

# INNOVATION PROJECT

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# TEACHING TEAM



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(Intro)



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# AGENDA

## 1. Course Structure

- Syllabus
- Timeline
- Project Details
- Deliverables
- Evaluation
- Moodle

## 2. Innovation Projects Showcase (and next steps)

## 3. Methodological Framework: Life-Centric Innovation



# COURSE STRUCTURE

# SYLLABUS

## 1. Life-Centric Innovation Framework

## 2. Innovation 4 Impact Project

## 3. Innovation Methodologies and Tools for an Innovation Project

### 3.1 Generative AI for Innovation

### 3.2 Scenarios & Foresight for Innovation

### 3.3 Business Model Innovation

### 3.4 Impact-Driven Innovation

### 3.5 Impact Metrics for Innovation

# TIMELINE

	05/02	12/02	26/02	28/02	17/03	02/04	04/04	09/04	23/04	30/04	07/05	09/05	14/05	22/05
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- + 1H MENTORING PER WEEK
- + 1H MEETING WITH CORPORATE EVERY TWO WEEKS
- + 1 HALFWAY TOUCHPOINT WITH TEACHING TEAM



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CHANGES IN ORIGINAL SCHEDULE:

- 05/03 is now 28/02 (18h30 to 21h30)
- 12/03 is now 04/04 (18h30 to 21h30)
- 17/03 is now 09/05 (18h30 to 21h30)

# PROJECT DETAILS

## 1. Mission Based

- i. Every two weeks (+-), a new mission;
- ii. One halfway elevator pitch;
- iii. One final presentation;
- iv. One final report.

## 2. Support

- i. 1 hour per week with mentor;
- ii. 4 mandatory touchpoints with corporate liaison;
- iii. 1 mandatory touchpoint with Teaching Team
- iv. Touchpoint with Rui every two weeks, in class;

# DELIVERABLES

## Individual Reflection

- i. **Two-pager with individual reflection about innovation methodologies applicability, team dynamics and lessons learned**
- ii. **Guidelines to be communicated on Moodle.**

## Final Presentation (Group)

- iii. **To be delivered on May 22nd.**
- iv. **Guidelines to be communicated on May 5th.**

## Final report (Group)

- i. **Maximum 25 pages (plus annexes);**
- ii. **Must include the documentation of all 6 missions, including decision rationale, methodologies used, ;**
- iii. **To be delivered until May 25th.**



# EVALUATION

## Team grade:

- 1. Team commitment throughout the project (informed by corporates and mentors) (20%)**
- 2. Quality of final deliverable (40%)**
- 3. Quality of final presentation (20%)**

## Individual grade:

- 1. Peer assessment (10%)**
- 2. Individual reflection (10%)**

# MOODLE

**Course ENROLMENT key:**

**Innov\_2425\_S2**

# INNOVATION PROJECTS



# PROJECT #1

**GRUPO BRISA**



[www.grupobrisa.pt](http://www.grupobrisa.pt)

## CHALLENGE

**“How might we help BRISA and its ecosystem of partners radically reduce Scope 3 emissions while creating new sustainable business opportunities and driving profitability?”**

**Type: Large Company**

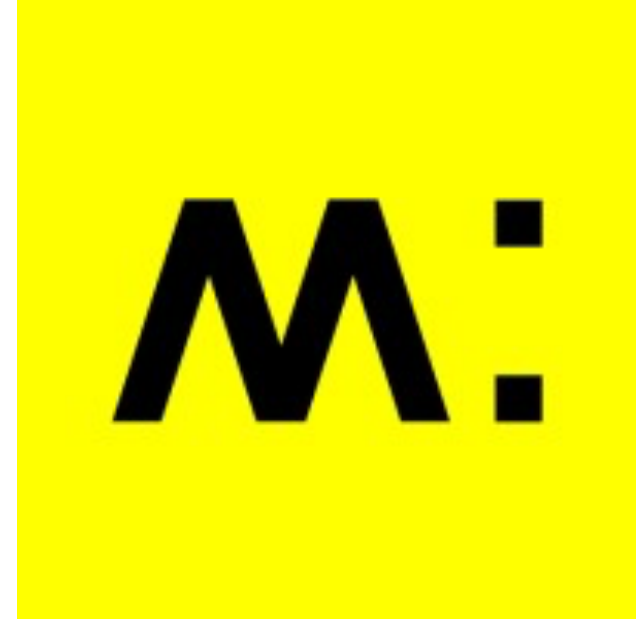
**Sector: Mobility; Infrastructure**

**Keywords:**

**Environmental Sustainability; Decarbonisation; Scope 3 Emissions; Business Model Innovation; Sustainable Supply Chains**

