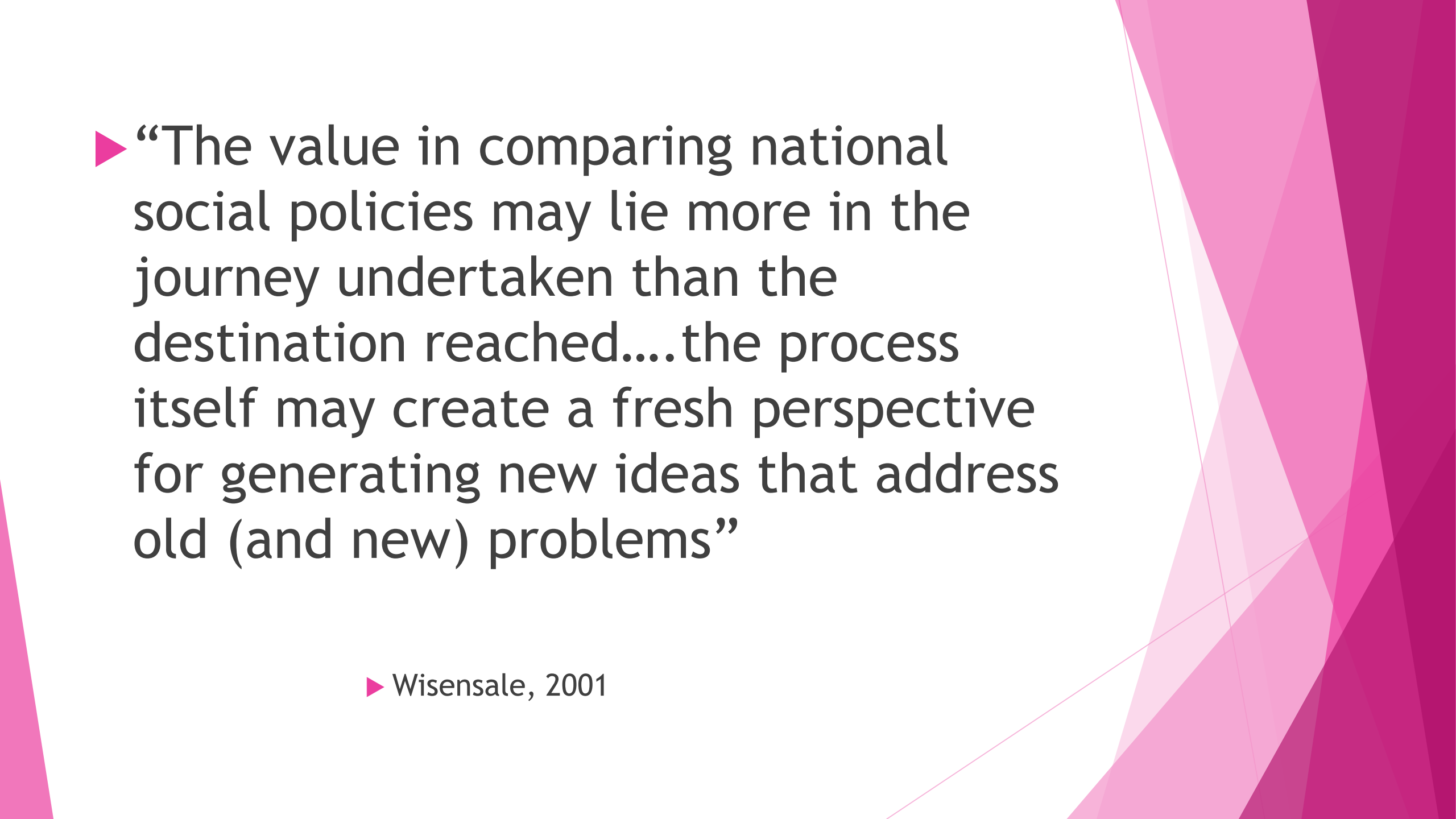


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# Community-based solutions for Ageing Well I: International Perspectives on Housing and Empowerment

# INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Changing demographics
- ▶ Similar challenges in developing countries:
  - ▶ Aging populations
  - ▶ Increased pressure on welfare systems
  - ▶ Increased pressure on housing and care systems
  - ▶ Increased global economic pressures
  - ▶ Increased pressure on values from globalization
- ▶ Differences in:
  - ▶ Cultural values

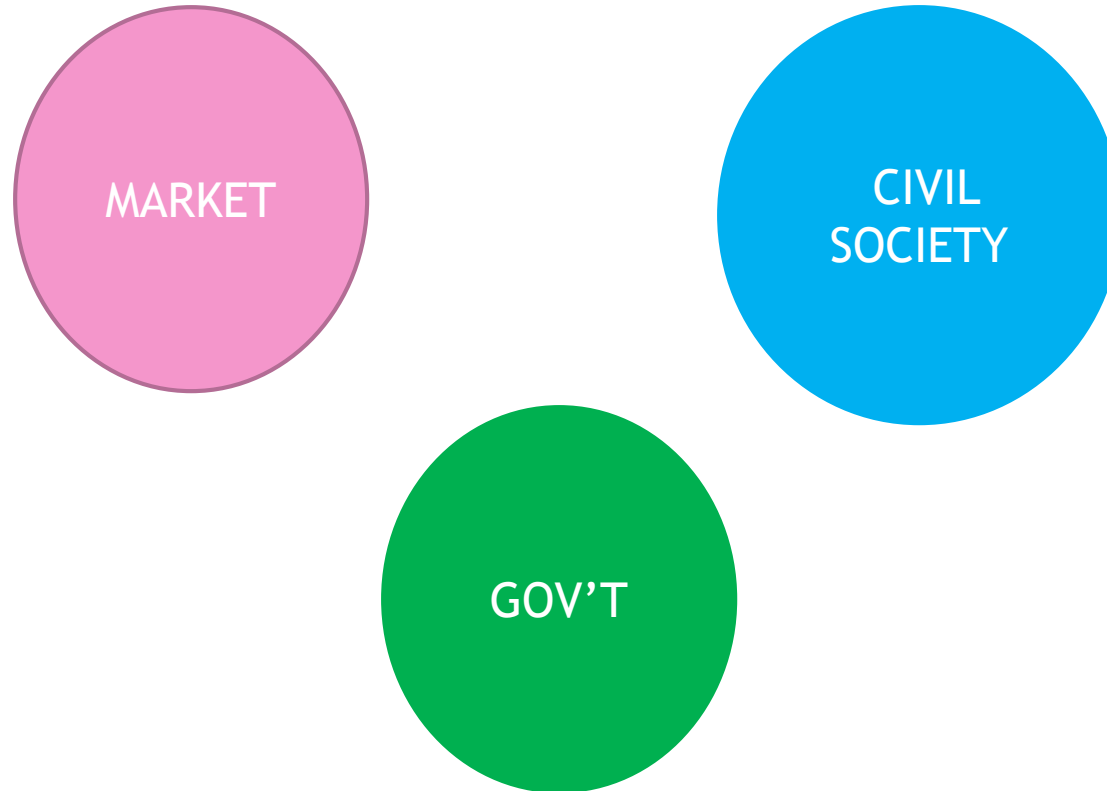
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- ▶ “The value in comparing national social policies may lie more in the journey undertaken than the destination reached....the process itself may create a fresh perspective for generating new ideas that address old (and new) problems”

