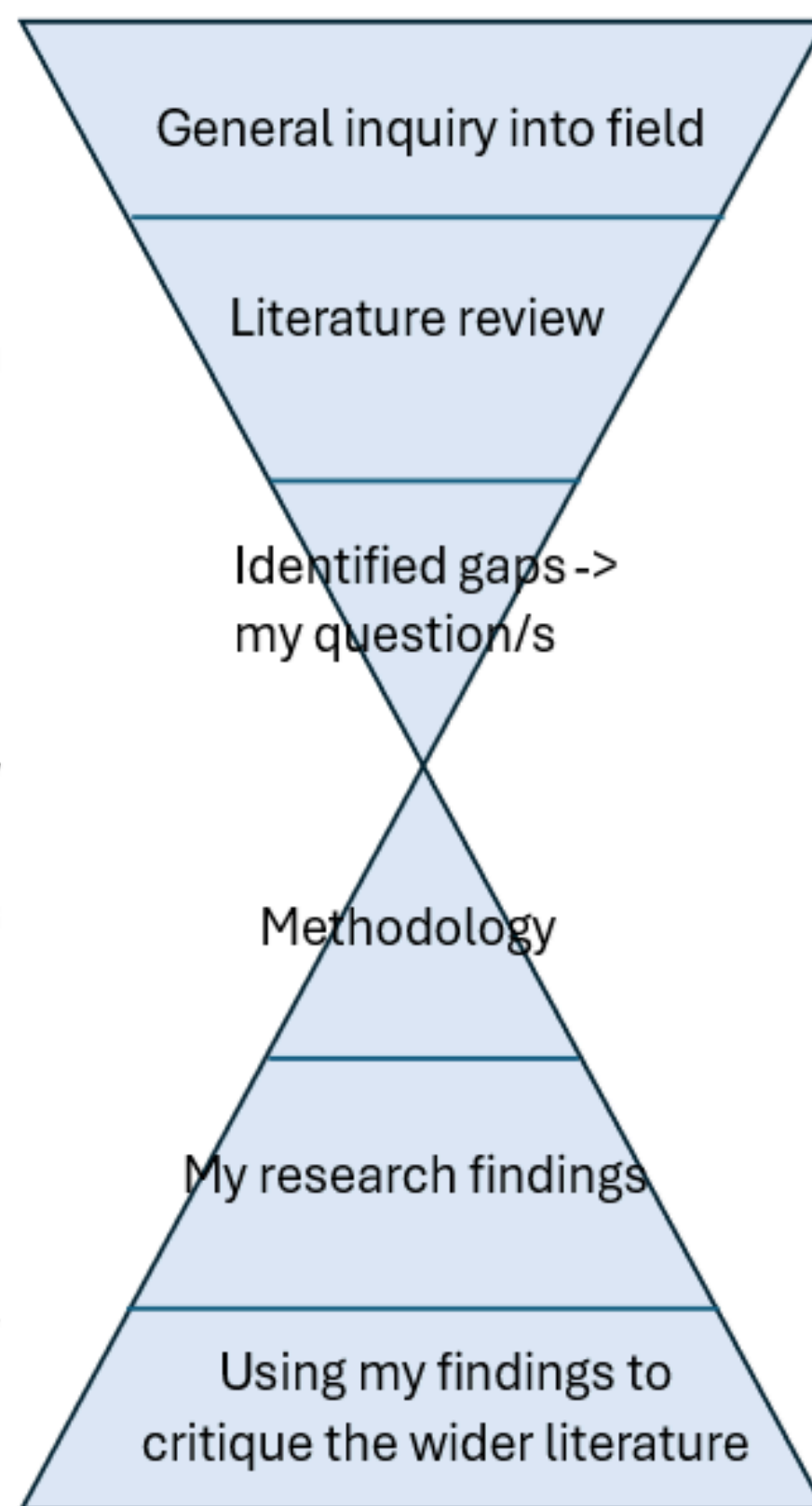


Reintegrating the human into the dissertation-writing process

THE ORTHODOX ACADEMIC CONCEPTUALISATION

We can conceptualise the dissertation process as a movement from general to particular back to general.

