What is Web Science

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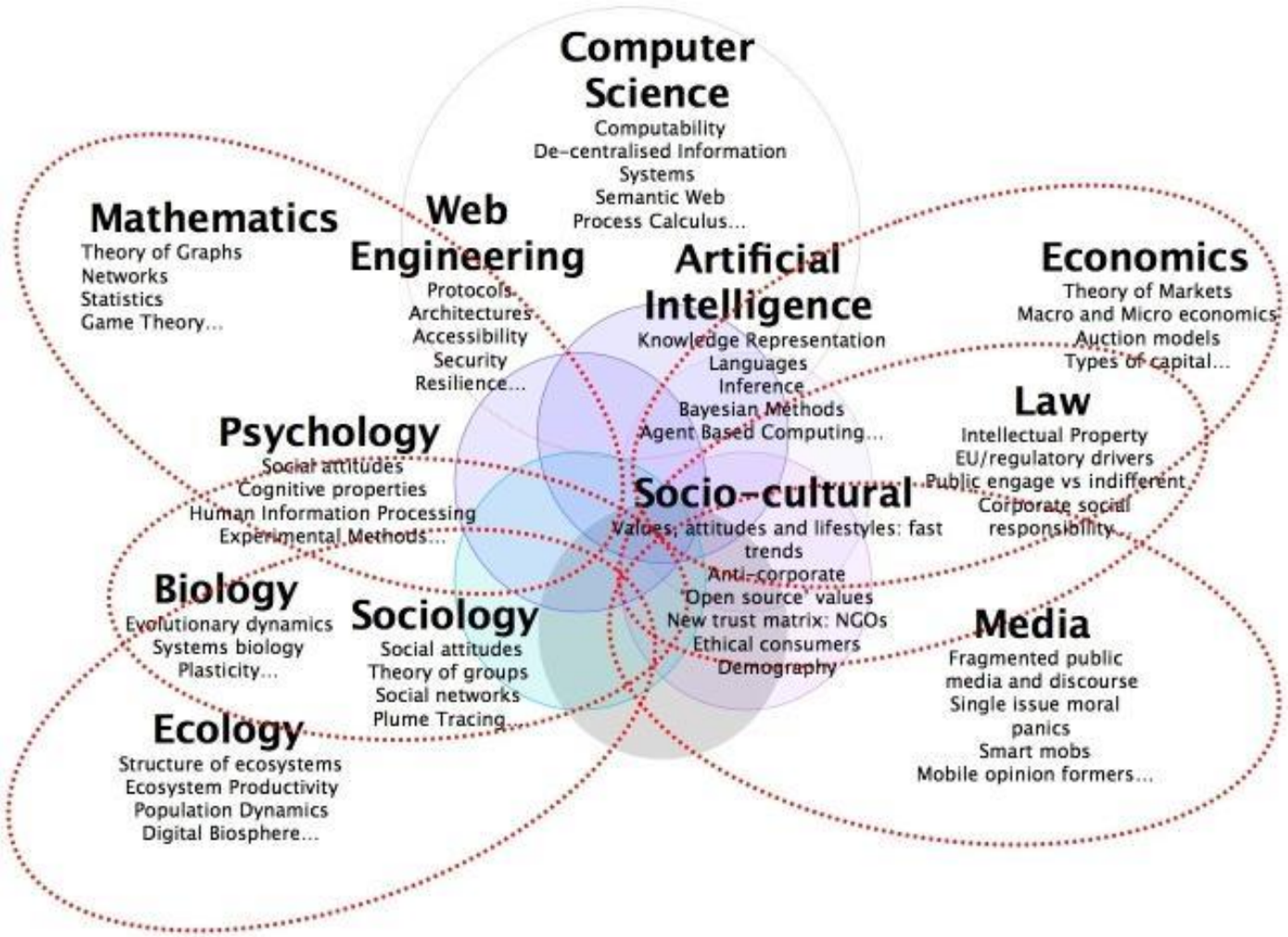
Why are we here?

- Web Science
- Web is new but extremely influential
- We need to understand it
- Future development of the web
- Opportunities and threats
- Web Science is interdisciplinary

What is Web Science?

- Multidisciplinary approach to understanding the web
- Reason for the new science to appear
- The aim is to find how humans can benefit

How is Web Science related to different disciplines?



Relation between Web Science and Computer Science

- Faster search algorithms
- Graph theory
- Data encryption
- Main questions in the field of Computer Science and IT

Social aspects

- Online communities
- Social structures
- Trust and reputation
- Morality and ethical questions

Conclusions

- Web Science is still very new
- Highly interdisciplinary
- Technical aspects are just a small part
- Might develop into big area of research as its used

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