▶ Wisensale, 2001

# Comparative Frameworks of Changing Cultural Values & Social Policy

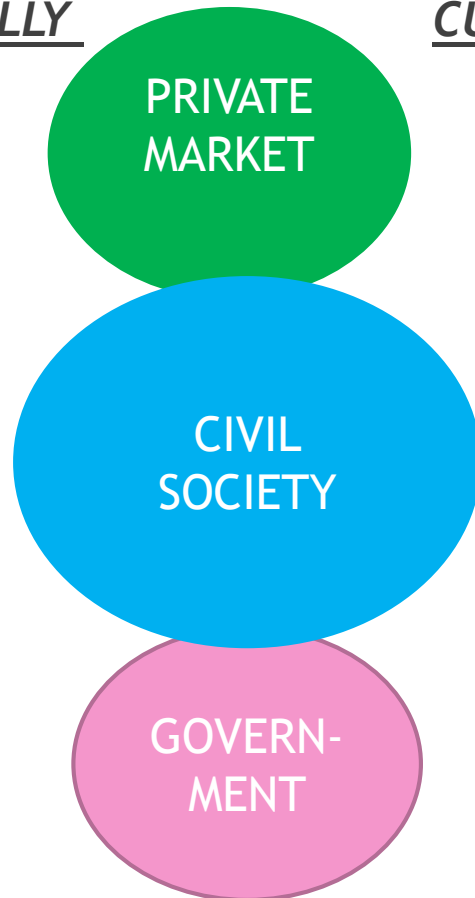
- ▶ Convergence Model
  - ▶ Eastern and Western (Japan and U.S.)
- ▶ Divergence Model
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- ▶ Concept of “structural lag” (e.g., Affordable Care Act)
- ▶ Sociohistorical model
  - ▶ Changes in generational family relationships over time
- ▶ Roles of government, private market and civil society