# PROJECT #2

**MEXT: MOTA ENGIL NEXT**



[www.motaengilnext.com](http://www.motaengilnext.com)

## CHALLENGE

**“How might we develop an innovative business model for M-ODU Innovation Lab – Future Worlds, that can diversify revenue streams beyond traditional real estate lease models and traditional co-working fees?”**

**Type: Large Company**

**Sector: Real Estate, Urban Renewal, Collaborative Innovation**

**Keywords:**

**Business Model Innovation, Urban Renewal, Innovation Labs, Open and Collaborative Innovation, Real Estate**

# PROJECT #3



Partner  
in Payments

[www.sibs.com](http://www.sibs.com)

## CHALLENGE

**"How might we evolve Card Factory's business strategy to remain sustainable in a world where digital solutions are increasingly replacing plastic cards?"**

**Type: Large Company**

**Sector: Financial Services**

**Keywords:**

**Strategic Renewal; Business Model Innovation; Sustainability**



# PROJECT #4

**OCEANO FRESCO**



[www.oceano-fresco.pt](http://www.oceano-fresco.pt)

## CHALLENGE

**“How might we better understand the perceived value of 'a sustainable food' and translate that into more effective business and go-to-market strategies?”**

**Type: Startup**

**Sector: Food, Seafood**

**Keywords:**

**Sustainability, Consumer Behaviour, Go-to-market Strategies**

# PROJECT #5

**SOGRAPE**



<https://sogrape.com>

## CHALLENGE

**“How might we leverage Artificial Intelligence to shape the future of the wine industry, ensuring a lasting legacy for local communities and future generations?”**

To address this question, we seek a high-level assessment of the wine value chain, identifying key opportunities where AI-driven innovation can create meaningful impact.

**Type: Large Company**

**Sector: Beverages**

**Keywords:**

**Artificial Intelligence, Wine, Value Chain, Positive Impact**

# PROJECT #6

**ALMASCIENCE**



<https://almascience.pt>

## CHALLENGE

**“How might we create a new value proposition for Almascience around the creation of a community-of-practice that can generate new revenue streams and that can diversify their current membership business model?”**

**Type: R&D Lab; Non-Profit**

**Sector: Science, Research & Development, Technology, Sustainable Functional Materials, Green Electronics**

**Keywords:**

**Community, Membership Business Models, Business Model Innovation, Everything-as-a-Service**

# PROJECT #7



**JOSÉ DE MELLO**

[www.josedemello.pt](http://www.josedemello.pt)

## CHALLENGE

**“How might we leverage innovation to bridge the early childhood development gap, ensuring every child under five has the foundation needed to thrive in school and life?”**

**Type: Group; Holding**

**Sector: Multisector**

**Keywords:**

**Social Innovation; Education; Underprivileged Communities; Infancy**



# PROJECT #8



## CHALLENGE

**“How might we design a market entry strategy that ensures the successful adoption of AI solutions by healthcare providers, balancing affordability, trust, regulatory compliance, and patient literacy?”**

**Type: Large Company**

**Sector: Healthcare**

**Team:**

**Anna Esmekhani Minaei | Julia Theresa Moll | Emely Thiele | Henrik Sutor | Matilde Caffi Rodrigues | Laura Kirchschrager | Greta Sauter**

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SPECIALIZATION**



[www.cuf.pt](http://www.cuf.pt)

# DECLARE YOUR PREFERENCES

DEADLINE:

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 9TH

23H59

Innovation Project Feb - May '25

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<https://forms.office.com/e/FDAGGp6YZy>

