

# Five Faces of Power in Biodiversity Politics

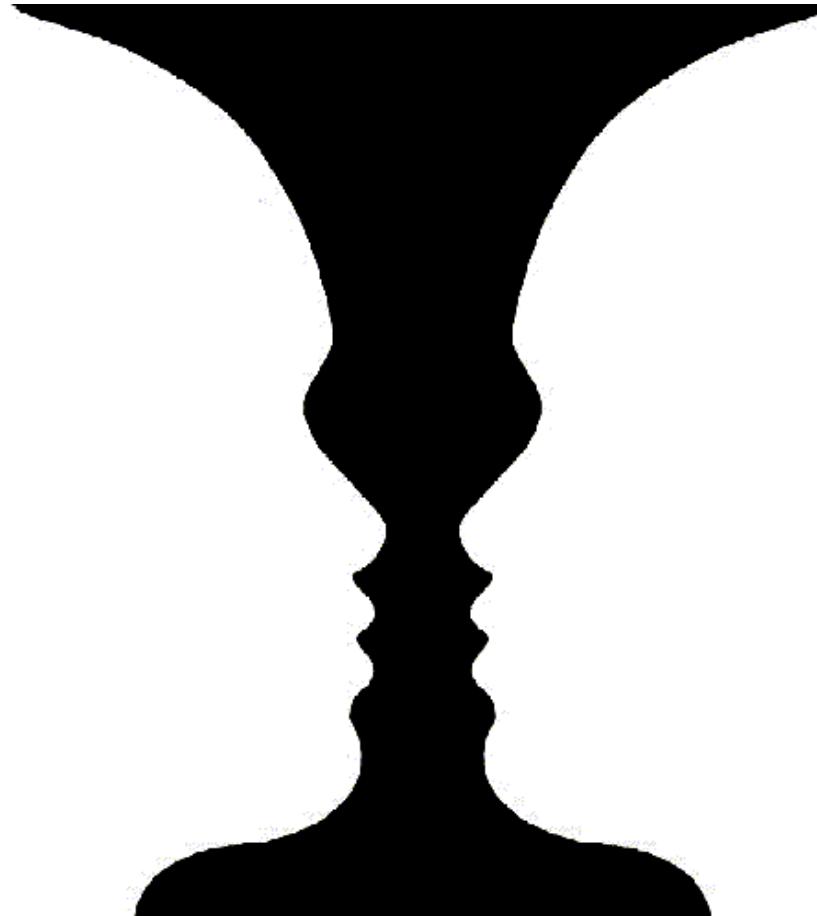
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# Power....



# Different perspectives...



# *The Fourth Face of Power*

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## **Power in International Politics**

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# Main thinkers....

- Dahl (1<sup>st</sup> face)
- Bachrach and Baratz (two faces)
- Lukes (three dimensions)
- Foucault (4<sup>th</sup> face)
  
- Multi-dimensional power perspective!

