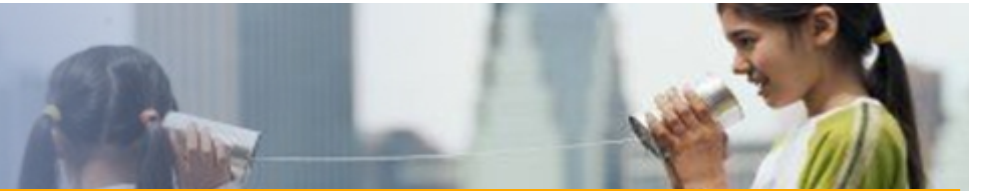




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# **Access to knowledge**

## **Basic parameters**

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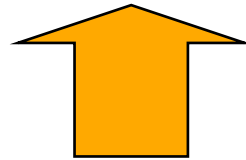


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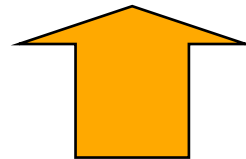
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# Transformations

**Knowledge Societies**



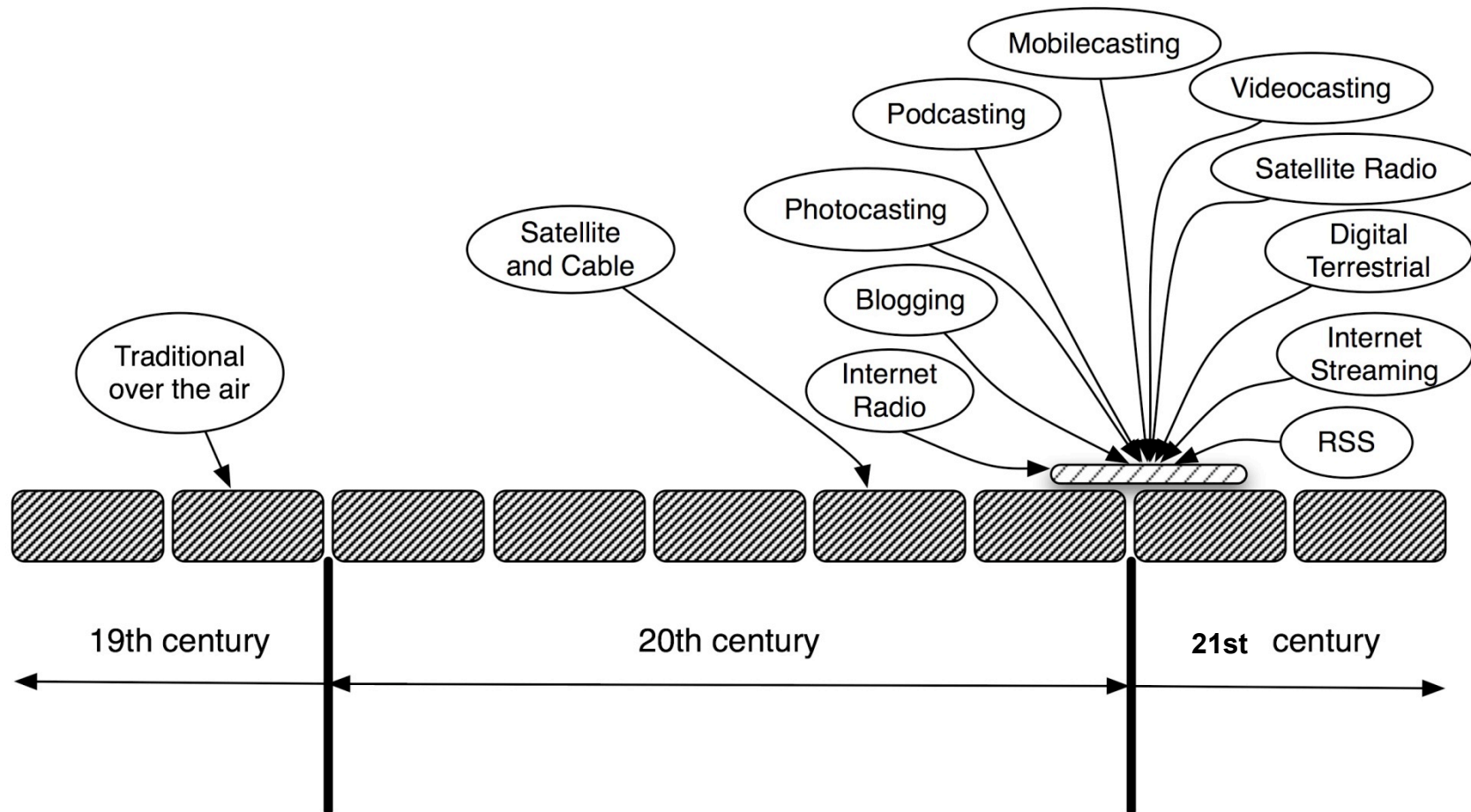
**Industrial Society**



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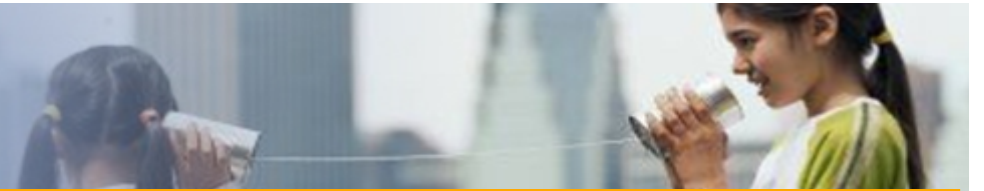




