

# Raw Ontological Model Driven by Institutional Grammar – Attempt To Introduce A New Subclass of Ontologies for Policy Design Studies <sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract.** Currently, there are high expectations regarding ontologies developed on legal documents. They mainly refer to their coherence and completeness to support human-professional experts in legal reasoning. We challenge this status quo making a fresh attempt to develop legal ontologies for a different purpose and target group – assisting political scientists in their research studies of policy design. Scientists are interested in comparative studies of different types of public policies. To achieve this goal, they expect to use ontologies as analytical tools. We call them "raw ontologies" because ontologies for policy design studies do not have to meet the criteria of ontologies for legal reasoning.

Therefore, our study introduces a concept of a new class of ontologies – raw ontologies – and automated methods for developing them. Raw ontologies assist researchers in studying specific public policies as their machine-readable representations. They pick up features of public policies from legal documents separately reflecting all their relations and inconsistencies. Political scientists using proposed semi-automated methods can relatively quickly develop these ontologies. The methods rely heavily on Institutional Grammar (IG) – a universal schema for annotating any social rules set, including legal regulations. We used IG as an intermediate layer between a legal text and a raw ontology. It helped to identify raw ontologies' classes, their attributes, relations among them, and their axioms and other rules.

We present our results in the form of Raw Ontological Model Driven by Institutional Grammar together with semi-automatic procedures for (1) automatically pre-annotating (tagging) documents with IG, (2) providing an exemplar raw ontological model for information contained in legal

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## 1 Introduction

Not all branches of science fully adapt themselves to possibilities that have been created by the Big Data. One of such branches is political science, especially its section devoted to public policy studies. There are now available multiplicity of data sources, including legal acts, which can be analyzed by researchers. However, they lack proper tools allowing them to organized large quantity of data and to analyze it. Our research experiment aims to meet demands coming from public policy studies for these kind of tools by creating 'raw ontologies' – an analytical tools that allows to organized data coming from large number of regulations. The idea and practice behind raw ontologies are inspired on the one hand by ontologies created for legal reasoning on the other hand by Institutional Grammar an analytical tool developed in political science [9, 5]. Three aspects distinguish this study from other similar ones: (1) a new target users' group – political scientists, (2) a new look at the role of an ontology – as a tool for policy design conceptualization, and (3) a new intermediate layer between a legal text and an ontology build from that text – IG usage for extracting and debugging knowledge gained from legal documents [9].

The point of departure for creating raw ontologies was an observation that although IG has been meeting with a growing interest in political science [24] there are problems with its application in wider range of research. The methodology behind raw ontology has been created to take advantage of previous research on the IG development, as well as, make this method easier to apply for studding large number of legal acts. As regards ontologies, they seems to be very useful for arrange data coming from legal acts via IG provided that more 'liberal' than usual approach will be able for their development. We believe that this nuance related to our new take on the use of ontologies is not even picked up by Palmirani [20].

Hence, having prior experience in IG applications, we assumed that it could be exploited as a layer between the policy regulations written in a natural language text and a semantic model of these regulations. We introduced IG as an additional annotation layer to recreate policy designs and regulations in a computer-readable form of ontologies. IG's role in our experiment was to state as an intermediary between the raw regulation texts and ontology model.

One of the urgent research topics for IG's analysts and adopters is governments' responses to the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Studying public and social policies, political scientists' primary purpose of analyzing how the COVID-19-influenced regulations impact social rights globally.

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Finally, the introduction of computer science techniques has promising potential to improve legal document processing significantly. It would allow building extensive databases of IG annotated legal documents, more easily compare the design of different public policies and action situations associated with them.

Our goal was to facilitate the automatic process of annotating and analyzing legal documents by researchers in policy design. Our efforts comprise semi-automatic procedures for:

1. an algorithm for pre-annotating (tagging) documents with Institutional Grammar,
2. an algorithm for building an ontological model (so-called "raw ontology") from regulation texts,
3. providing an exemplar ontological model for our use case – the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act enacted in the USA in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We organized this paper as follows. Section 2 briefly describes existing solutions regarding ontology modeling, especially in legal field, Institutional Grammar used in policy design, and ontology learning methods. Our approach is described in Section 3, where we started from reasons why we used IG in our research framework. Section 4 shows our use case and experiments with our approach. Finally, we discuss and summarize our methodology in Section 5.