# POSSIBLE EQUAL BALANCE OF THREE FACTORS

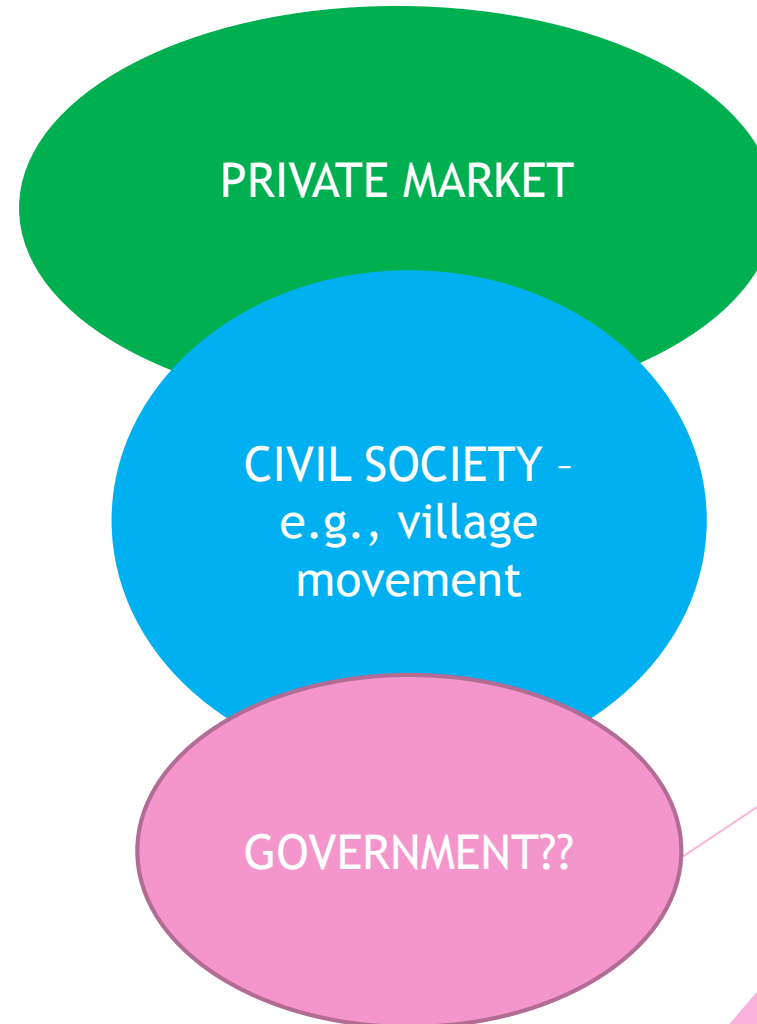


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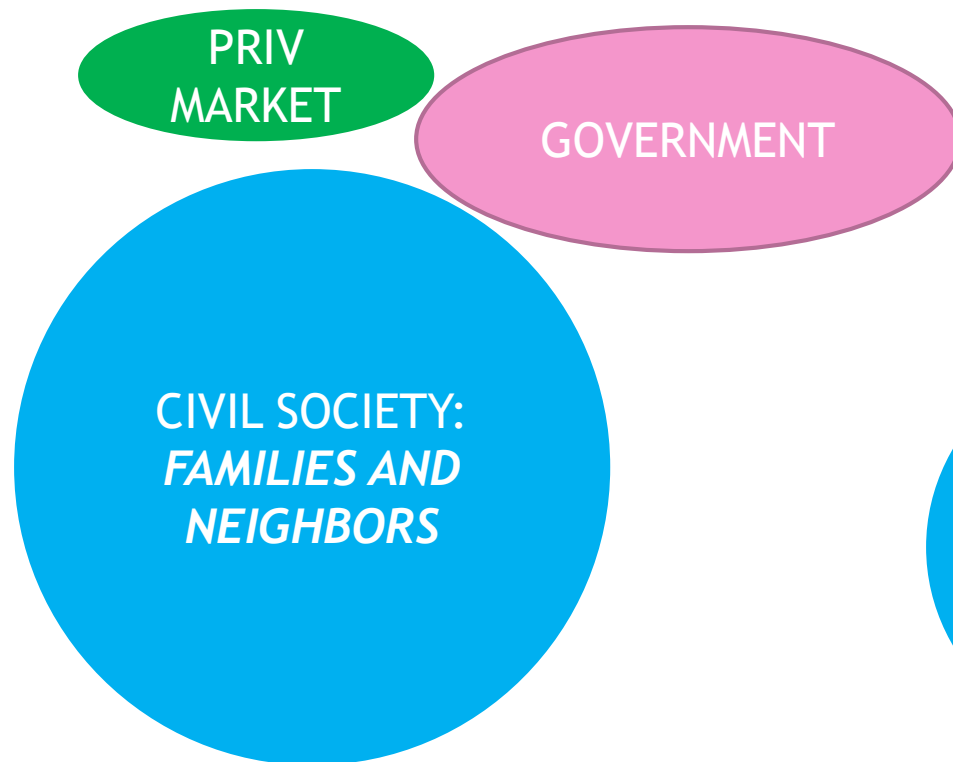


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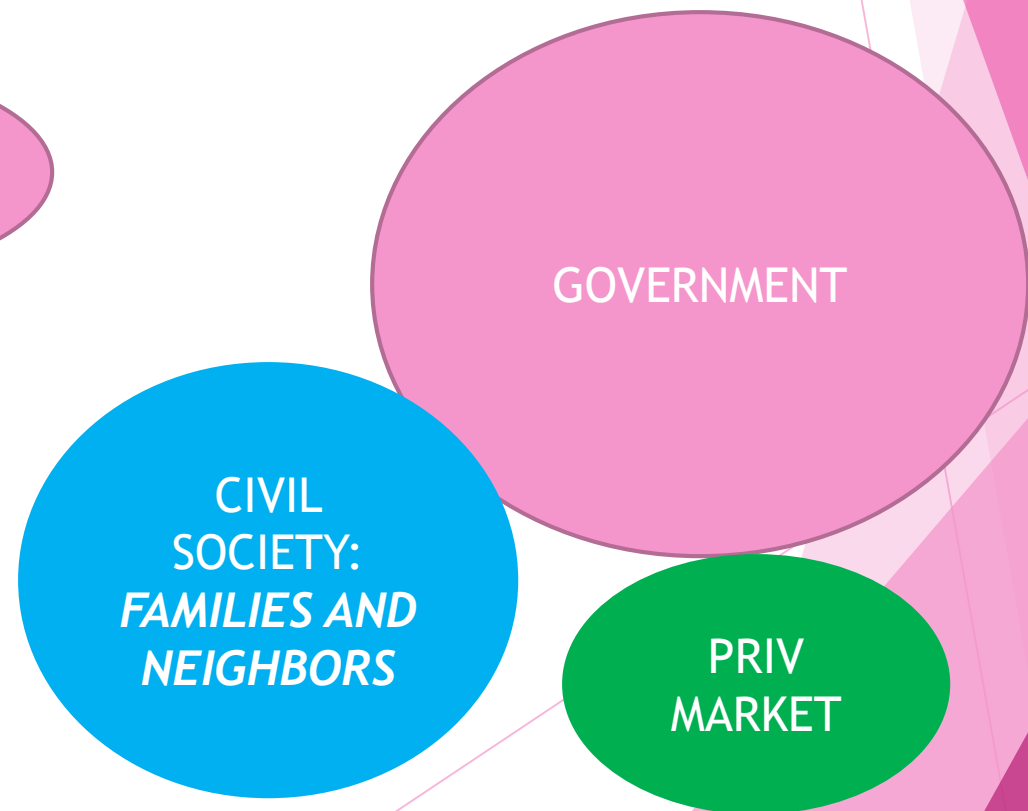


