Unity-through-Diversity

European Integration in the Perspective of Systems Philosophy

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Overview

1. Transdisciplinarity
2. European Integration

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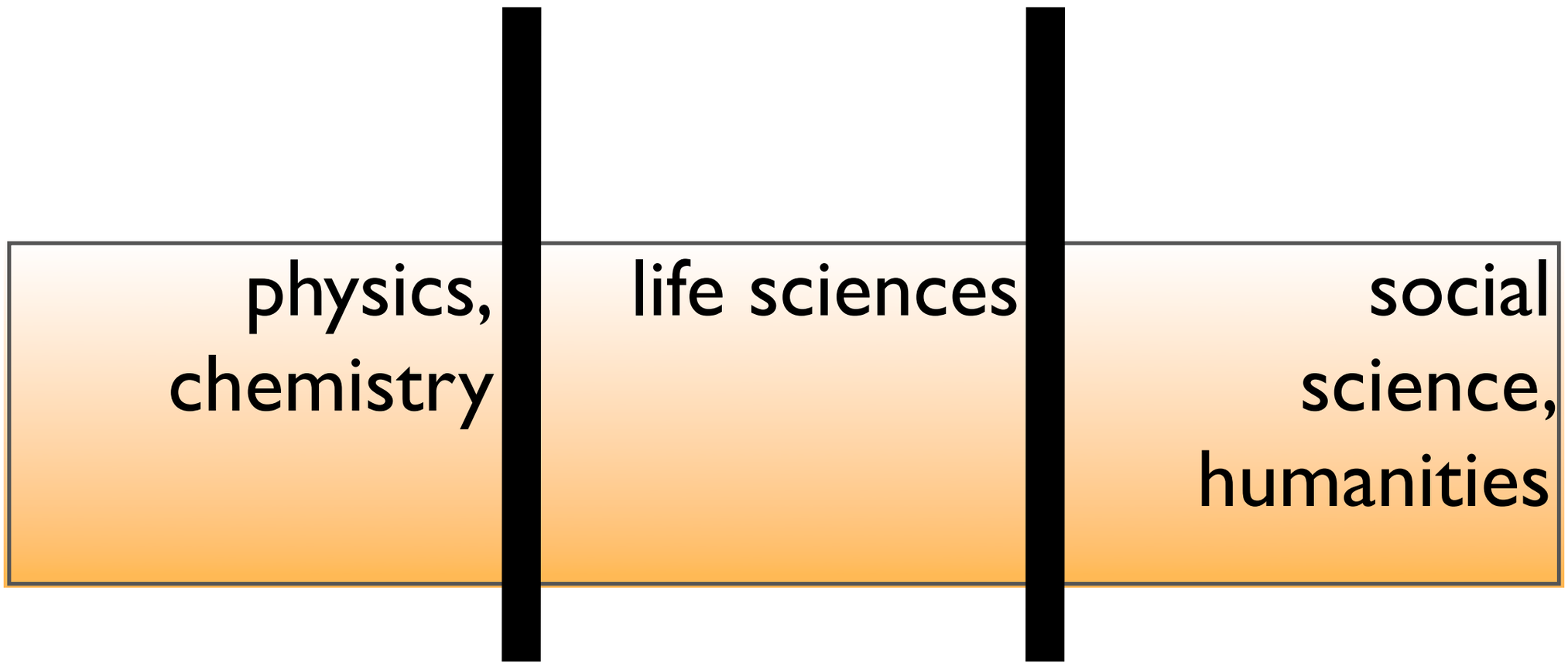

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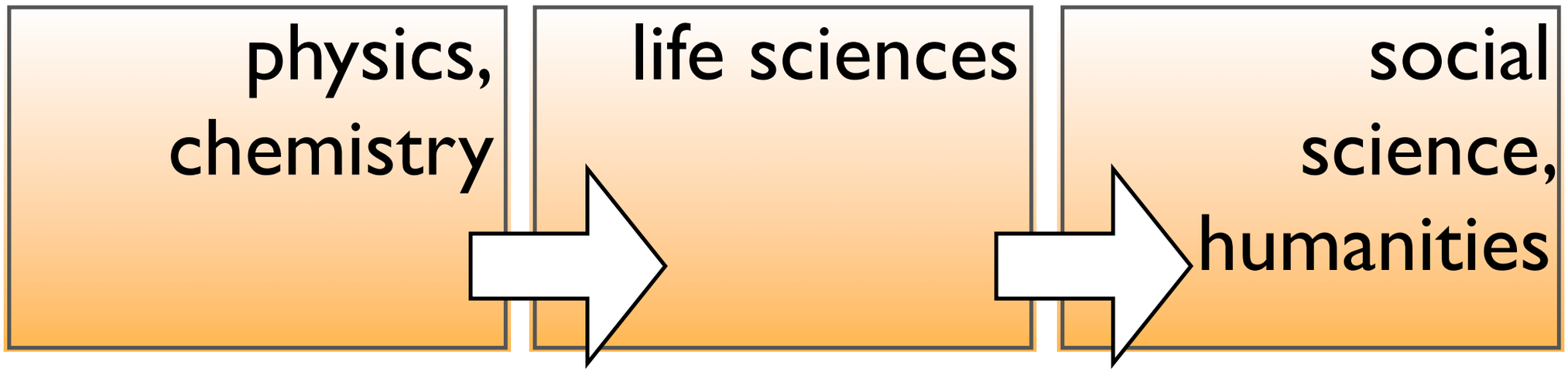