- 1) We begin with a topic of interest, perhaps a research question in mind
- 2) We conduct a review of contemporary literature
- 3) The review reveals gaps, limitations and, therefore, generates question/s
- 4) We identify the best tools to use to investigate those questions
- 5) We conduct our research and write up our findings
- 6) We use our findings to critically engage with the existing literature



GENERAL



PARTICULAR

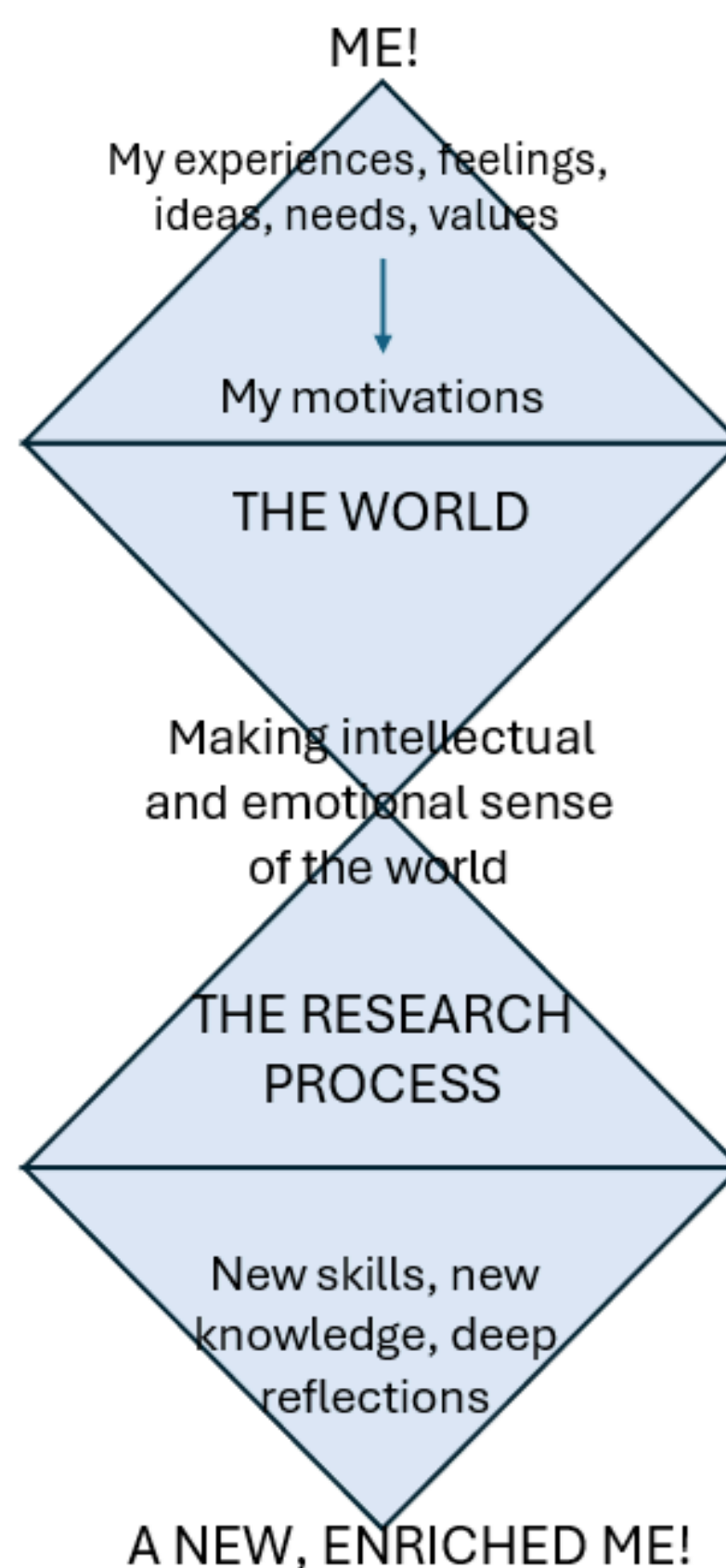


GENERAL

REINTEGRATING THE HUMAN IN THE DISSERTATION PROCESS

But, let's bring back in the full human being cos this is what it's really about...

- 1) My unique particular life pathway and experience leads me to take a particular interest in one aspect of life. Very often it is because, before any intellectual sensing, I *feel* the emotional pain of an injustice
- 2) I embark on a process to making intellectual (and emotional) sense of the issue in question
- 3) Through this whole research process I acquire new skills and knowledges. I also reflect deeply on the question and on the research process and experience itself
- 4) A new, enriched, perhaps even transformed, me emerges



PARTICULAR (internal)



GENERAL



PARTICULAR (external)



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