# LIFE-CENTRIC INNOVATION



# The History of INNOVATION CYCLES

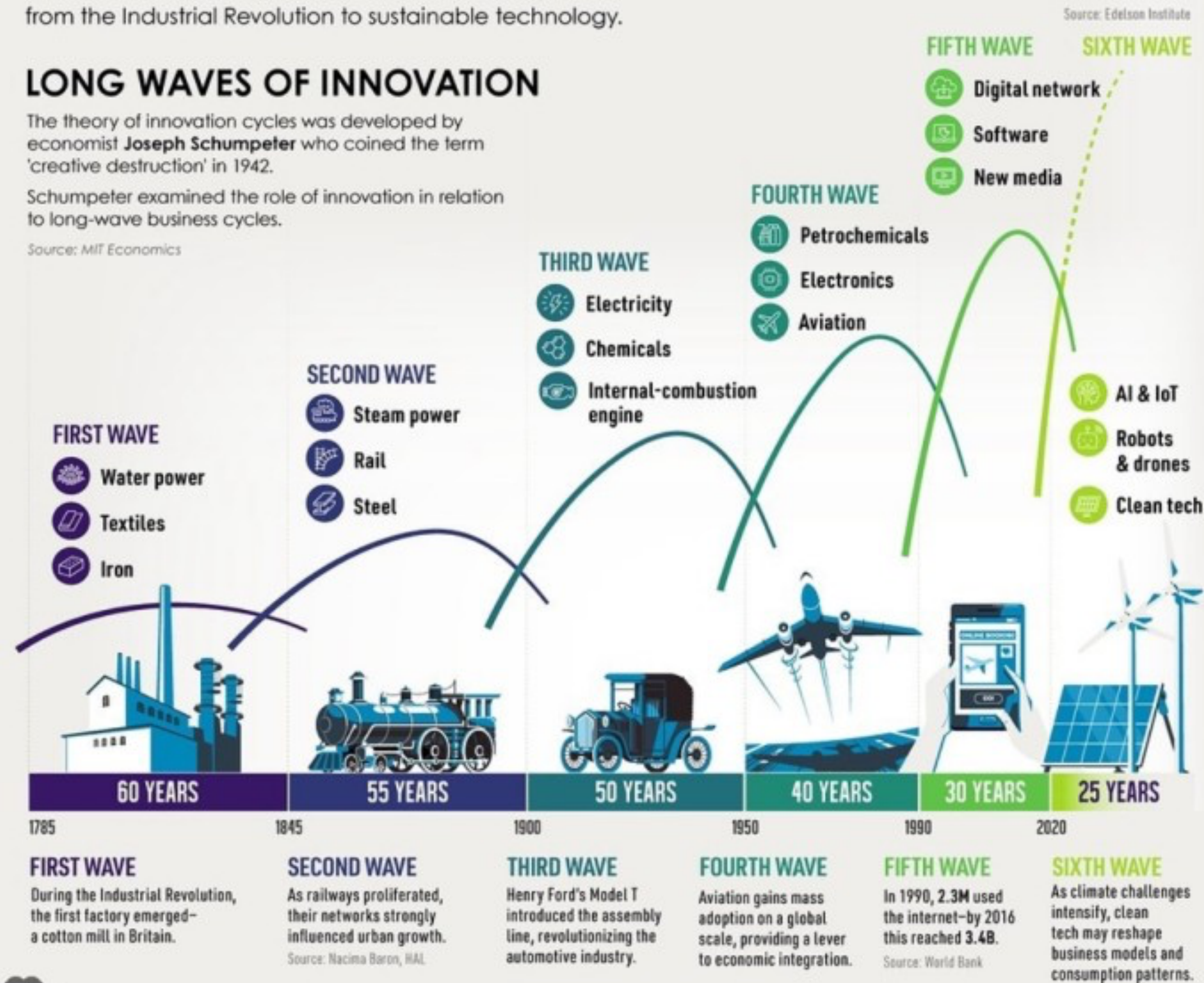
Below, we show waves of innovation across 250 years, from the Industrial Revolution to sustainable technology.

