



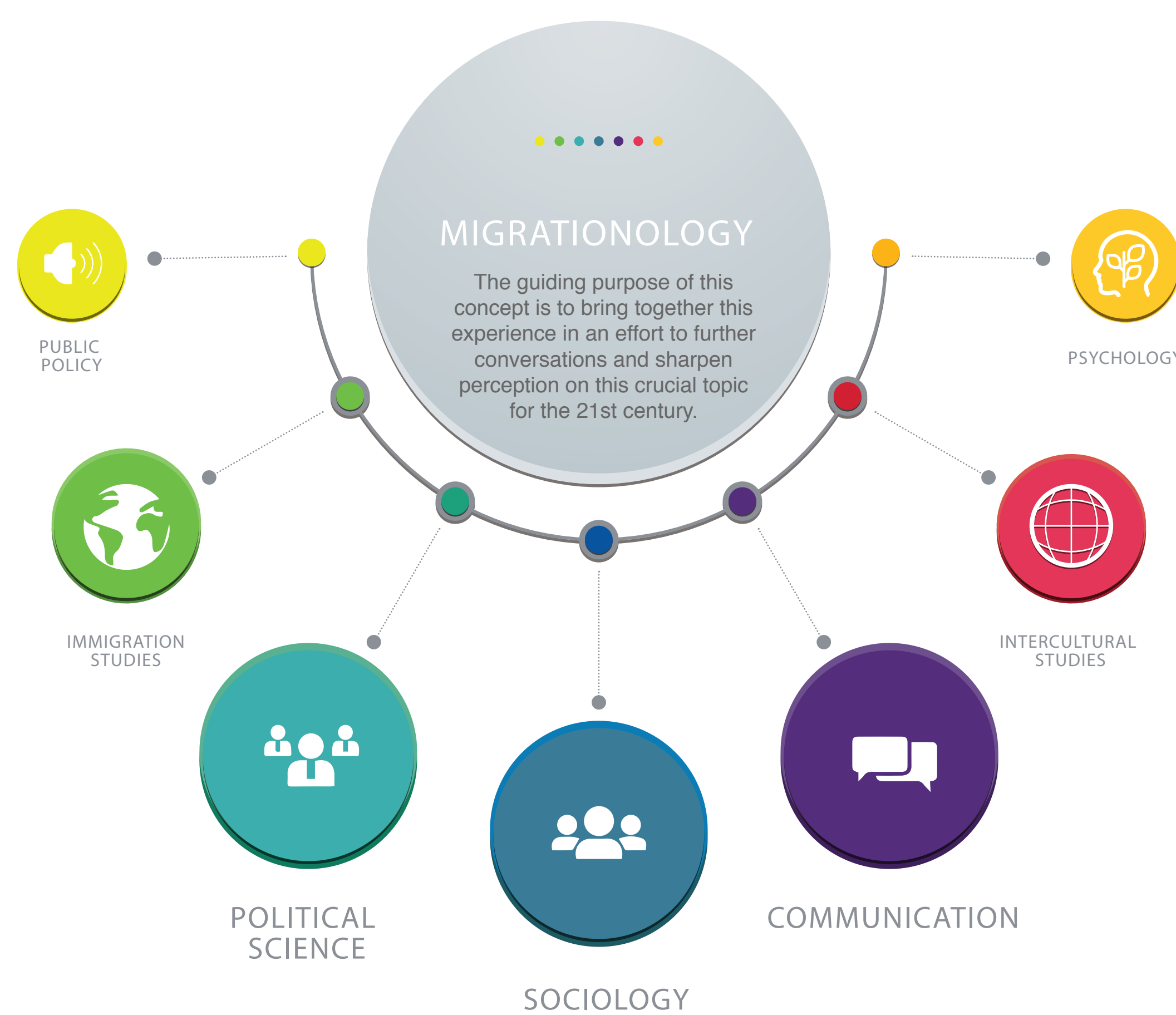
“Migrationology” in the context of Canada