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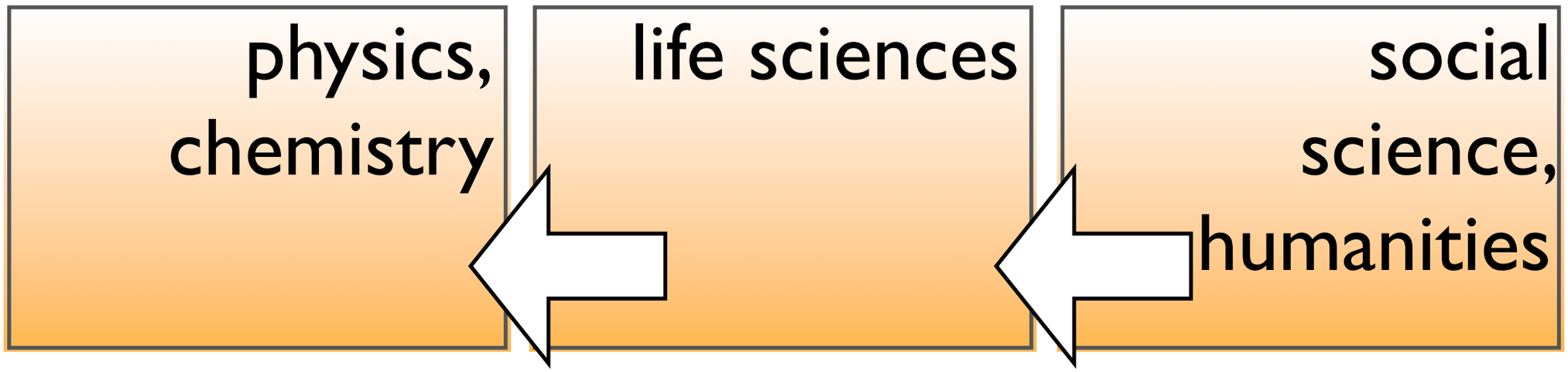