# JAPANESE SYSTEM CHANGES

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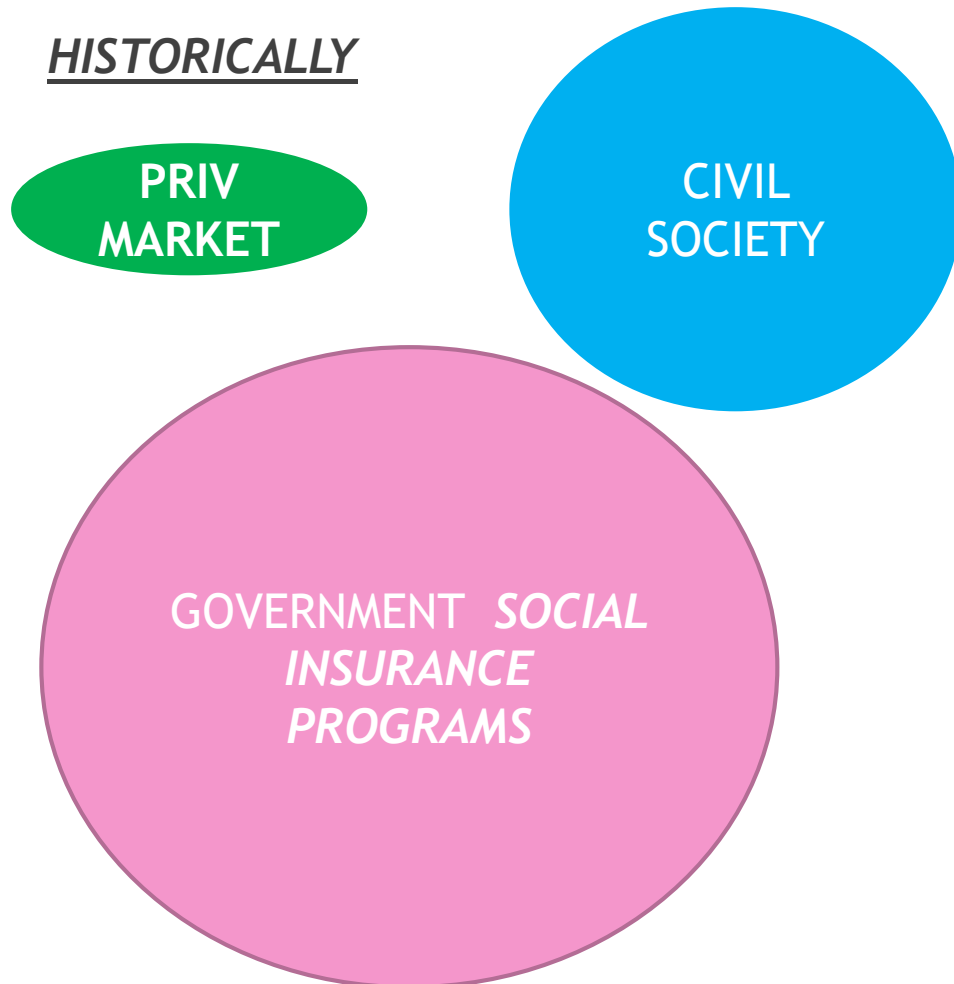