## 2 Related Works

An ontology is defined as a conceptual representation of the entities, their properties, and relationships in a domain [27]. Ontologies have the potential for playing a mattering role in making artificial intelligence (AI) systems explainable. They provide a user's domain conceptualization, in turn data model is used for explaining or debugging the process (finding ambiguities) of analyzing legal acts [27].

In this section, we analyzed available research frameworks for the semantic description of institutional policy design. So far, many legal ontologies have been designed, as well as Institutional Grammar (IG) framework. Moreover, we analyzed and described sources and semi-automatic methods based on parsing natural language to gather and extract knowledge from texts to a model in a semi-structured way, i.e., IG or other ontologies.

### 2.1 Legal-based Ontologies

There are a varied best practices and understanding of building ontologies in general [16] as well as legal ontologies [20, 7, 13]. Theoretical foundations for the transfer of law concepts and rules to ontology were discussed in [2]. There are

very sophisticated methodologies for engineering legal ontologies – to mention only MeLON [20] and other promising attempts to automatize the process of generating legal ontologies [7]. Ontologies are usually seen as formal, explicit specifications of shared conceptualizations, that should express a shared view of a particular system [25, 12]. Therefore, their creation process is usually very collaborative in its nature and involves different stakeholders whose actions are affected by a system expressed through ontology [16]. In the case of legal ontologies, they have to consider not only an initial set of legal texts but also their judicial interpretations and their understanding by users of regulations. They are expected to support legal reasoning, to assist legal practitioners in making real-life decisions based on legal regulations.

Literature review findings for driving our motivation to a new approach design: (1) the common characteristic of the research studies is to treat ontologies as tools for building knowledge representations; (2) the potential for scaling automatization of ontologies engineering, including legal ones, is very limited, and (3) current process of ontologies creation is collaborative and labor-intensive.

Our study aims to simplify the process of creating ontologies from legal texts. Thus, it intends to increase the potential for scaling their applications up by changing its goal – no longer are they expected to express a widely shared view of a particular legal system. Such new subclass of ontologies we named "raw ontologies". They are so-called non-collaborative ontologies [11, 26] and, on the theoretical level, they do not need to express a shared view of a particular system. This characteristic raises a question about the sufficient level of shared understanding of a system: is high enough to build an ontology around it?. Usually, it is expected to create a formal ontology only under condition a significant number of text sources and stakeholders agree on system features. However, an ontology could be built around a limited number of sources, but significant in their importance for the system.

## 2.2 Institutional Grammar

S. Crawford and E. Ostrom created Institutional Grammar (IG) in 1995 to solve discussion regarding one of the crucial issues in social science – the nature of institution [4], more specifically, how institutions regulate human behavior. The aim was to make the analytical level possible to distinct strategies, norms, and rules. These three forms of institutional statements regulate behavior through different means: advice, expectations, and threats of penalty. Also, each institutional statement has, and this is the central assumption behind IG, a different syntactic structure: ontological structure in semantic terminology. IG contributes to developing the Institutional Analysis and Development (IAD) framework [19]. Nowadays, IG is less linked to the discussions regarding the nature of institutions, and more to the development of research on public policy design [24]. Moreover, IG concept has gained some interest between computer scientists interested in agent-based modeling [10]. So, it has been extended to include new syntax elements as well as new types of statements. The new version of IG is referred to as IG 2.0 [9] and used in our approach.

Policy design is "concerned with the construction of public policies" [23, p. 1] and with identifying major policy actors (states, private companies, individuals) and relations between them. Institutional Grammar (IG) has been used to analyze public policies mainly from legal regulations [9]. Legal regulations are considered here to make a reference to the ontology engineering, shared enough views of public policies to treat them as representations of those policies. IG is very good at extracting crucial information about public policies based on legal texts. However, as a relatively new tool, it has not yet developed the analytical infrastructure associated with it. Here the ontology engineering lends a hand – it provides analytical support coming from computer science. Raw ontologies can be seen from this perspective as a valuable concept for both computer and political sciences. By their reference to IG, they show that ontologies created only based on legal texts expressed shared enough view of a particular policy system and, at the same time, offer interesting analytical tools for studying policy design. An example of the use of IG as an analytical tool is presented below.

