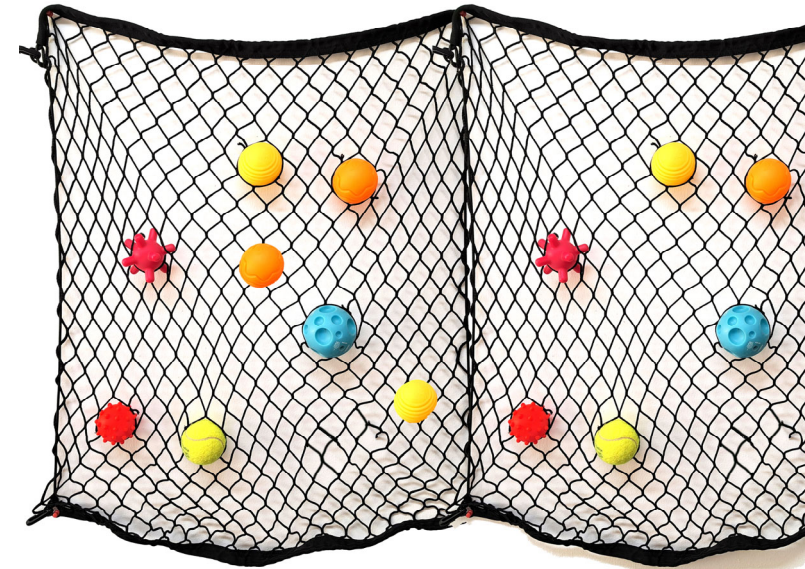EARLY CAREER
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Sustaining the assemblage

Change within range of resilience

Associations and actors are sustained

New associations are created/assemblage extended

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A Relational and Dynamic Framework inspired by Critical Realism and Assemblage Theory

Sustainability in relational terms: Enduring relations between actors

Morphogenesis

- those processes which tend to elaborate or change a system's given form, structure, or state

Morphostasis

- those processes in complex system environment exchanges that tend to preserve or maintain a system's given form, organization, or state"

(Buckley 1967)