# Barnett & Duvall, 2005

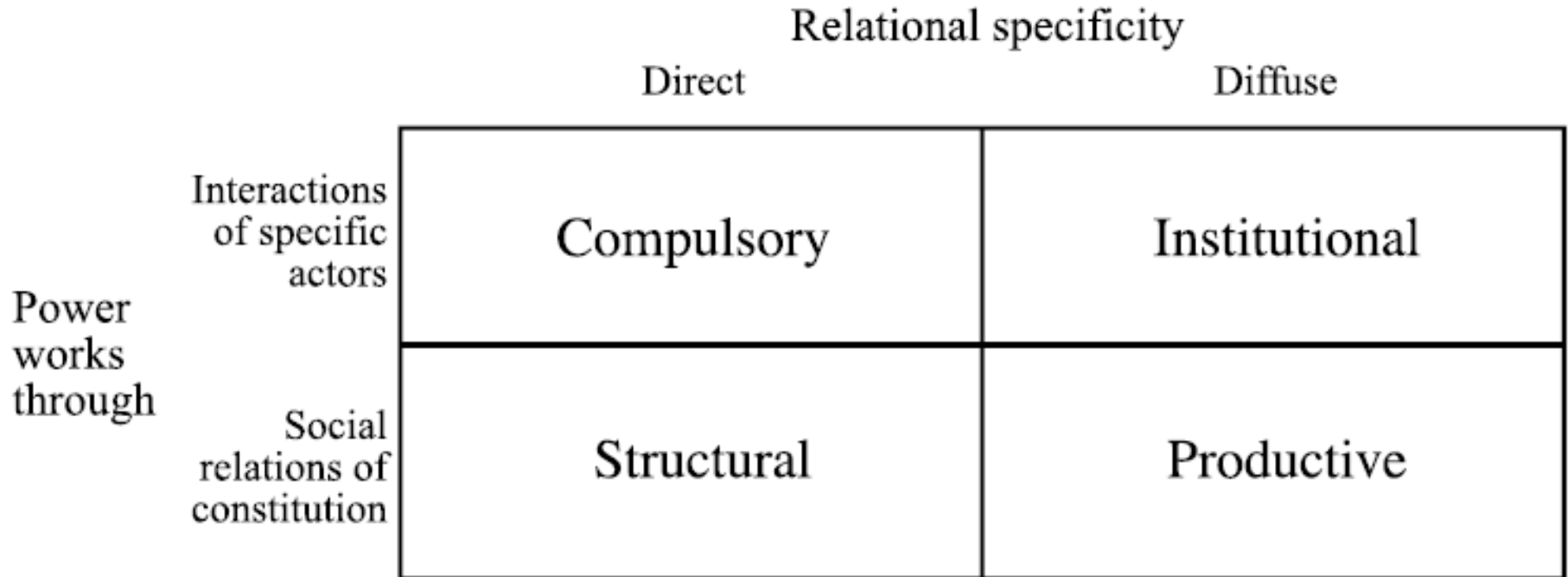


FIGURE 1. *Taxonomy of power*

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# Power and football

1. Agency: talented, rich player
2. Relational: player A forcing B to defend
3. Dispositional: referee over players
4. Institutional: rules that enable men over women
5. Productive: the discourses that constitute the macho players, with their tattoos and fancy cars, the club-coloured fans, the violent hooligans, etc.


# The football match

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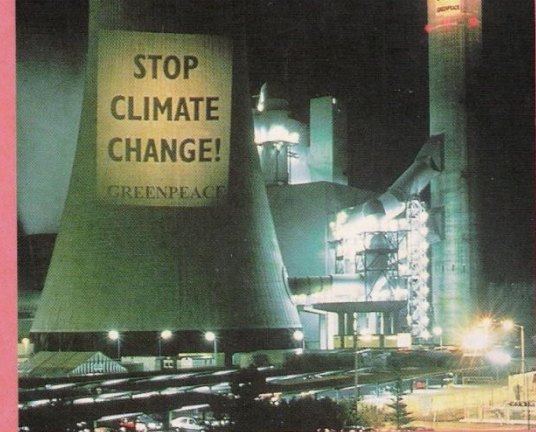
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# ENVIRONMENTAL NGOS AND THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL: A CASE STUDY ON POLITICAL INFLUENCE



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## BAS ARTS The Political Influence of Global NGOs

