

Constraint-Emergence Ontology

A foundational framework proposing that reality, computation, and engineered systems share structural invariants

Introduction

This repository contains a philosophical ontology and its worked applications. The central thesis: reality is fundamentally a self-organising constraint network. Stable patterns — Markov objects — emerge in gaps between constraints, and their boundaries, hierarchies, and dynamics recur across substrates (physics, computation, biology, cognition, engineered systems).

The framework operates at the level of structure, not material:

The invariants of reality live in the structure of admissible transformations, not in the material being transformed.

From this ontology, two practical contributions follow:

1. **Emergent Reasoning** — a formal model of LLM computation as constrained topological traversal on a semantic manifold, explaining how probabilistic systems produce structured inference.
2. **Logical Encapsulation** — a method for programming LLM reasoning by loading constraint specifications (axioms, invariants, evaluation algorithms) rather than detailed instructions. This converts an LLM from a generative peer into a mechanical evaluator.

The [Political OS Suite](#) is the primary worked example of Logical Encapsulation: four competing political philosophies expressed as formal constraint specifications, each producing mechanically divergent analyses of the same political phenomena.

Repository Structure

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constraint_emergence_ontology/
├── constraint_emergence_ontology.md      # Core ontology
├── ontology_templates.md                 # Logical Encapsulation meta-
template
└── presentations/                      # PDF snapshots (periodically
updated)
    ├── constraint_emergence_ontology.pdf
    ├── ontology_templates.pdf
    └── README.pdf
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    Suite
        ├── README.md                  # Political OS introduction and
        reading guide
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                    └── README.pdf
        reports/                      # Real-world invariant analyses
            └── 2026-02-16-australia-invariant-analysis.md

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Documents

Core Framework

Document	Description
<u>Constraint-Emergence Ontology</u>	The core philosophical work (v1.2). Constraint networks, Markov objects, emergent manifolds, observer theory, meaning as structural invariant. Part VIII-D formalizes the Constraint Functor — the category-theoretic bridge between physical and computational Markov objects.
<u>Emergent Reasoning</u>	Formal companion paper (separate repo). LLMs as constraint-manifold traversal systems: attention as soft unification, proto-symbolic attractors, hallucination as trajectory instability. Published on Zenodo .
<u>Ontology Templates</u>	The Logical Encapsulation meta-template. How to build constraint specifications that program LLM reasoning within defined axioms and procedures. Published on Zenodo .

Political OS Suite

Four political philosophies expressed as formal constraint specifications, plus comparative analysis, test suite, and real-world reports. See the [Political OS README](#) for full details and reading guide.

Document	OS	Nature
<u>Classical Liberal</u>	Classical Liberal	Full governance system
<u>Marxist</u>	Marxist	Diagnostic with governance gap
<u>Critical Justice</u>	Critical Justice	Diagnostic program
<u>Theocratic</u>	Theocratic	Full governance system

How to Read This

If you want to understand the ontology

1. Start with [Constraint-Emergence Ontology](#). Read Part 0 (structural invariance) and Part I (the ontology itself — sections 1-18). Part II positions against existing thinkers; Part VIII maps to specific domains; Part IX is the research agenda.
2. Read [Emergent Reasoning](#) for the formal treatment of how LLMs instantiate the constraint architecture.

If you want to see the method in action

1. Read [Ontology Templates](#) to understand Logical Encapsulation.
2. Go to the [Political OS Suite](#) — follow its README for how to load and test the constraint specifications.

If you want to understand the Political OS

See the [Political OS README](#) for the full reading guide, test suite instructions, and real-world analysis reports.

Related Work

- [ai_sdlc_method](#) — The AI SDLC methodology providing the software engineering empirical ground referenced in Part VIII
- [emergent_reasoning](#) — Extended analysis, simulations, and peer review of the emergent reasoning paper

Publication

- Emergent Reasoning paper: [Zenodo](#)
- Constraint-Emergence Ontology: [Zenodo](#)
- Programming LLM Reasoning (Ontology Templates): [Zenodo](#)

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