IG aims to extract information on policy design from a written regulation. The design, referred in IG to as action, consists of actors defined by constitutive statements – *Local employment office is responsible for provision of the COVID-19 benefit* – and rules regulating their behavior (regulative statements) – *The unemployed have to visit the local employment office at least once a week*. The standardized procedure for working with a legal text using IG consists of a few rudimentary elements:

1. Selecting a legal text;
2. Selecting parts of legal text relevant for research and suited for IG annotation;
3. Identifying individual sentences;
4. Extracting from each sentences atomic statements – statements that have structure of constitutive or regulative statement and do not have IG components containing multiple values;
5. Identifying statements – observations – that do not constitute or regulate any aspect of policy design but describe circumstances when other statements should be applied;
6. Annotating IG components in each atomic statement.

It is possible to reveal the detailed structure of an action by studying the statements, their relations, and statements' components and their relations (see Table 1).

There were two challenges with IG, which we decided to tackle in our experiment: the lack of well-developed analytical support and necessity to use long and complicated manual annotation of legal documents. The IG implementation is exceptionally labor-intensive and negatively affects work costs and time. The automatization of raw ontologies engineering addresses both issues linked to IG development in political science,

Regulative statements	Description	Constitutive statements	Description
Attribute	The addressee of the statement.	Constituted Entity	The entity being defined.
Aim	The action of addressee regulated by the statement.	Constitutive Function	A verb used to define Constituted Entity.
Deontic	An operator determining level of discretion or constraint associated with Aim.	Modal	An operator determining level of necessity and possibility of defining Constituted Entity.
Object	The receiver of the action described by Aim	Constituting Properties.	The entity against which Constituted Entity is defined.
Activation Condition	The setting to which the statements applies.	Activation Condition	The setting to which the statements applies.
Execution Constraint	Quality of action described by Aim	Execution Constraint	Quality of Constitutive Function.

**Table 1.** IG main components depending on statement type (regulative or constitutive) based on [9, pp. 10-11].

### 2.3 Semi-Automatic Text-Based Methods for Ontology Engineering

In [27], the author presented the current state-of-the-art of ontology engineering. She described three main challenges in this domain: (1) conceptualization – patterns and templates, (2) better tooling in automatic support for building ontologies and communicating among them, and (3) complexity of the languages and tooling, which makes it hard to align among ontologies. Our experiment concentrates on conceptualization and automatic support for building ontologies in institutional policy design.

*Ontology-Text Layers* The process of direct conceptualization and disambiguation of natural language texts is arduous. So far, there have been a few research building an intermediate layer between texts and ontologies. They are OntoLex-lemon – a lexical model expressing the linguistic structure of texts and its link to ontology itself [14, 3, 8], or a more superficial layer described in [21]. The authors of these studies underlined the need for intermediate layers between natural language texts and ontologies to ease the use of ontologies built based on text resources. These approaches also help in maintaining different terminologies and synonyms in texts. To the best of our knowledge, there are no studies of domain-specific intermediate layers between natural language text, e.g., legal regulations in our case, and an ontological domain model.

*Ontology Learning and Population* There is extensive research on building ontologies directly from natural language texts in different domains [27]. Usually,

the methods are domain-specific or very general, making them hard or sometimes even impossible to adapt to specific domains and texts. In [1], the author identified four categories of methods for ontology learning and their specific tasks. These are: (1) linguistic-based approaches for term and concept extraction, concept hierarchy and relation discovery, and machine learning-based approaches, i.e., (2) statistic-based approaches for the same tasks and synonym discovery, (3) logic-based approaches for concept hierarchy, relations and axioms discovery, (4) deep learning tasks and methods.

Many of the methods and tools are based on syntactic dependency parsing of a linguistic sentence structure, regular expressions, and other rule-based algorithms. Thus they are usually language- and domain-specific. Some techniques are also based on named-entity recognition machine learning models [28]. However, usually, they are very specific task-oriented and require an extensive dataset with annotations of the entities and their relations.

Another approach is to use also structured information like databases, not only unstructured texts. One of these approaches to automatic legal ontology modeling is described in [13]. The authors extract essential terms from a database of the legal act in the Chinese language.

Kurcheva et al. [17] presented in 2019 challenges related to building legal ontologies from texts and provides applications of such ontologies in public administration. For a use case of housing legislation, an analysis of concepts, e.g., "housing," "living premises," was prepared by domain experts based on natural language and used to build an ontology. Several applications of this methodology are listed, such as the identification of gaps and collisions in legislation. However, this complex analysis is developed as manual work.