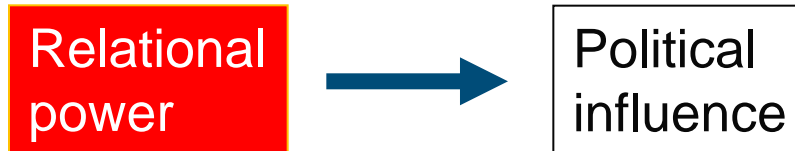


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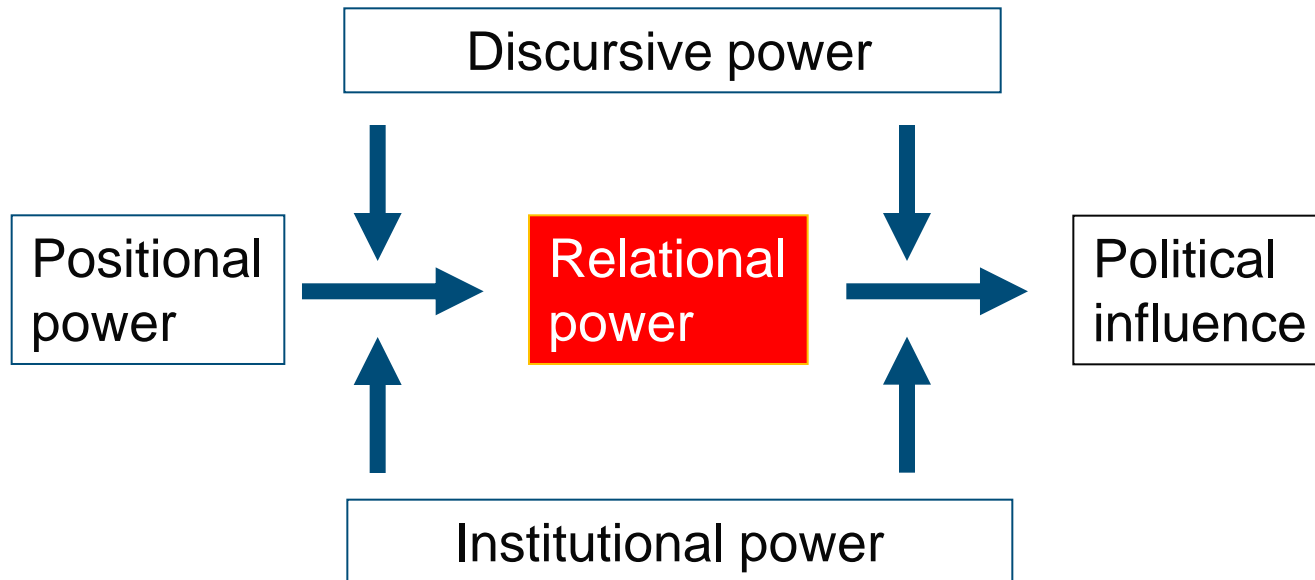
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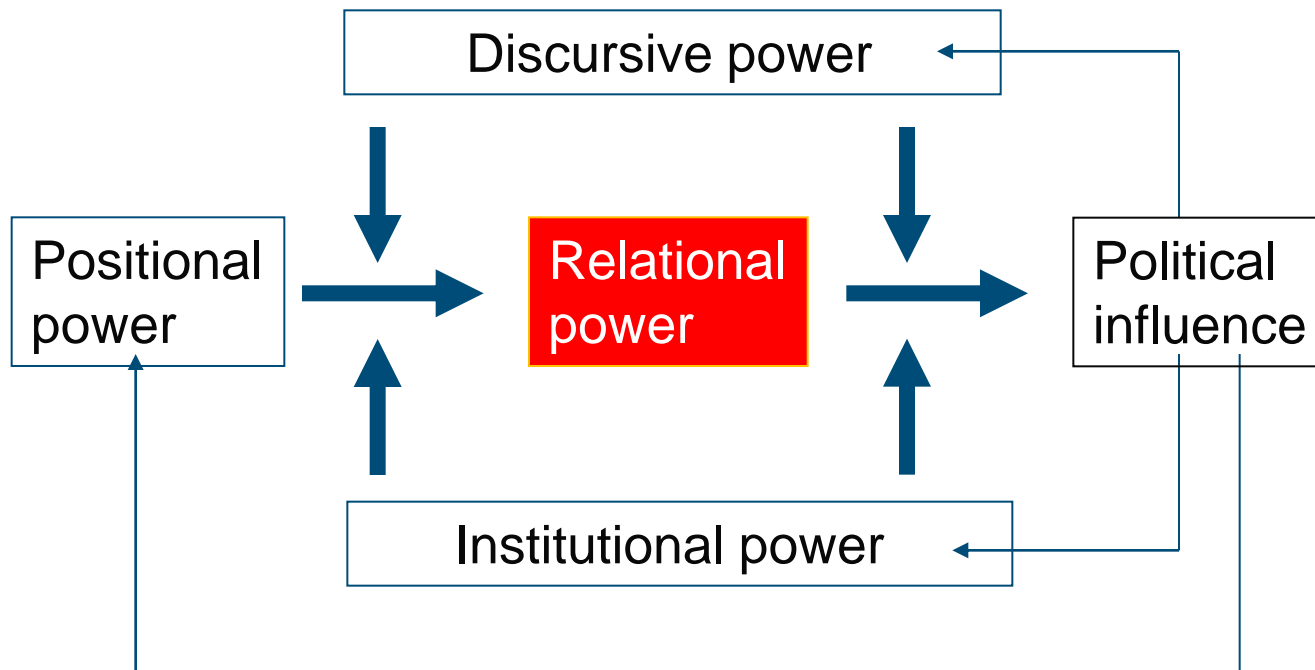
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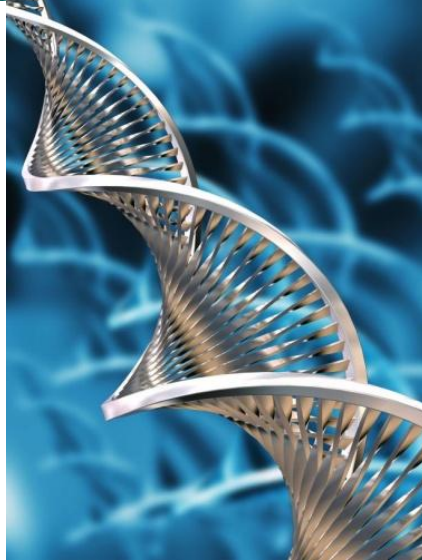
## *Article 1. Objectives*

The objectives of this Convention, to be pursued in accordance with its relevant provisions, are the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, including by appropriate access to genetic resources and by appropriate transfer of relevant technologies, taking into account all rights over those resources and to technologies, and by appropriate funding.

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# Biodiv-tality...???



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# Thanks