## LONG WAVES OF INNOVATION

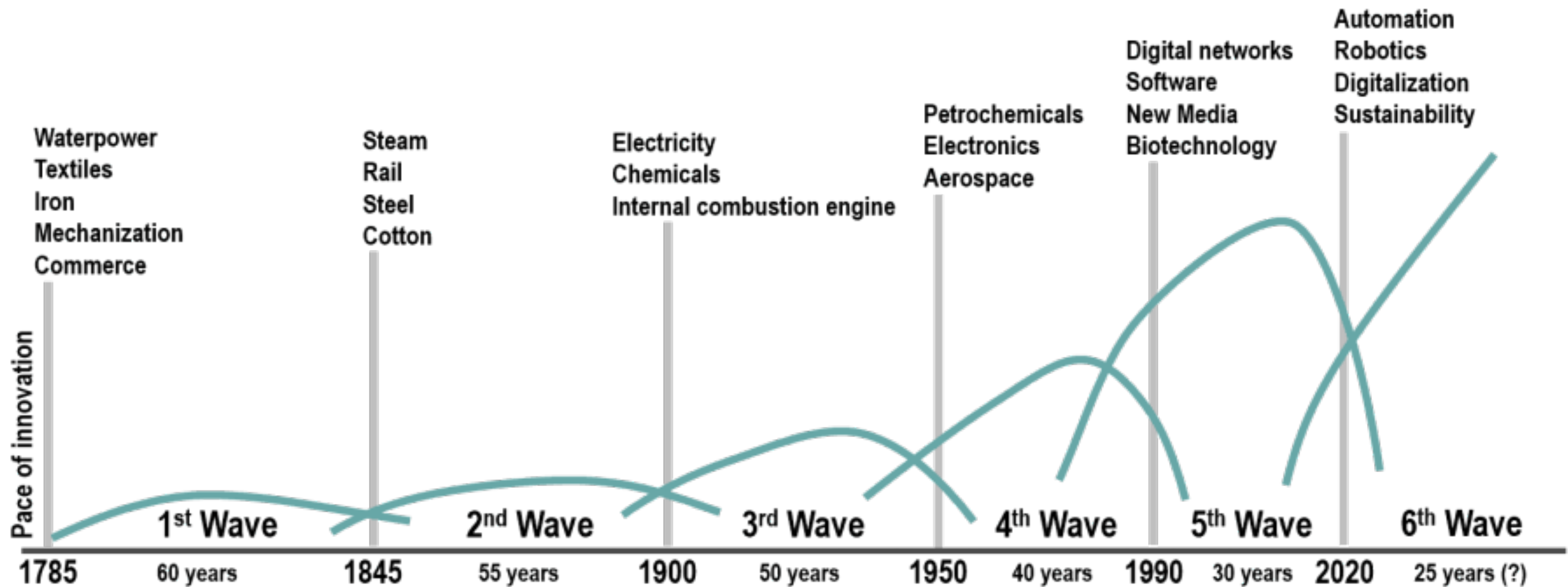
The theory of innovation cycles was developed by economist **Joseph Schumpeter** who coined the term 'creative destruction' in 1942.