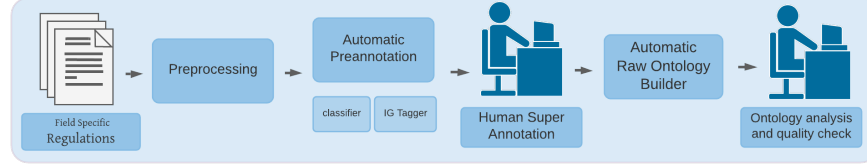
The population of ontologies with entities from the text was described by Faria et al. [6]. The general framework of populating ontologies based on linguistic tagging, named entity recognition, and co-reference identification is presented, and a description of other NLP methods used for this task.

### 3 Our Approach

The work of analyzing legal acts has been challenging and error-prone so far. Political scientists manually assembled documents, annotated them with IG manually, and then analyzed them. Our goal is to provide a tool that will facilitate and at least partially automate their work.

In our study, we use IG as a text-semantic bridge. On one side, IG is a tool for describing and analyzing relations between institutional actors in a more systematic and structured way than natural language texts. We used definitions of IG for tagging. However, there are still an open-issues and need to define more precisely some IG statements, e.g., context data like activation conditions. IG is not structuralized as a formal ontology, not precise, with classes and logical rules between them. Such structural ordered and precisely defined data (an ontology) further can be used, for example, for defining rules of institutions and network

analysis [18]. The ontology is understood and processed by computers in an easy way to automatize reasoning and further analyze our subject.



**Fig. 1.** The diagram of the system’s pipeline.

The process of manual annotation with IG (described in Section 2.2) was enriched with automatic tools: (1) pre-processing (identification of regulative and constitutive statements), (2) IG Tagger (as a pre-annotation stage with IG tags), (3) Raw Ontology Builder (a converter from IG annotations to policy ontology). We also elaborated quality check and super-annotations with an expert in policy design. Finally, we consider policy design research questions which can be answered using raw ontology.

### 3.1 Statements Pre-processing

Constitutive statements are used for defining purposes, and regulative describe how to regulate behaviours or actions that can be done by actors.

We trained a classifier based on TFI-DF with 50 the most common words and Random Forest to distinguish between these types. The model’s AUC is equal to 0.94, F1-score is 0.93.

Then, we built the IG tagger consisting of rules specific to mentioned types of sentences. It tags sentences based on their characteristics. Similarly, our Ontology Builder also follows these distinction, adding also observations for constitutive and regulative statements. Because they express additional conditions for statements (see Section 2.2).

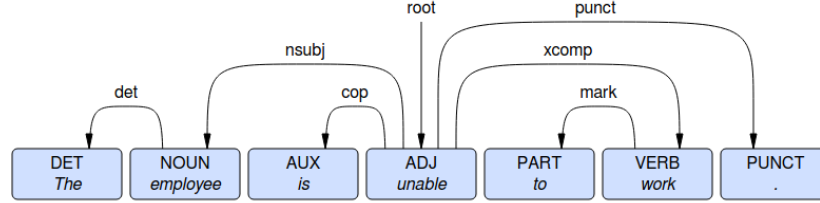
### 3.2 IG Tagger

In the first stage of tagging, each word in the statement gets annotation containing lemma, part of speech tag, morphological features, and relation to other words (StanfordNLP package [22]). Because of different IG tags in regulative and constitutive statements, automatic tagger has two dedicated algorithms, respectively. These algorithms are based on sets of rules dedicated for each type of statement.



*Example of IG Tagger Annotation* In our supplement, we provided all particular algorithms for IG tagger. Here, we show an example of its usage. For this purpose, we present selected rules that are used in the analyzed sentence:

1. If a sentence contains one word with *root* tag and this word is a verb or an adjective:
  - (a) If the word founded in 1 is a verb, then annotate it as CONSTITUTIVE FUNCTION, otherwise as CONSTITUTING PROPERTIES.
  - (b) If the word annotated in 1a has a child with *aux:pass* or *cop* relation, then annotate this child as CONSTITUTIVE FUNCTION.
  - (c) If the word annotated in 1a has a child with one of *nsubj*, *nsubj:pass* or *expl* relation, then annotate this child as CONSTITUTED ENTITY.
  - (d) If the word annotated in 1a has a child with one of *nsubj*, *nsubj:pass* or *expl* relation, then annotate this child as CONSTITUTED\_ENTITY.
  - (e) If the word annotated in 1d has a child with one of *det*, *compound*, *mark*, then annotate this child and all child's descendant as CONSTITUTED ENTITY.
  - (f) If the word annotated in 1a has a child with one of *obl*, *advmod*, *xcomp* relation, then annotate this child and all child's descendants as CONTEXT.