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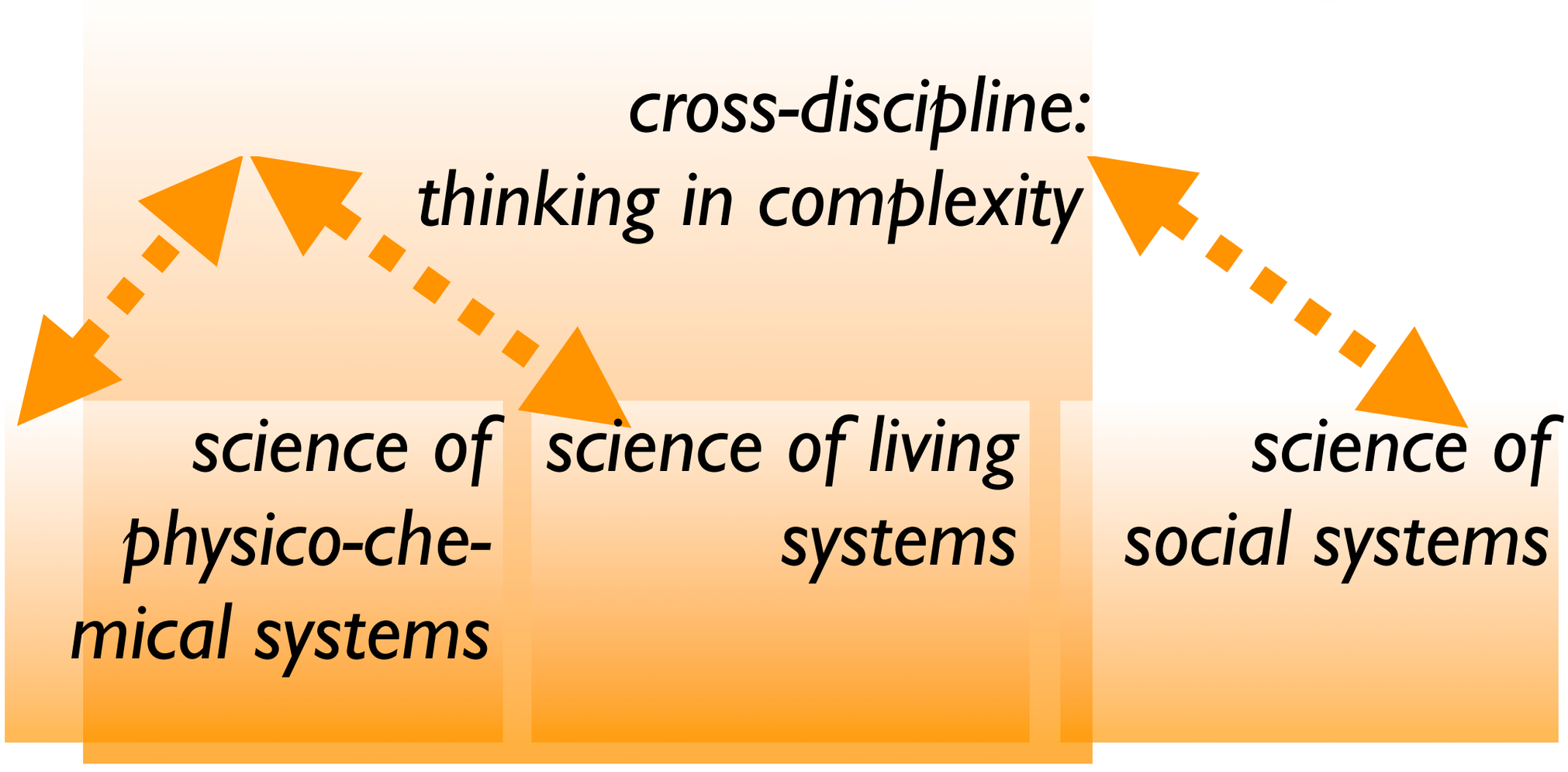

2 European Integration

Homogenisation	**Universalism**: To reduce the singularities to what the manifold has in common – NEOLIBERAL EUROPEANISATION (Modernism: Liberalism/ Imperialism): the Net is imposed upon the Selves	**Unity without Diversity**

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Homogenisation	**Universalism**	**Unity without Diversity**
	Particularism: To project one singularity onto an imaginary common – REACTIVE PSEUDO-EUROPEANISATION (Antimodernism: Fundamentalism/ Totalitarianism): one Self establishes itself as the Net	

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To dissociate the singularities from the common
– ANTI-EUROPEAN REACTION
(Postmodernism: Pluralism/ Indifferentism):
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Homogenisation	**Universalism**	**Unity without Diversity**
	Particularism	
Fragmentation	**Relativism**	**Diversity without Unity**
Beyond homogenisation and fragmentation	**Transculturalism**: To integrate the singularities and differentiate the common – "A DIFFERENT EUROPE IS FEASIBLE" (Reflexive Modernism): Net-Self-Dialectics	**Unity through Diversity**

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	Unity-through-Diversity	ONE
Diversity	Diversity-through-Unity	MANY

European Union

AUFHEBUNG/SUBLATION (Hegel)

1. Abolition: The new discontinues history. The European Union differs qualitatively from the old agglomeration of nation states.

2. Conservation: The One depends on the Many. The European Union depends on the variety of its constituents.

3. Lifting onto a higher level: The Many undergo a transformation. The partitions of the European Union cohere to maintain the European Union.

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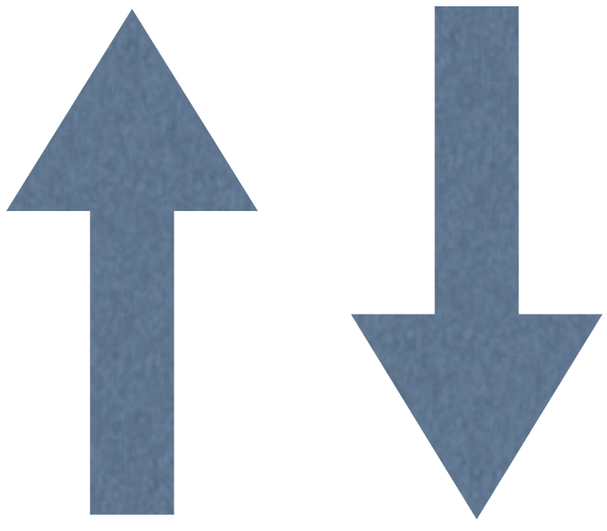
STRUCTURE:
EUROPEAN UNION

Constructing identity



Enabling/ constraining difference

AGENTS:
EUROPEAN NATIONS