Schumpeter examined the role of innovation in relation to long-wave business cycles.

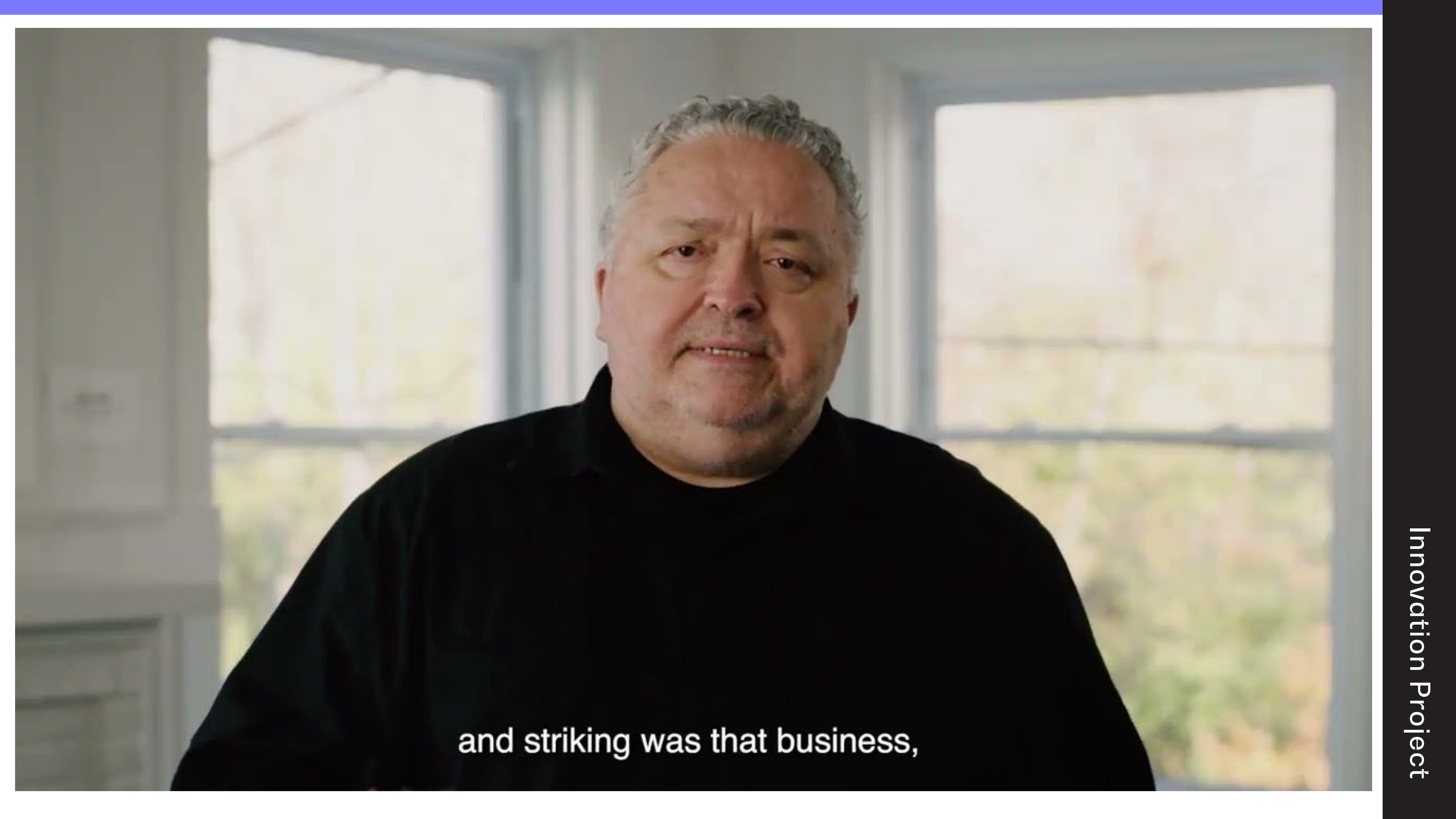
Source: MIT Economics







..... Process-Centred Innovation ..... Human-Centred Innovation ...

A middle-aged man with grey hair and a black shirt is speaking. He is positioned in front of a large window that looks out onto a green landscape. The lighting is soft and natural, coming from the window behind him.

and striking was that business,

**“Practically everything we do today needs to change. We are still doing most things as if we own nature and have unlimited resources. We work as if waste is not a problem. We treat nature like a pantry and a toilet. We think short term, party like there’s no tomorrow, and pass the check to future generations. We dump problems we can’t solve into places we can’t see. And many of our solutions create more problems than they correct.”**

**Things gotta change. Now.**

**—Bruce Mau**

**"A human being is a part of the whole called by us Universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separate from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few people nearest to us.**

**Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty."**

**—Albert Einstein**



**Systemic challenges cannot be solved in isolation.**

**Innovation must go beyond a narrow approach focusing on the next best evolution, instead it needs to develop a much broader perspective to find new systemic approaches.**

**We need visionary innovation...**

**... that expands the scope of responsibilities for the longer-term sustainability of all life, society, and our planet.**

**Vision building is the most relevant and rare asset in our society.**

**We do not live in a world where data and knowledge are missing. Indeed, it is just the opposite. The amount of information is overwhelming.**

**What is rare is the capability to make sense of this enormous and complex picture, to go beyond the past and existing patterns and imagine what is not there.**

**But having a vision is not enough.**

**Visionary ideas are frequent: actual implementation of these visions is rare.**

**Innovation requires that the vision is fulfilled, a task that requires immense courage, fortitude, and conviction.**

**The new frontier is to explore the path to innovation by understanding the nature of vision building.**

**For this purpose, we need new frameworks. We need to investigate the slippery intangible dimensions of thinking, the capability to unveil what is hidden into the mirror that reflects our role in the society. We need to understand the dreams of people, to change the marketplace from the ordinary to a world that is still not there.**

**This is essential if we want to leave in a sustainable world. A sustainable society can only be the result of visions that look beyond today, beyond immediate issues.**



**“Visionary innovation refers to the development and application of groundbreaking ideas, technologies, and approaches that have the potential to significantly disrupt existing systems, create new opportunities, and drive transformative change on a large scale.**

**It involves thinking beyond incremental improvements and envisioning novel solutions that can reshape industries, societies, and even the way we perceive and interact with the world.”**