**Fig. 2.** Visualization of annotated constitutive sentence by Stanford NLP tagger in CONLL-U Viewer. This statment example in described in the text in paragraph 3.2.

Considering the sentence given in Figure 2, our tagging algorithm takes into account the following rules:

- According to the rule 1a we annotate the word *unable* as CONSTITUTING PROPERTIES.
- According to the rule 1b we annotate the word *is* as CONSTITUTIVE FUNCTION.
- According to the rules 1c and 1e we annotate words *The employee* as CONSTITUTED ENTITY.
- According to the rule 1f we annotate words *to work* as CONTEXT.

### 3.3 Raw Ontology Builder

Our automatic method for building ontologies from regulation texts annotated with IG tags comprises the following steps: (1) indicating classes and their hierarchy, (2) extracting relations, (3) defining class axioms and SWRL rules. In this process, we treat differently statements which are observations – we call them *observation regulative/constitutive* – and those which are not – we call them *proper constitutive/regulative*. From observation constitutive we extracted 1 classes hierarchy per statement. From each observation regulative statement, we extracted 3 classes hierarchies and possible relationships between those classes – we call such relationships *observational relations*. From proper constitutive and proper regulative statements, we extracted classes hierarchies, relations which are regulated or constituted by those statements, and also from activation condition of those statements, we are able to define axioms and SWRL rules by which such relations are enforced.

**Defining Classes and Their Hierarchy** Class and subclass names are defined by unique combinations of IG tags values from statement. Table 2 describe which specific IG tags are used in which statement type to define classes and subclasses. Example: [Constituted Entities] = employee, [Function] = is, [Constituted Properties] = unable, [Constituted Properties Property] = to work

Class: employee, Subclass: employeeThatIsUnableToWork

statement type	class	subclasses
observation constitutive	<i>Constituted Entities</i>	<i>Constituted Entities</i> + 'that' + <i>Function</i> + <i>Constituted Properties</i>
proper constitutive	<i>Constituted Entity</i>	<i>Constituted Entity</i> + <i>Constituted Entity Property</i> + <i>Constituted Properties Property</i>
proper constitutive	<i>Constituted Properties</i>	<i>Constituted Properties</i> + <i>Constituted Properties Property</i>
proper/observation regulative	<i>Attributes</i>	<i>Attributes</i> + <i>Attributes property</i>
proper/observation regulative	<i>Direct Object</i>	<i>Direct Object</i> + <i>Direct Object Property</i>
proper/observation regulative	<i>Indirect Object</i>	<i>Indirect Object</i> + <i>Indirect Object Property</i>

**Table 2.** IG tags used to define class and subclass by each statement type. Note that ‘+’ denotes concatenation of IG tag value.

**Defining Relations** Relations are defined based on *observations regulative*, *proper regulative* and *proper constitutive*. As raw ontology is supposed to be used for the analysis of possible relationships that emerge from regulation, we treat differently relations that are observational and relations that are *regulative* or *constitutive*. From *regulative observations*, we define *possible observed relations*,

which are later modelled as antecedents in SWRL rules. Relation is named by *Aim* tag. If there is an non empty *Indirect Object* tag, we define the second relation, which name is created by transforming *Aim* to passive form. Then we define *regulative relations*. Relation name is defined by [*Deontic* + *Aim*]. *Deontic* is also stored as a relation property, which is later used for analysis. Simmilary, if there is *Indirect Object*, we define the second relation, named after [*Deontic* + passive(*Aim*)]. Finally, we define *constitutive modal relations* from proper constitutive statements using [*Modal* + *Function*] tags as relation name. Details of domains and ranges of each relation are provided in Table 3.

