

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-manifold traversal  
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template  
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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. LLMs as constraint-manifold traversal systems: attention as soft unification, proto-symbolic attractors, hallucination as trajectory instability. Published on <u>Zenodo</u> .
<u>Ontology Templates</u>	The Logical Encapsulation meta-template. How to build constraint specifications that program LLM reasoning within defined axioms and procedures.

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

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