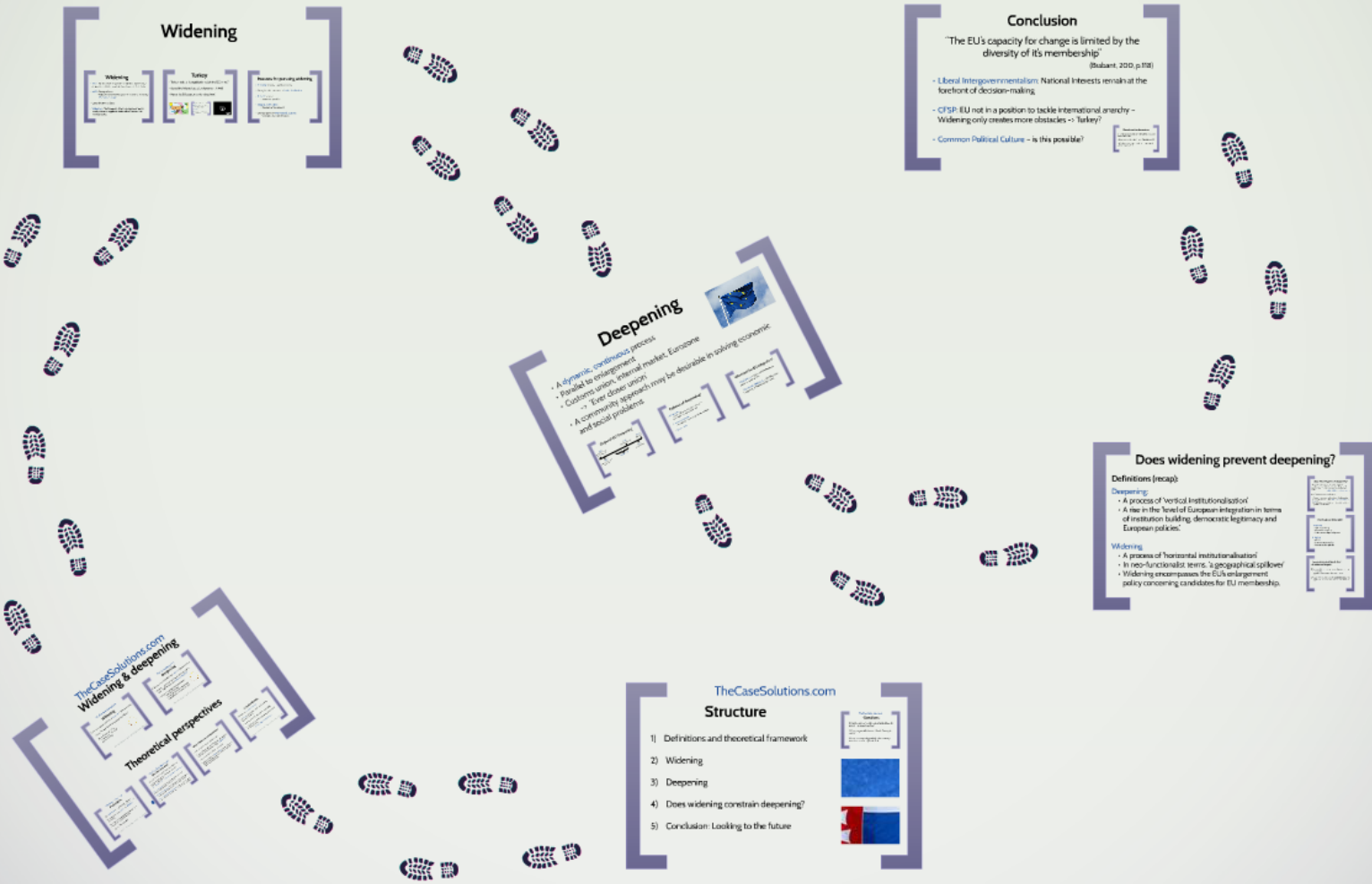
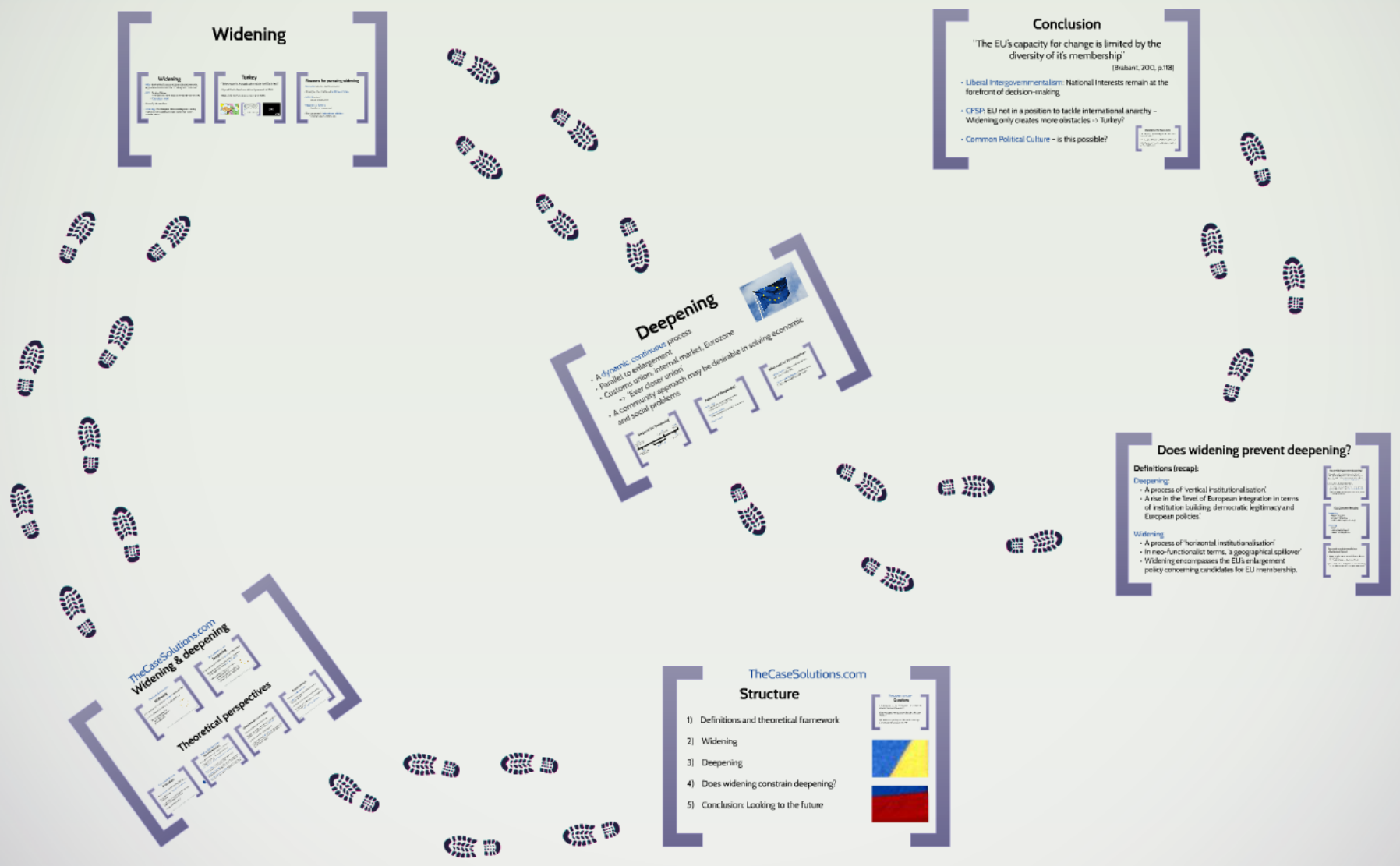


