



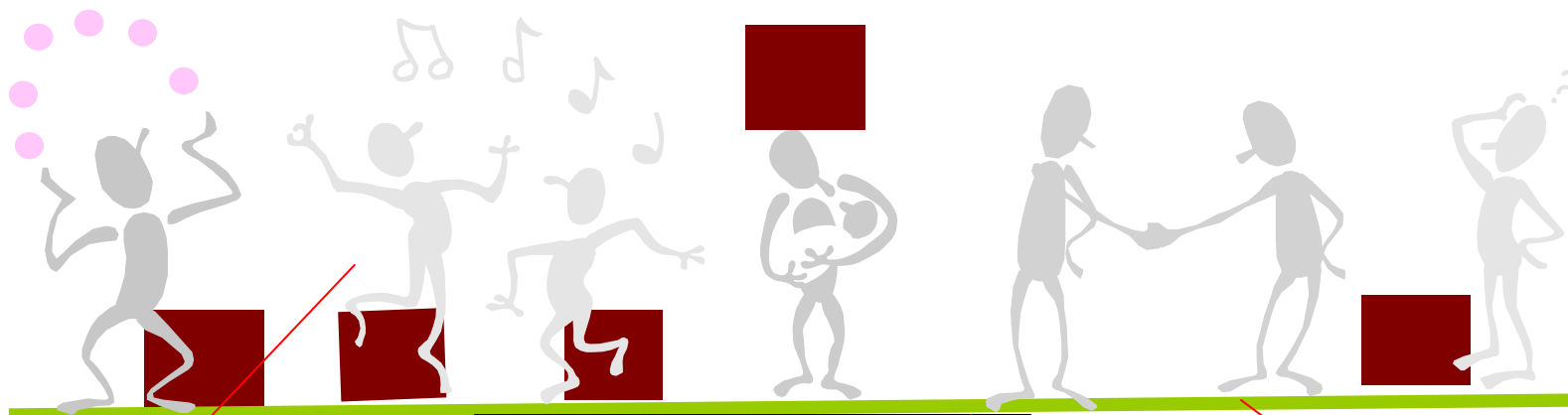
# Resources and Growth

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# Fair and sustainable economy !



Quality of life

Carrying capacity

Participation  
and  
democracy

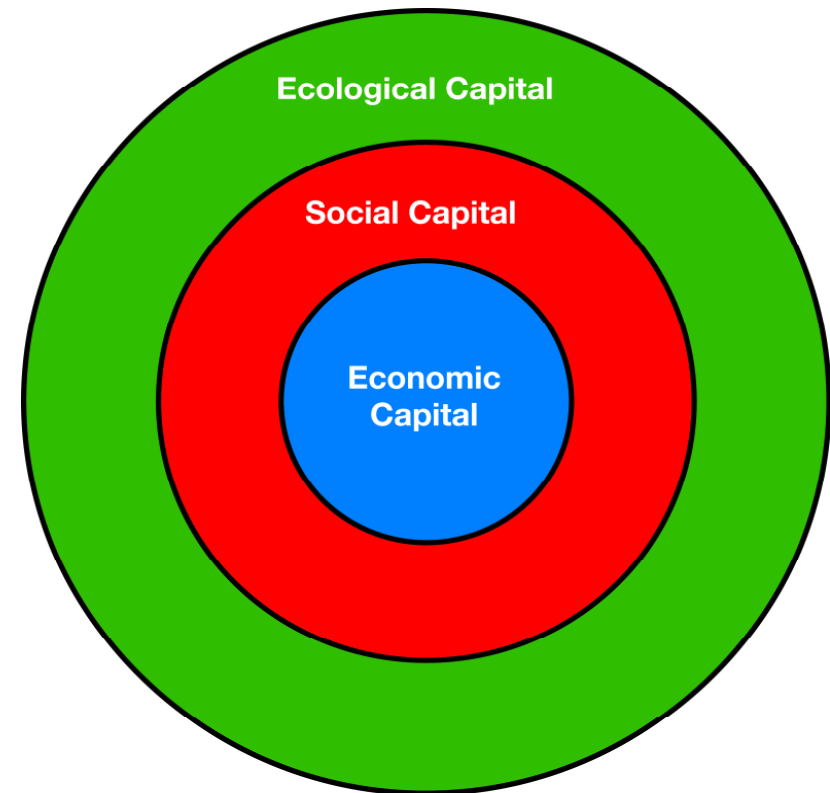
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# Sustainable development