A New Discipline Concept Exploration

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Introduction



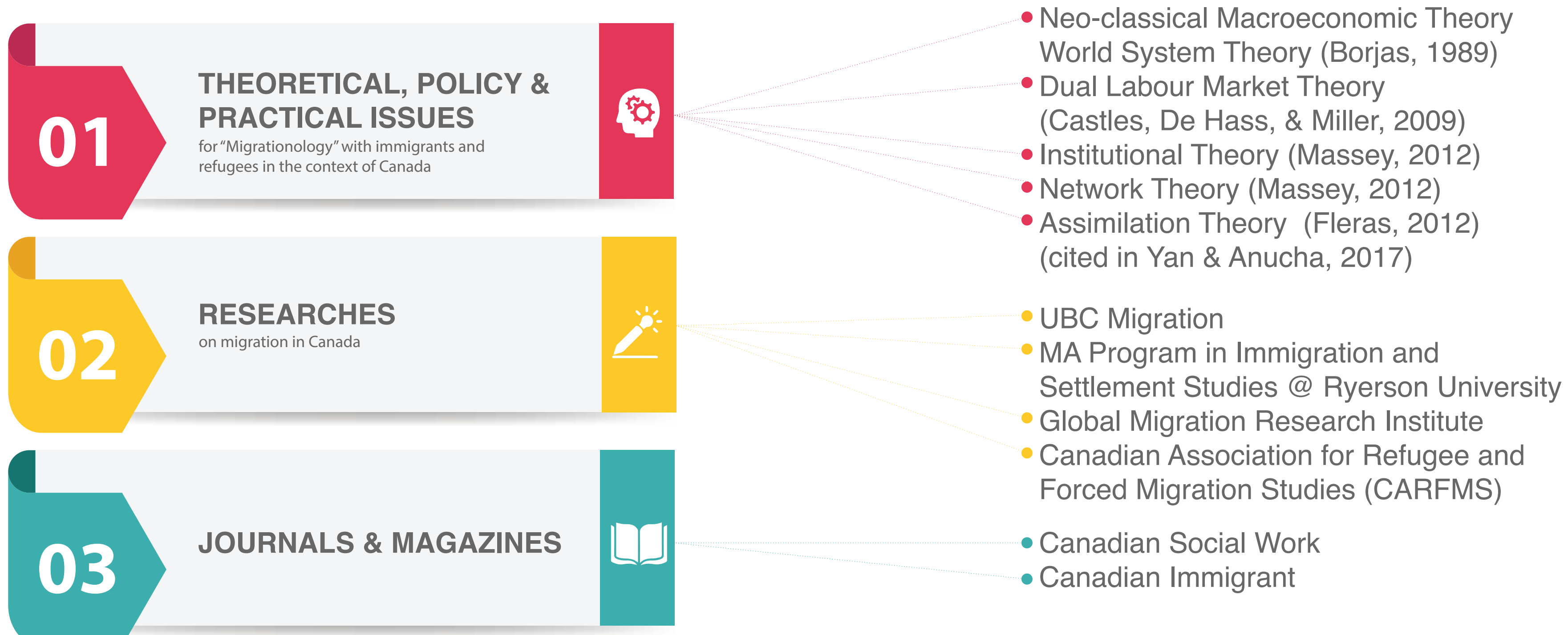
“Migrationology” crosses the boundaries of sociology, political science, psychology, communication, intercultural studies, immigration studies, public policy and many other fields.

So the guiding purpose of this concept is to bring together this experience in an effort to further conversations and sharpen perception on this crucial topic for the 21st century.

“Migrationology” Discipline Framework



Literature Review



SWOT Analysis

01 STRENGTHS

Largely of empirical researches by scholars, policy makers and practitioners have provided an abundance of very rich information and insights to the process of immigration, settlement and integration in the Canadian context, e.g., how “being new” interacts and interweaves with other potential oppressions and markers of identity such as race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age and language, raise awareness of social justice to support the settlement of newcomers to Canada (Yan & Anucha, 2017).

