

DSF ROADMAP

THE INTELLECTUAL LANDSCAPE

Major Traditions for Understanding Society



A MAP OF THE IDEAS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND POWER, PEOPLE, AND POSSIBILITIES—AND BUILD DEMOCRACY.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Each line represents a major current of thought. Stations are key thinkers. At the intersections, ideas connect—shaping how we analyze the world and imagine change.

○ = Major Thinker (One-line Contribution)



LEGEND

- Power & Critique
- Democracy & Political Theory
- Knowledge, Ideas & Consciousness
- History & Historical Analysis
- Political Economy & Inequality
- Social Movements & Collective Action
- Technology, Media & Information
- Ethics, Justice & Human Purpose

- = Major Intersection (Ideas Connect)
- = Cross-Cutting Influence

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES (Run Through Every Line)



Power
Always ask:
Who benefits?
Who decides?



Justice
Strive for both
equality and
human dignity.



Freedom
Expand real choices
and reduce
unjust constraints.



Community
We are stronger
when we act
and care together.



Sustainability
Our future depends
on ecological
stewardship.



Democratic Capacity
Build organizations,
institutions, and habits
that endure.



THE DSF PURPOSE:

To cultivate informed, critical, and courageous citizens who can analyze the world, advance democracy, and work together to create a more just and humane future.

INQUIRY. ANALYSIS. ACTION.

That is how democracy grows.