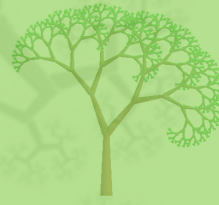


Complex systems require a dynamic harmony between negative and positive feedback. Positive feedback without limits causes systems to break down while negative feedback without new growth or goals causes systems to stagnate

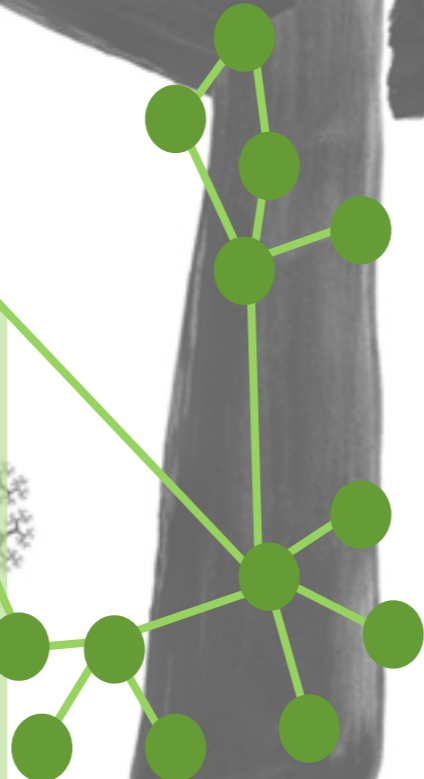
Enabling Constraint - rules or parameters imposed on the complex system that allow for flexible responses; opening possibilities by limiting choices



Remembering/Forgetting
For a system to learn to maintain its viability it must have a means to remember its past, and a means by which it discerns what is important

Neighbor Interactions new possibilities will arise when agents come into contact with each other and mutually affect and/or change each other; agents in this sense can be people, groups of people, or abstract agents like ideas or cultural values

Decentralized Control - the coming together of ideas is enabled by a decentralized interactive structure; the system is self-regulating, functioning without an organized center of authority



Consciousness of the collective
that which selects interpretive possibilities and helps to register them in the collective memory