02 WEAKNESS

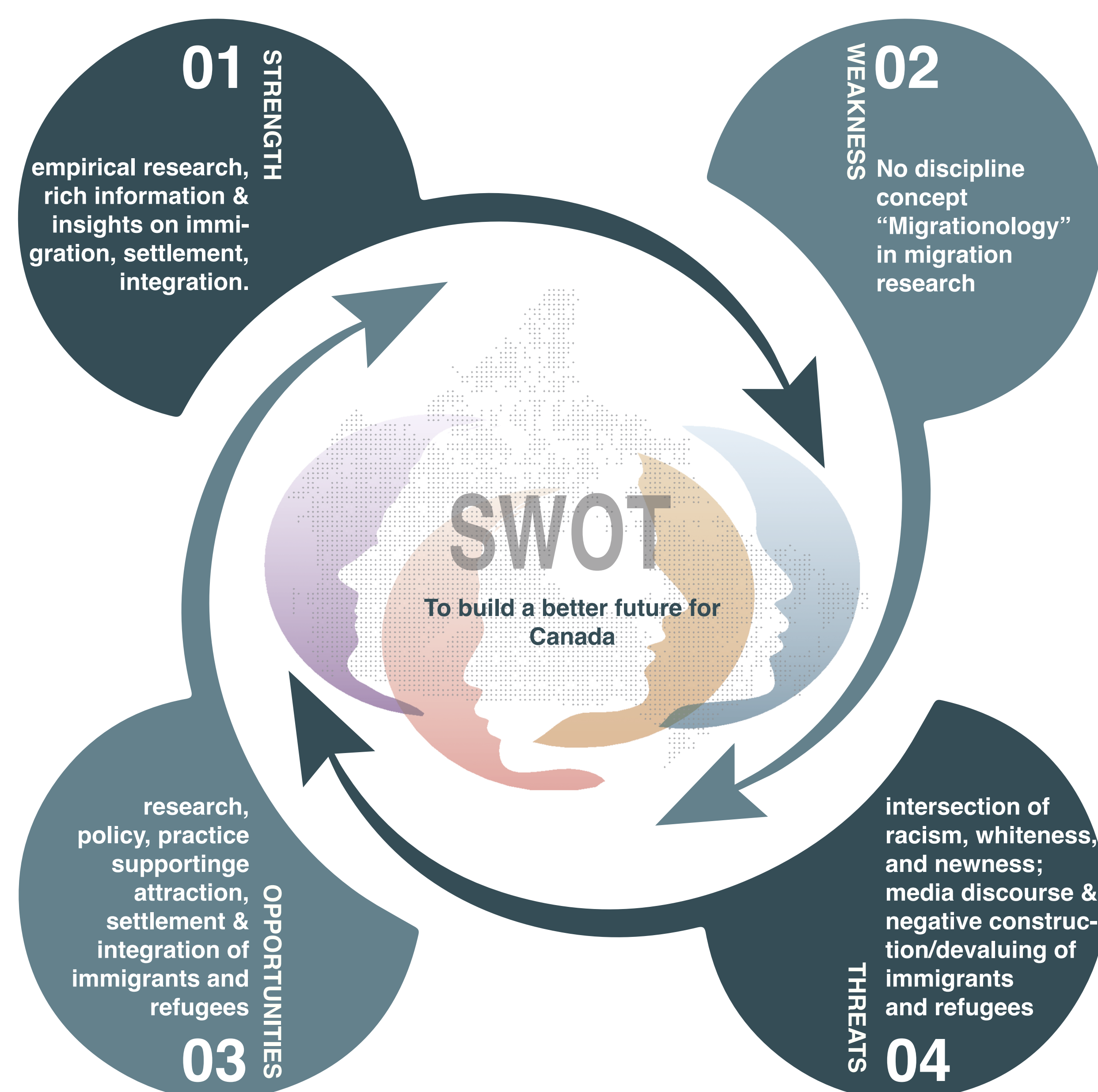
While considerable research on immigration have been done, there is no one discipline concept “Migrationology” of migration research in Canada regarding immigrants and refugees settlement experiences, patterns, policies and reception practices.

03 OPPORTUNITIES

Research can look ahead and focusing on how research, policy, and practice supporting the attraction, settlement and integration of immigrants and refugees, continuing to make important contributions to the well-being of Canada.

04 THREATS

Immigration to Canada is at a crossroads; the intersection of racism, whiteness, and newness; media discourse and the negative construction/devaluing of immigrants and refugees (Yan & Anucha, 2017).



Summary

The researcher is exploring a new discipline concept – “migrationology” in the context of Canada, in which immigration scholars in sociology could establish a more vibrant intellectual dialogue. Particular areas are discussion about resettlement, identities, multicultural diversity, employment and settlement integration model, immigration panic and health communication, popular misconceptions about immigrants and refugees, intercultural communication, social justice, social outcomes and more.

Migrationology could be a unique discipline approach that exploring immigration trends, policies and practice in Canada from multi-disciplinary perspectives, supporting the attraction, settlement and integration of immigrants and refugees, and making important contributions to the well-being of Canada.

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