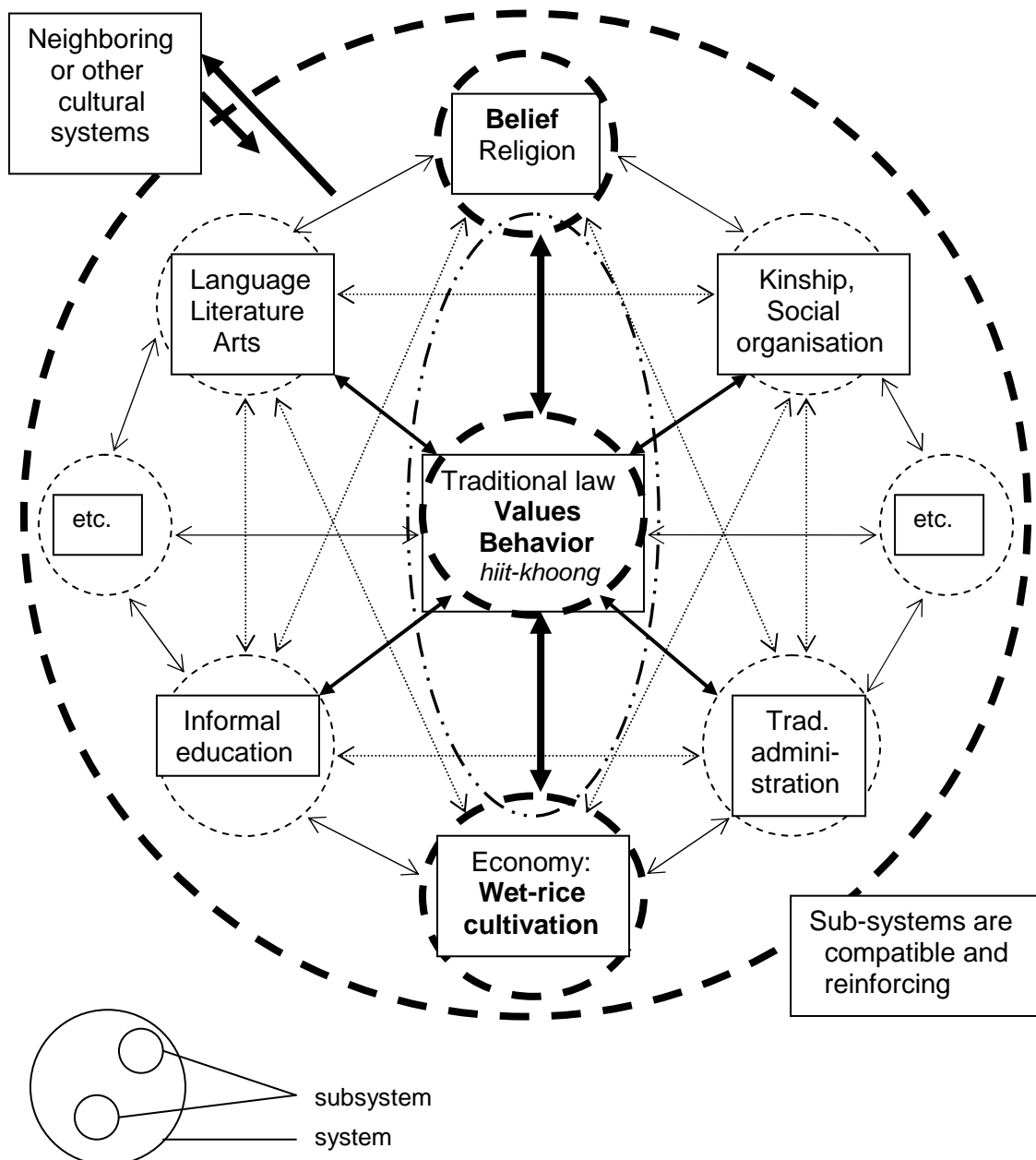


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Diagram for a proposed CULTURAL SYSTEM of the Tai peoples:¹



Remarks on the diagram:

The system comprises the typical way of living and behavior as well as the complete collective knowledge in a wet rice cultivation and water culture system, the Tai core complex culture, which I call the "*baan-müang* system".

This is only a very rough diagram of the general structure of the cultural system of the Tai peoples. Each of the sub-systems presented here are interlinked with every other sub-system. Many other conceivable and existing sub-systems as well as interlinkages are left out here and must be included in a more comprehensive diagram, and in the thinking of the researcher on Tai studies.

Interlinkages are communication lines and interactions.

¹ Though this diagram was already included in the editorial of TAI CULTURE, Vol. VII-2, December 2002, but I nevertheless think it is important to directly make it available at the www in a special website dedicated to studies in the Tai world.