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Turkey

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Reasons for primary widening

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Conclusion

"The EU's capacity for change is limited by the diversity of its membership" (Bulant, 200, p.118)

- **Liberal Intergovernmentalism:** National interests remain at the forefront of decision-making
- **CFSP:** EU not in a position to tackle international anarchy - Widening only creates more obstacles -> Turkey?
- **Common Political Culture** - is this possible?

Deepening

- A **dynamic, continuous process**
- Parallel to enlargement
- Customs union, internal market, Eurozone -> "ever closer union"
- A community approach may be desirable in solving economic and social problems

Does widening prevent deepening?

Definitions (recap):

Deepening:

- A process of vertical institutionalisation
- A rise in the level of European integration in terms of institution building, democratic legitimacy and European policies

Widening:

- A process of horizontal institutionalisation
- In neo-functional terms, a geographical spillover
- Widening encompasses the EU's enlargement policy concerning candidates for EU membership.

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(Contrast: lowest-common-denominator-bargaining under liberal intergovernmentalism)

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Liberal Intergovernmentalism

- States remain the key actors within Europe
- States are able to withhold information from the EU if it suits their national interests - acting as 'gatekeepers'
- Lowest common denominator bargaining
- Distinction between 'high' and 'low' politics - states may allow further integration in some areas but will always remain resistant in others

Constructivism

- Interests are **socially constructed**
- Is it **ideas** or materialistic reasons that fuel further integration decisions?
- Reconstruction of identity - European citizenship
- The European Union illustrates an ongoing process of social construction
norms, institutions, structures...

Whey, T. Chebel, 2006, Constructivist Approaches to European Integration [Accessed 11/5/2014]

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