Both in *constitutive modal relations* and *regulative relations*, we treat each relation independently – that means that for every class domain we create different relations – reason for this, is again, that we want use this ontology primarily for quantitative analysis of such relations.

statement type	domain	relation name	range
observation	<i>Attribute</i> + <i>Attribute</i>	<i>Aim</i>	<i>Direct Object</i> + <i>Direct Object Property</i>
regulative observation	<i>Property</i>		
observation	<i>Direct Object</i> + <i>Direct Object Property</i>	passive( <i>Aim</i> )	<i>Indirect Object</i> + <i>Indirect Object Property</i>
regulative proper regu-	<i>Attribute</i> + <i>Attribute</i>	<i>Deontic</i> + <i>Aim</i>	<i>Direct Object</i> + <i>Direct Object Property</i>
lative	<i>Property</i>		
proper regu-	<i>Direct Object</i> + <i>Direct Object Property</i>	<i>Deontic</i> + pas-	<i>Indirect Object</i> + <i>Indirect Object Property</i>
lative	<i>Property</i>	sive( <i>Aim</i> )	
proper con-	<i>Entity</i> + <i>Entity Properties</i>	<i>Modal</i> + <i>Function</i>	<i>Constituted property</i> + <i>Constituted Property Properties</i>
stitutive			

**Table 3.** IG tags used to define relations by each statement type.

**Defining Axioms and SWRL Rules** Axioms and SWRL rules are build only on basis of proper regulative and proper constitutive statements – those statements which really constitute or regulate some part of reality. In those statements, if *Activation Condition* is empty, relation defined by such statement must always hold, then we add axiom that every subject of the class defined by this row must be in such relation with object (same for the relation between object and indirect object).

If there exists *Activation Condition* referring to some observational statements, we define SWRL rules where the antecedent is defined by referred statement and the consequent is statement that is referring. We iterate over all statements referred in activation condition tag. For every statement, we check whether it is *regulative observation* or *constitutive observation*. For *regulative observation* we add rule that has all relations defined in that statement in the antecedent. For

*constitutive observation* antecedent, consist of the constraint on being a specific subclass defined by such statement. In consequent, there are all relations defined this proper regulative/constitutive statement that we are considering.

Example rule created automatically

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EmployeeThatIsUnableToWork(?x), EmployeeEmployedByEmployer(?x),
Employer(?y), PaidSickTime(?q) -> shall_provide(?y,?q),
shall_be_provided_to(?q,?x)
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**Limitations** We were not able to model activation conditions that does not refer to specific statement, which limited our possibility to automatically produce SWRL rules. To overcome this, IG annotation should be made much more fine-grained – dividing each non-referential activation condition into smaller statements. Secondly, we have not modelled any other referential tags than activation condition.

### 3.4 Super-Annotation for Ensuring High-Quality Ontology

High-quality annotations and ontology terms extraction require precise definitions of terms to indicate in the text. Thus, our first step is defining each entity to detect and assess its ambiguity and precision subjectively. In creating ontology, we need to extract key elements of knowledge in the regulation texts. It is always a trade-off between precise extraction and simplification of a final data model (ontology).

In NLP tagging, it is crucial to ensure annotation quality using NLP models' metrics vs. gold standard annotations made by a human expert in the domain. The standard metrics in this domain are precision, recall, F-measure.

Information density in ontologies is measured with graph-based metrics, i.e.

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### 3.5 Experimental Journey – Research in Action

The first need in our research journey was to automate the process of tagging legal acts with Institutional Grammar. The scientists had tried to automate their work using Excel or other annotation tools, e.g., INCEpTION [15]. Unfortunately, both tools have drawbacks that make the work challenging and lengthy. Especially, comparing annotations made by different annotators or even self-checking was hard. Thus, we design a hierarchical structure of sentences and visualizations to compare the annotations for the same statements.

During the work on manual annotating and also the automatic tagger, we had realized that IG is not precise. The IG is a new approach, and it is still evolving. Some entities in IG are too general and ambiguous. Thus, we need a more structuralized ontology to analyze legal regulations further, i.e., reasoning based on regulations, checking the consistency of the model, and further aligning different regulations among them. This study shows experiments based on a concrete use case – one text legal act, how we extract ontology from this act and check its quality.

## 4 Experimental Challenges

### 4.1 Testing Set – Our Use Case

Our approach was tested against a regulation linked to the COVID-19 pandemic - the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act [H.R.6198] introduced in March 2020 in the USA. This regulation was chosen because it is part of a more extensive data set of regulations on social policy reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore it will be relatively easy to scale up the whole system of raw ontology engineering for more advanced research. Also, the regulation is relatively simple. It constitutes a limited number of policy actors and objects and creates a limited number of rules regulating their actions and relations. These qualities allow controlling the experimental development of automatizing raw ontologies carefully.

