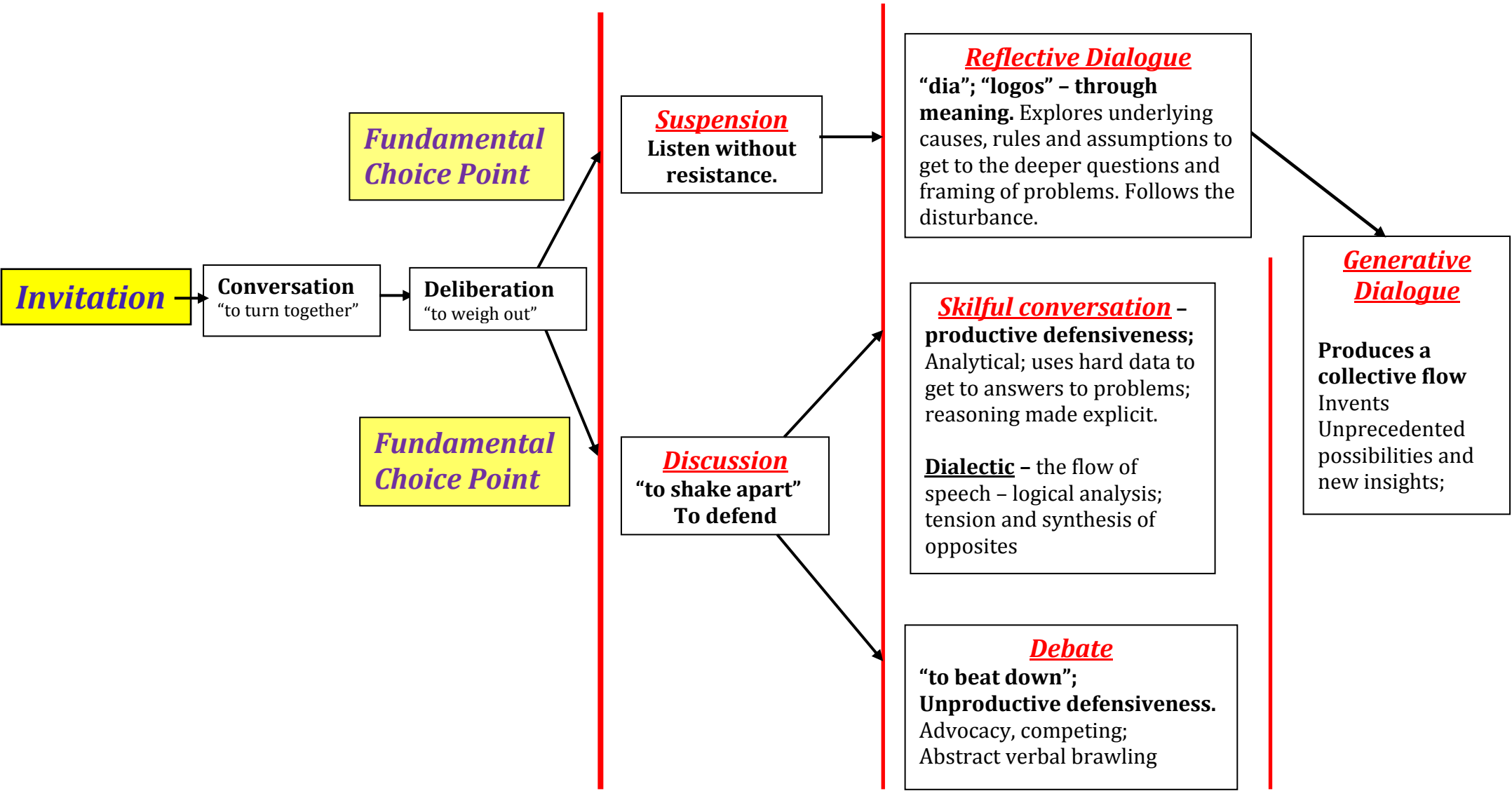


The Container: We can create the conditions under which a rich field for interaction is more likely to appear. These conditions make up the container for dialogue, in which deep and transformative listening becomes possible. You can create a container; a setting where it is possible to hear one another and speak safely together.(p.242)

Instability in the container

Inquiry in the container

Creativity in the container



Fundamental Choice Point

Invitation

Conversation
"to turn together"

Deliberation
"to weigh out"

Fundamental Choice Point

Suspension
Listen without resistance.

Reflective Dialogue
"dia"; "logos" - through meaning. Explores underlying causes, rules and assumptions to get to the deeper questions and framing of problems. Follows the disturbance.

Discussion
"to shake apart"
To defend

Skilful conversation - productive defensiveness; Analytical; uses hard data to get to answers to problems; reasoning made explicit.

Dialectic - the flow of speech - logical analysis; tension and synthesis of opposites

Debate
"to beat down"; Unproductive defensiveness. Advocacy, competing; Abstract verbal brawling

Generative Dialogue

Produces a collective flow
Invents
Unprecedented possibilities and new insights;