Description of System Map

The interactive system map visualizes how various political measures impact the lives of people affected by poverty. Developed participatorily with both topic experts and individuals with lived experience, this tool simplifies complex social dynamics to highlight how policy changes ripple through a person's daily life.

How to Use the System Map

- **Explore Measures:** Use the **dropdown menu** at the top center to select specific political measures and view their projected impacts.

- **Highlight Connections:** Hover over any factor or feedback loop to see its direct connections with other factors.

- **Filter Factors:** Use the **buttons at the bottom center** to toggle different factor groups on or off, allowing you to focus on individual elements of the system.

How to Interpret the System Map

To get the most out of this analysis, keep the following core dynamics in mind:

- **The Power of Hubs:** Certain areas—specifically **Discrimination, Education, and Employment/Income**—act as central hubs. Because these are interconnected with many other parts of the system, a change here often creates a "domino effect" across the system.

- **Feedback Loops:** Many elements are linked in self-reinforcing loops. This means that targeted interventions focusing on these areas can amplify positive outcomes. One such example is the feedback loop between security of the financial situation and precariat employment, which is also interconnected with a feedback loop on qualification and continuity of employment.

- **Time & Directness:** Keep in mind that longer chains of arrows represent more indirect effects. A measure might take time to reach distant parts of the map.

- **Qualitative Insight:** This map is an **explorative tool**, not a calculator. It is designed to show *how* things are connected and where the strongest levers for change lie, rather than providing numerical predictions.