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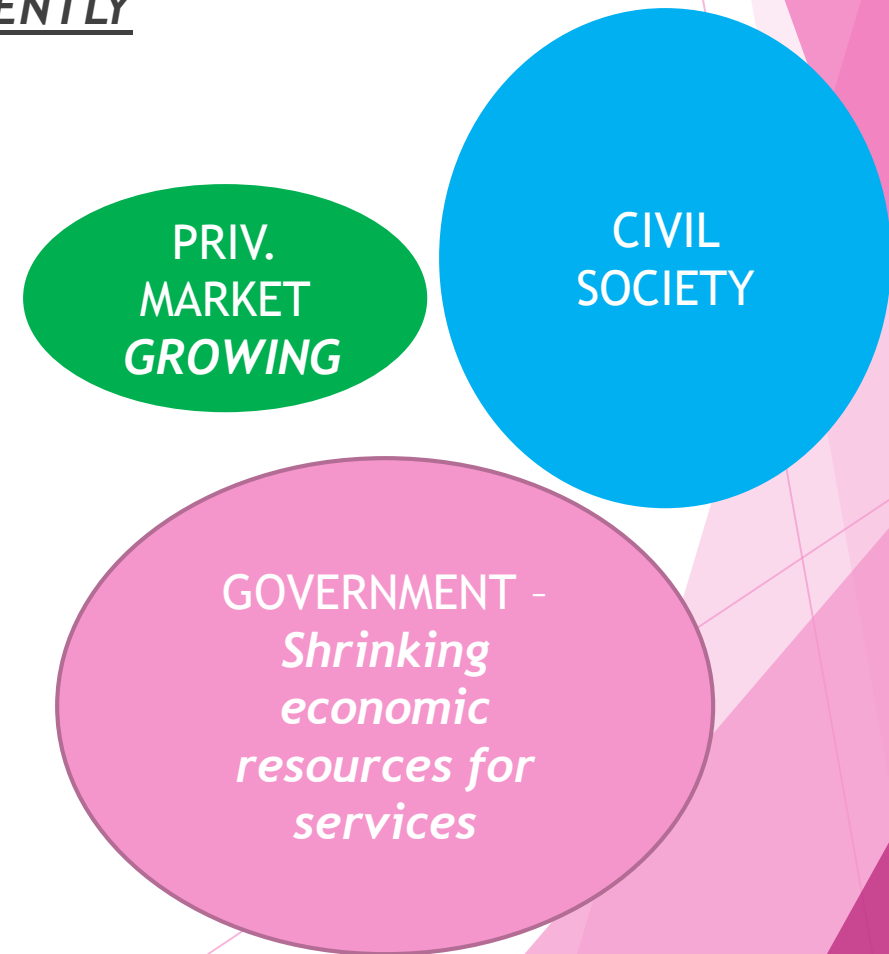


# SWEDISH SYSTEM CHANGES

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- ▶ Fraser and Gordon (1992) noted that the language of “social citizenship” and “social rights” has, for the most part, been noticeably absent from U.S. discussions of politics and social policy, quite unlike European political traditions.
- ▶ In the U.S., though, the conversation is around the notions of “civil citizenship,” through terms such as “individual liberties” and “freedom of speech.”
- ▶ Thus, we have formed our political, social, and in many cases, even our familial relationships, around two rather dichotomous forms of relationship: the specific contractual exchange between specified parties, juxtaposed against unreciprocated, unilateral charity.”
  - ▶ Medicare vs. Medicaid and Social Security vs. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

# Our Panel today

- ▶ Focus on health, activity and caregiving
- ▶ 4 countries
  - ▶ Tokie Anme, Japan: **Intergenerational Activities and Healthy Longevity: Culture, Environment, and Plasticity**
  - ▶ Duncan Boldy, Australia: **Physical Activity in Older Age, Independence and Empowerment: an Australian Perspective**
  - ▶ Magnus Jegermalm, Sweden: **Future Challenges for the Nordic Model: Caregiving**
  - ▶ Mary McCall, United States: **Caregiving in the U.S.: Economic realities of caregiving in a capitalist society**