### 4.2 IG Tagger Performance

IG Tagger has been evaluated on the legal act annotated by an expert. The prediction was performed on *atomic sentences* manually extracted from complex sentences. The regulation included 333 statements (98 regulative and 235 constitutive statements). Applied measures were determined based on the accuracy of the classification of the individual words in a sentence.

**Table 4.** Tagger quality with a breakdown per statement type.

Sentence type	Accuracy	F1 score	Precision	Recall
<i>Regulative</i>	0.55	0.62	0.67	0.61
<i>Constitutive</i>	0.42	0.45	0.45	0.46

Table 5 shows metrics with a breakdown per component type and statement type. For the purposes of this analysis predicted and correct tags were mapped before the evaluation: (A, prop) to (A), (B, prop) to (B) for regulative ones, and (E, prop) to (E), (P, prop) to (P) for constitutive statements. Best results are achieved in recognizing Aim, Deontic and Modal components – over 80% of F1-score.

**Table 5.** Results of IG Tagger detailed on components.

Regulative Layer				Constitutive Layer			
Component	F1 score	Precision	Recall	Component	F1 score	Precision	Recall
Attribute	0.74	0.83	0.66	Entity	0.41	0.38	0.44
Object	0.54	0.69	0.45	Property	0.54	0.57	0.52
Deontic	0.93	0.94	0.92	Function	0.57	0.46	0.71
Aim	0.84	0.93	0.76	Modal	0.89	0.97	0.82
Context	0.57	0.44	0.82	Context	0.02	0.01	0.02

### 4.3 Ontology Usage

**Equality of access to resources** Using raw ontology we can define proxy metric of equality of access subclasses of specific class to specific resource. in our case, it could be equality of access of employees to paid sick time. We define it as follow:  $e \in E$  - specific subclass of employee,  $E$  - set of all subclasses,  $r(e)$  - number of constitutive relations that can connect  $e$  specific resource (e.g. to paid sick leave). If we define  $X$  as random variable with  $P(X = r(e)) = \frac{r(e)}{|E|}$  then we can define equality of access of  $E$  to resource as  $\eta(X)$ , where  $\eta$  is Normalized Shannon Entropy defined as  $\eta(X) = -\sum_{i=1}^{|X|} \frac{P(x_i) \log(P(x_i))}{\log(|X|)}$ . Such metric, by computing it on different ontologies constructed from similar regulations from different legislations, can allow us to compare equality of access to similar resources across different legislations, e.g. compare equality of access of subclasses of employees to paid sick leave in different states in US.

### 4.4 Rola podmiotów w dostępie do zasobów

Patrząc na reguły SWRL możemy stwierdzić jaka jest rola danego podmiotu w przydzielaniu zasobu. To znaczy, jak często na ścieżkach wnioskowania, prowadzących do otrzymania danego zasobu (np. paid sick leave) pojawiają się warunki na relacje danych podmiotów. Możemy w ten sposób policzyć indeks wpływu danej klasy na dostęp do danego zasobu, dzieląc liczbę reguł w której występuje jakiś wymóg na daną klasę, przez liczbę wszystkich reguł.

### 4.5 Limitations of Our Approach

## 5 Conclusions and Further Research Directions

Raw ontologies assist researchers in studying and comparing specific public policies as their machine-readable representations. The proposed semi-automated methods (crawler and tagger) pick up features design of public policies from legal documents separately reflecting individual legal case-driven relations and inconsistencies. Finally, we strive to develop an easy and fully automated toolkit for any researcher from any domain. It is a relatively quickly mass-scale production of raw ontologies, which at the next stage should undergo the alignment process. This convergence mechanism is our next conceptual and experimental challenge. Institutional Grammar (IG) proved to be a universal schema for annotating legal regulations.

Our Raw Ontological Model Driven by Institutional Grammar together with, at this stage of work, semi-automatic procedures for automatically pre-annotating (tagging) documents with IG are our main contribution.

### 5.1 Ontology building algorithm

In future, it would be worth considering adding *class trimming* step, as the last phase of ontology building algorithm. Such step could use NLP tools such as word similarities to merge some classes with similar meaning.

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