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# Divides

**Access to  
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**Prosperity**

**Globalization**

**Inclusion**

**Knowledge Divide or Digital Divide**

**Limited access  
to knowledge**

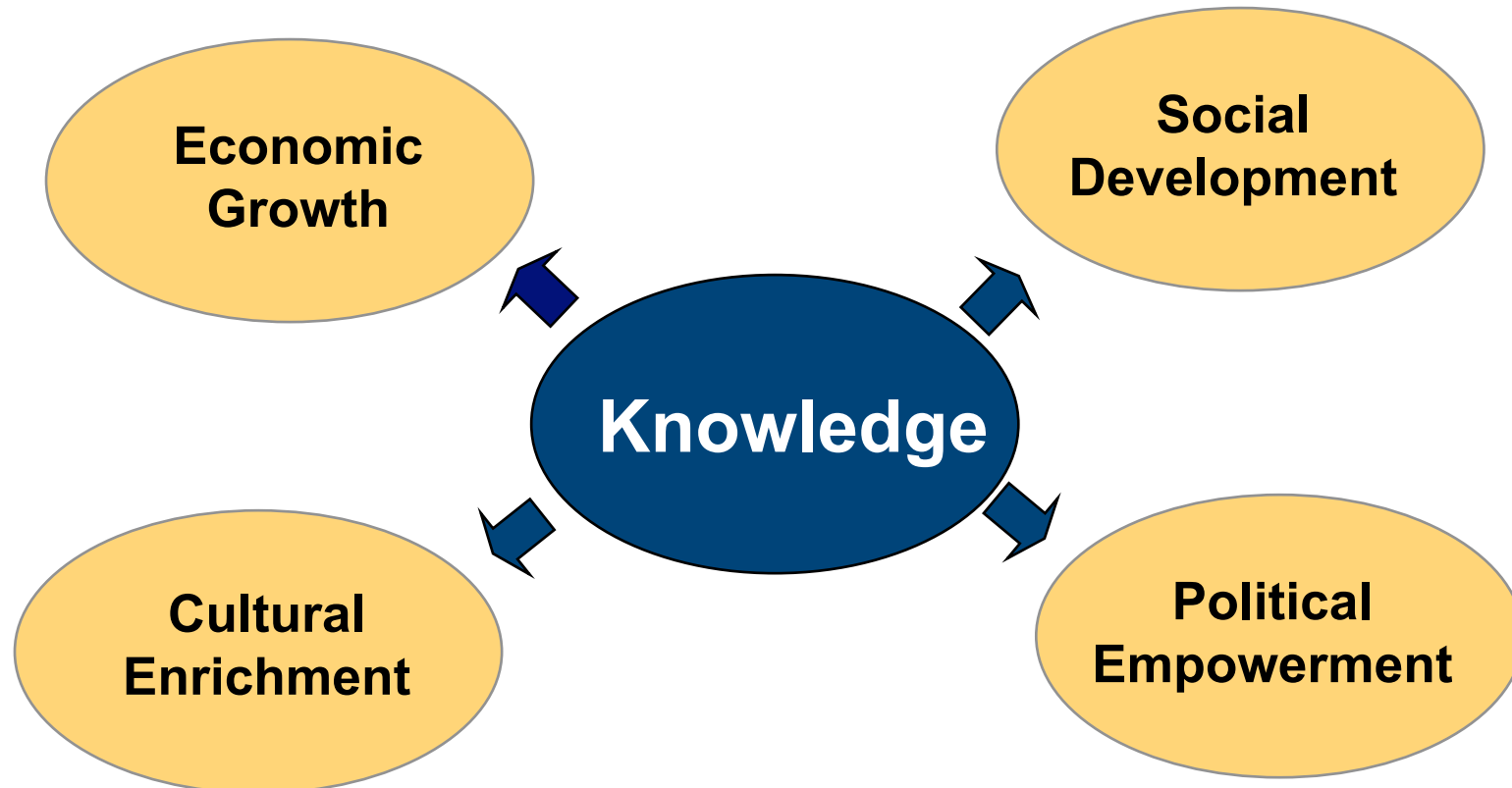
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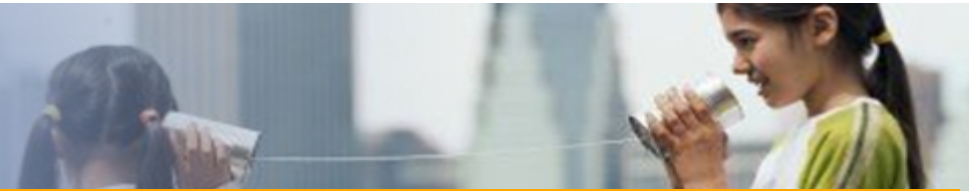
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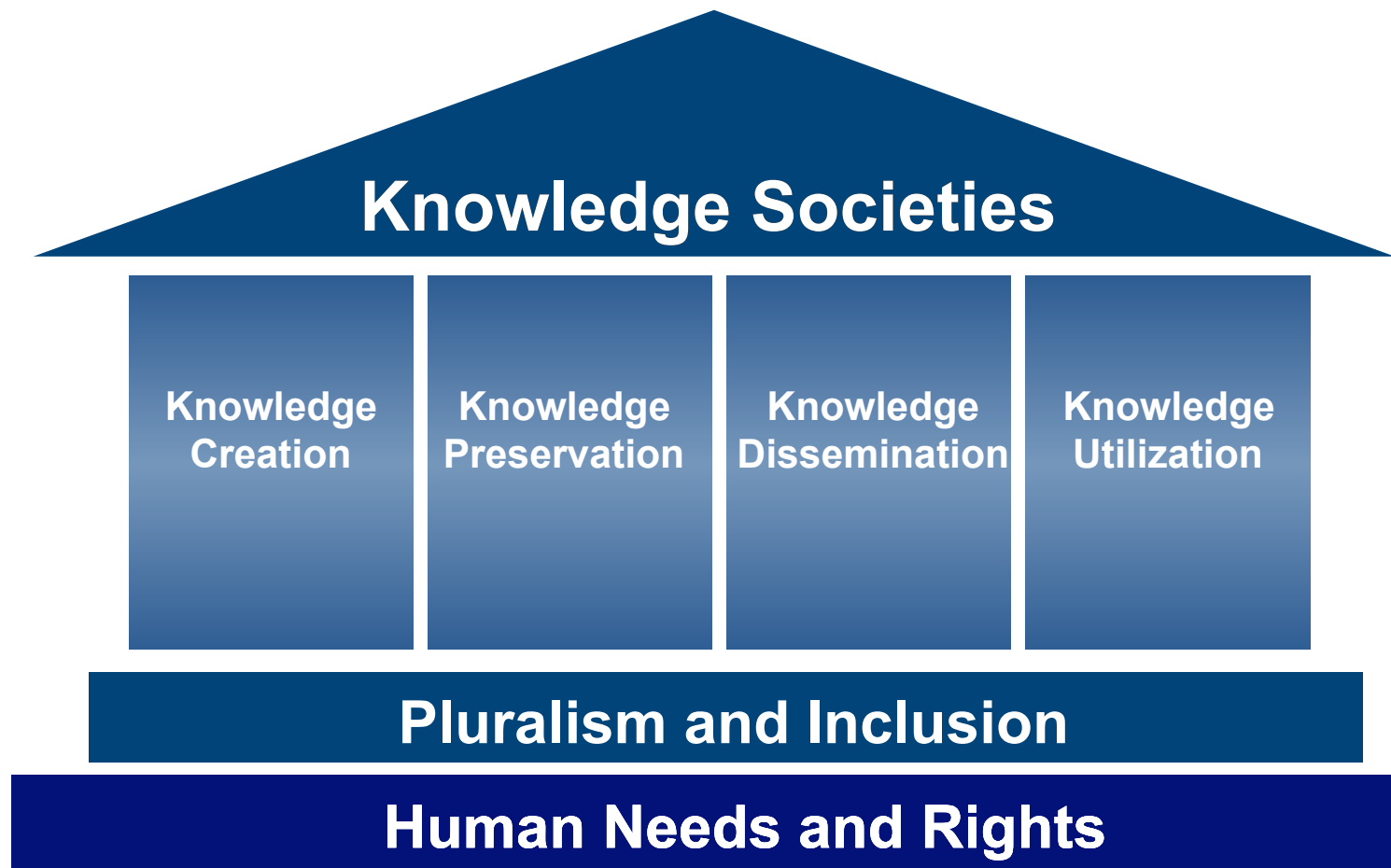