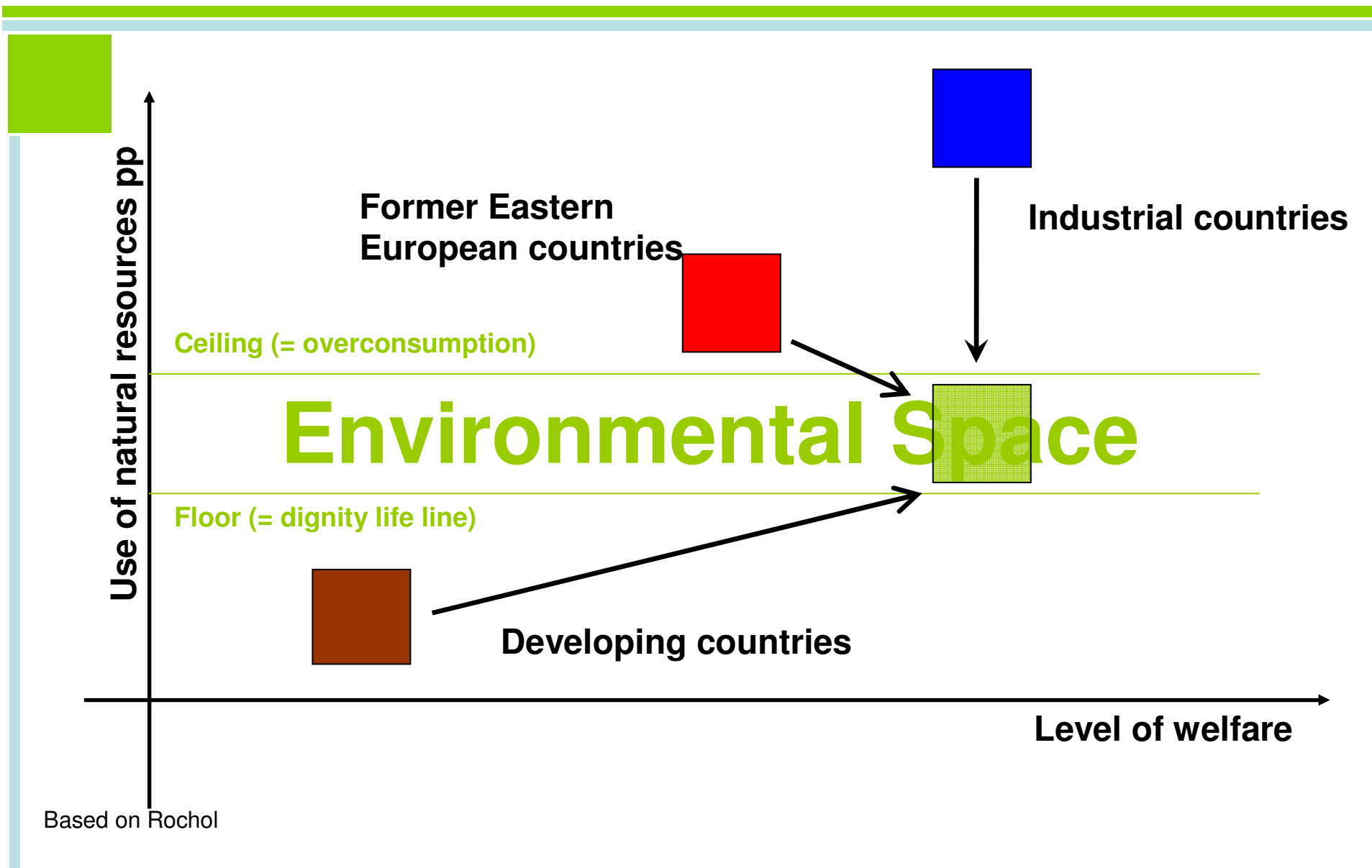
- Need for capital approach instead of the “pillar approach”
- **Recognition of limits** '70 : Club of Rome, Nicolas Georgescu-Roegen, Herman Daly, ..)



# Social and environmental justice

- Fair share of use of natural resources
- Fair share of “right” to pollute (emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Overconsumption versus underconsumption
- Redistribution of material and financial wealth
- *Polluter pays principle* is NOT payer pollutes principle

# 'Contraction and Convergence'



# Some realities

- All economic activities, even the green ones, the decoupled ones, need natural resources.
- But they are limited..
- Decoupling the economy and technical solutions are good, but not enough
- Rebound effect !
- So : green growth, green new deal, sustainable growth, cleaner technologies, alone are not adequate for achieving a sustainable society worldwide.

# Growth & natural resources

- A reduction in absolute amounts of use of natural resources has to be the goal
- Stop “growth obsession”
- Several initiatives – starting the (de)growth debate is one
- Still a lot of things to discuss : jobs, social security, public investments, ways of redistribution, ..

# Future scenarios

- The existing future scenarios are all based on what we want (or is needed for employment, social security system, ..), but not what is possible considering the scarcity of natural resources





# Threats

- If we deny reality the problems will increase, as well the measures to take
- Leads to more drastic decisions ('war economy')



- Threat for democracy
- Social dramas – for most the vulnerable groups

# Challenge

- To design a planned and guided transition (de)growth path
- Based on future scenarios of economic activities, social and environmental possibilities (existing natural resources) and desires
- (De)growth strategies with participation of civil societies



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**Thank you !**  
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