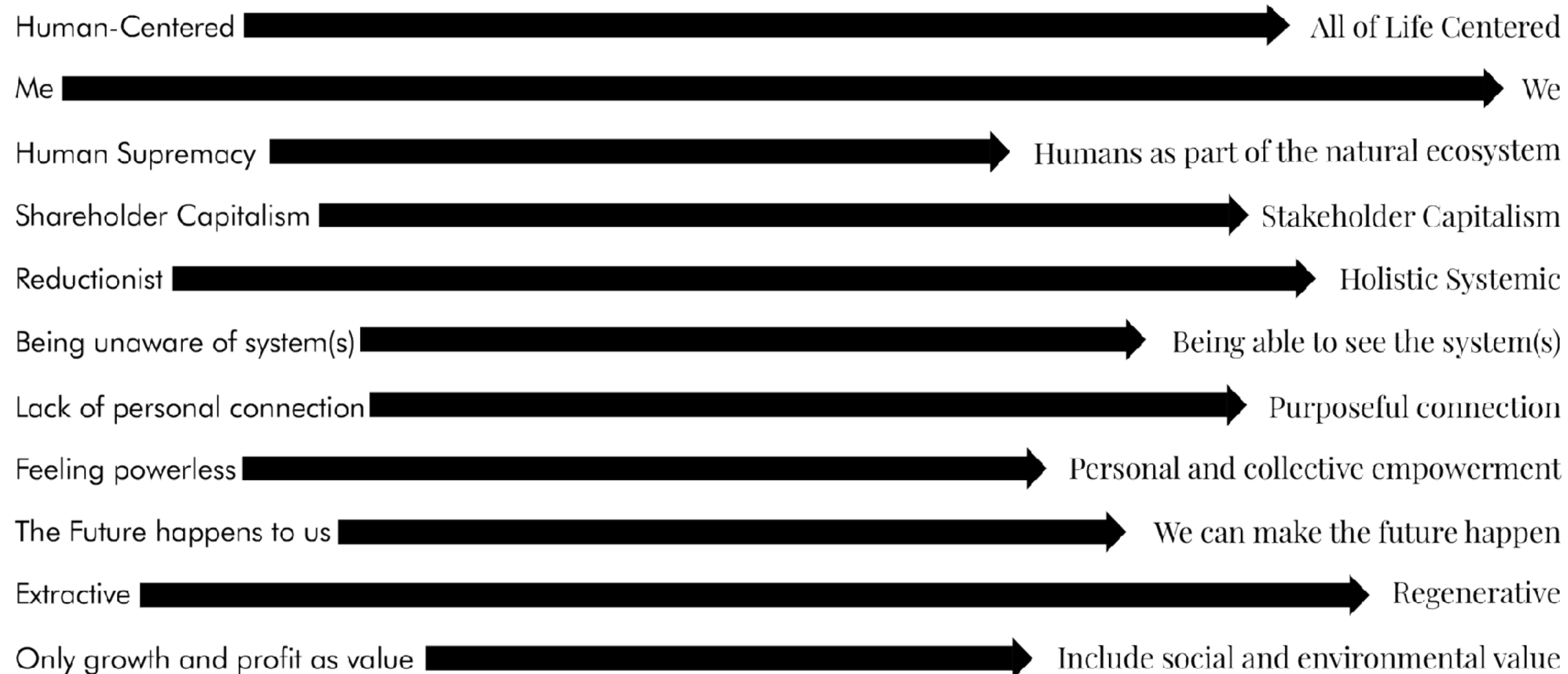
**—Roberto Verganti**



**Life-centred innovation is an emerging innovation approach that expands human-centred innovation to also include consideration of sustainable, environmental, and social implications. It connects micro-level innovation to global goals by increasing the stakeholders from just 'user and business' to 'user, non-user, local and global communities, ecosystems, and planetary boundaries'.**

**This approach aims to create innovations that not only benefit the user and the business, but also consider the impact on the environment and society as a whole.**