# Knowledge and Development





# UNESCO's Model of Knowledge Societies

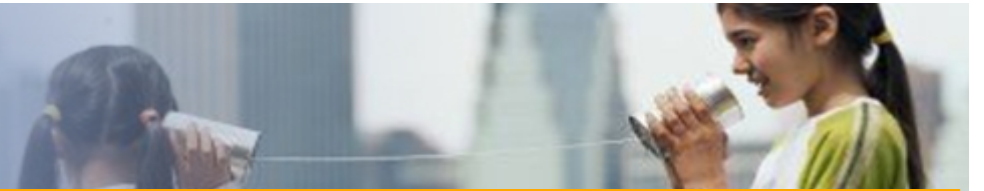




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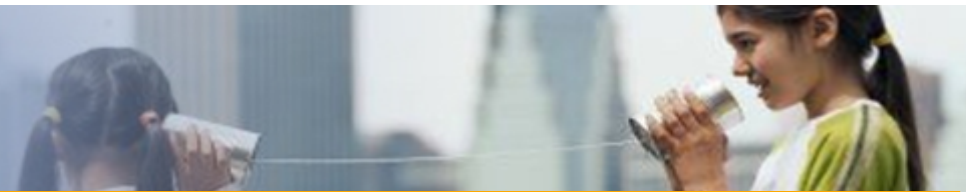
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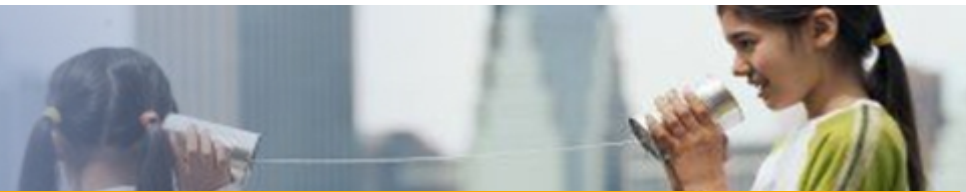
# Challenges in Access to Knowledge

- Connectivity
- Content
- Creativity
- Competence
- Commercial interests



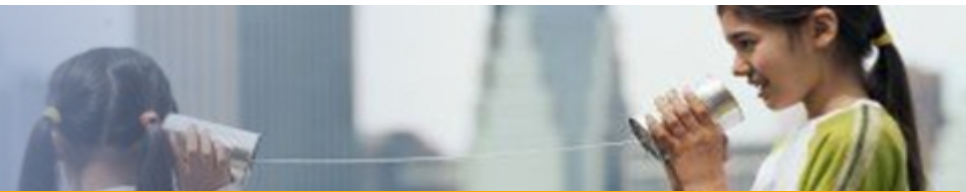
## UNESCO's Response

- Community access
- Local content development
- Internet governance
- Multilingualism in cyberspace
- Policy on information in the public domain
- Open access
- Free and open source software
- Intellectual property rights and public license



## Policy on Public Domain

UNESCO encourages its Member States to  
***“recognize and enact  
the right of universal online access  
to public and government-held records”***  
and to  
***“identify and promote repositories  
of information and knowledge  
in the public domain and  
make them available to all”***



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