# From human-centricity to life-centricity





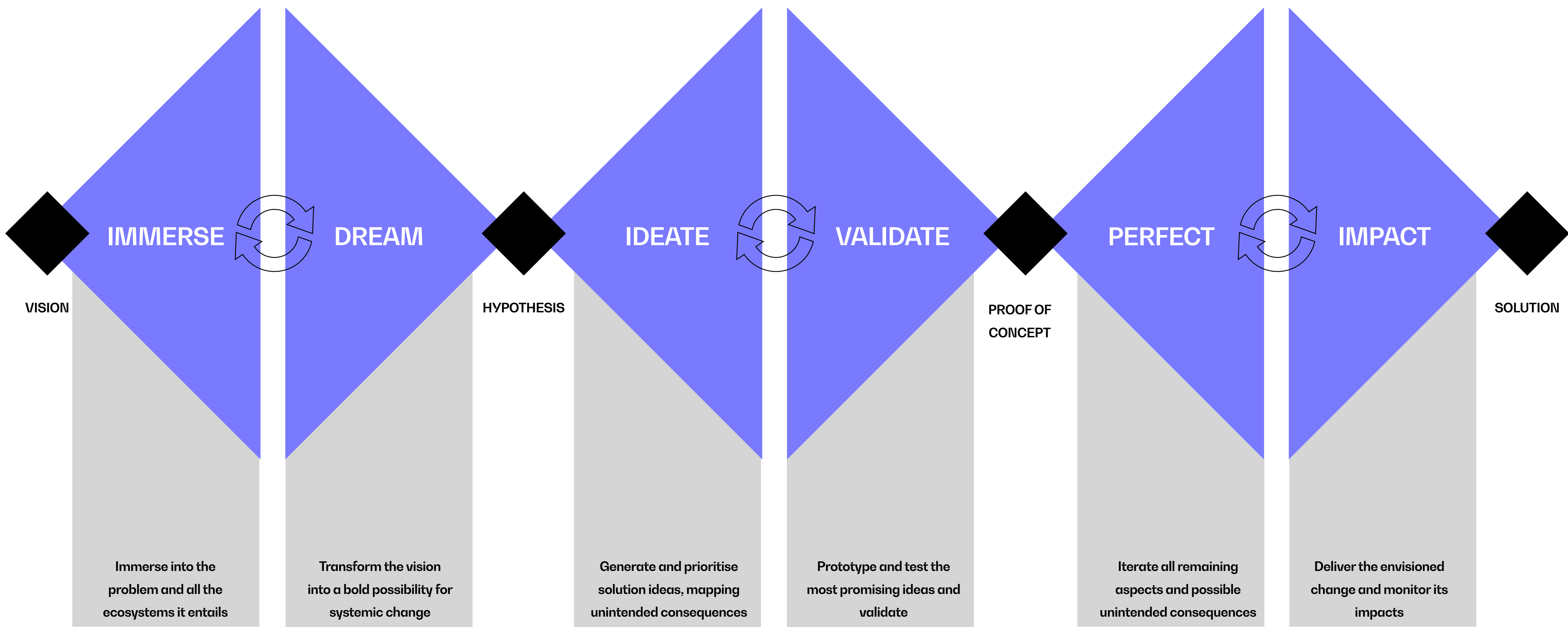


**Our belief:**

**Life-Centred Innovation**



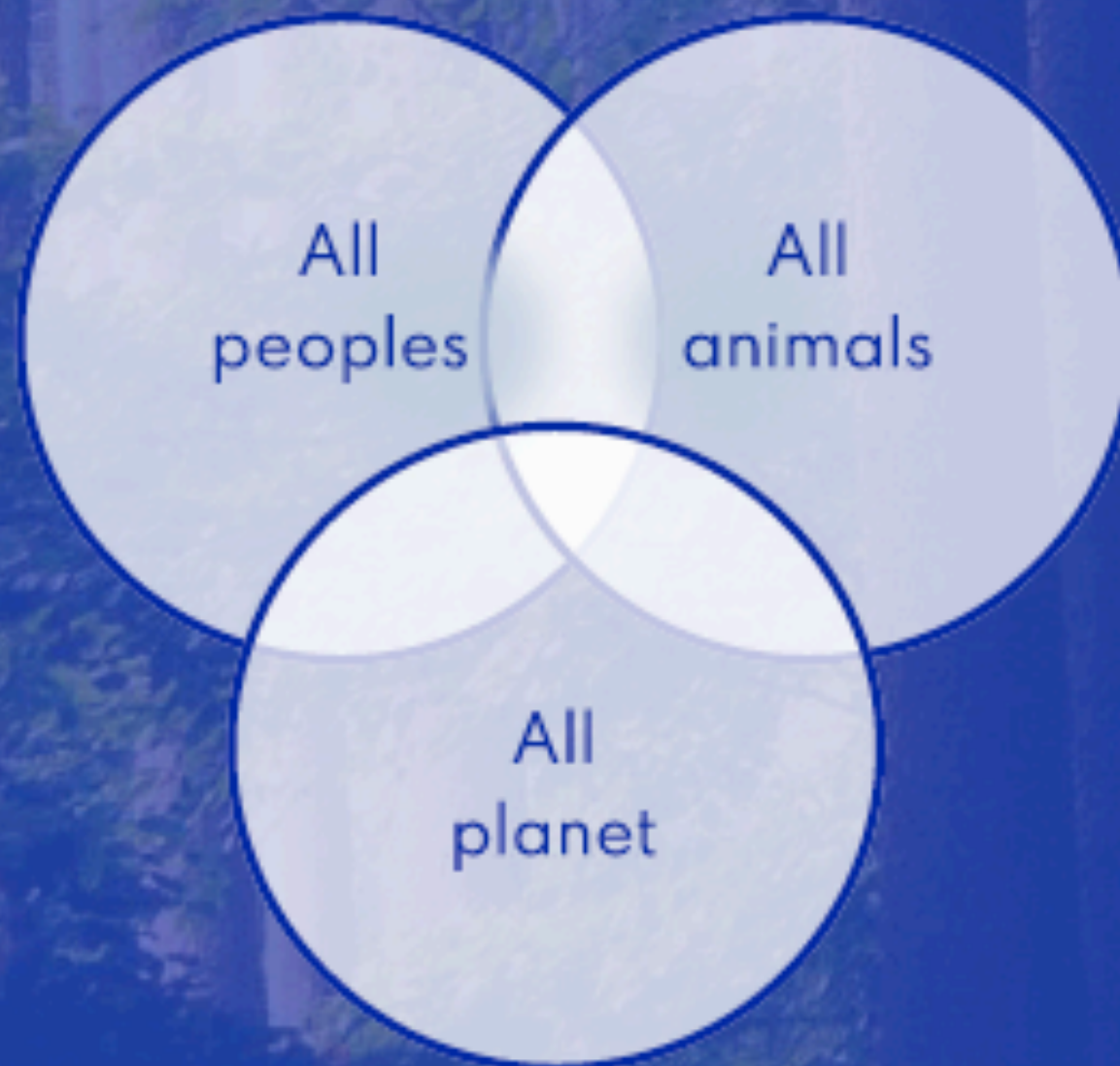
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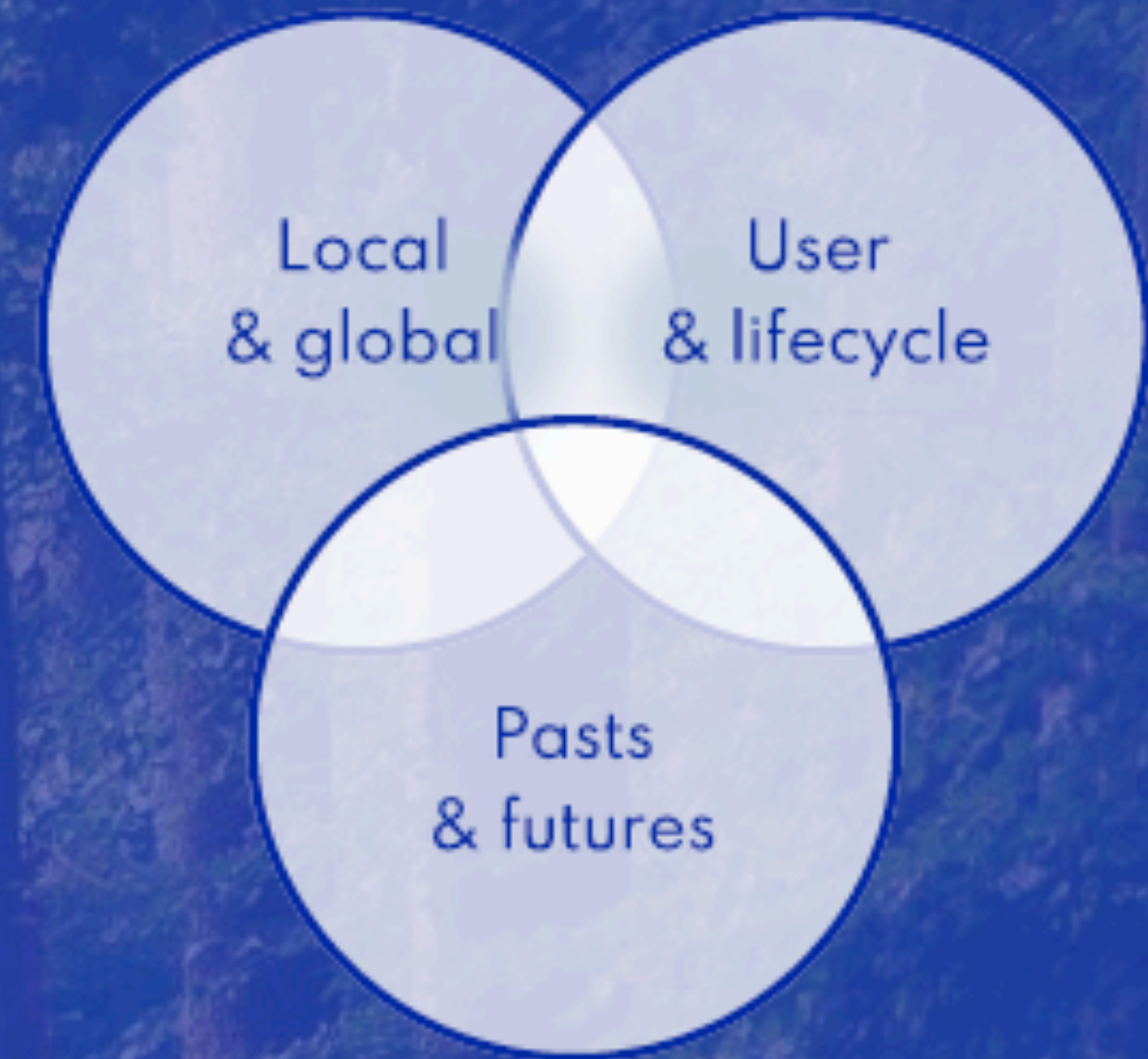
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*Expand our design values*



*Expand our views*





# Life-Centred Innovation



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