

Ontology of the Simulated Universe (OSIU) — Call for Collaborators

v0.5 Outreach Package • Moral–Informational Dynamics, Causal-Loop Cosmology, Computational Simulations

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1) Purpose in One Paragraph

OSIU proposes a metaphysical architecture where physics, consciousness, and ethics are dual projections of structured information. Cosmology is modeled as a closed causal loop (torus topology), and morality is operationalized as entropy management via a moral gradient $M(t)$. Version 0.5 consolidates critiques by reframing equations as testable dynamics, introducing a Phenomenal Projection operator (Φ) and a Manifold Fitness function (Ω), and providing an open simulation stack for exploratory falsification.

2) What We're Building (Now)

- A lightweight simulation sandbox (Python) for κ , σ , ρ , φ dynamics and computed $M(t)$ under shocks and interventions.
- A data-mapping layer: practical proxies for the moral–informational variables against public datasets.
- Falsifiable correlational signatures: stability vs. entropy flux; responsiveness vs. volatility; diversity vs. resilience.
- Figures & explainers: torus cosmology plates (academic captions) and public-facing diagrams.

3) Roles We're Seeking

Math & Theory — Normalize/derive the placeholder ODEs; propose Lyapunov or free-energy functionals; analyze fixed points and stability.

Simulation Engineering — Parameter sweeps, reproducibility, experiment registry; CI-ready notebooks.

Data & Empirics — Proxy design, ETL, cleaning; basic statistics for correlation testing and robustness checks.

Visualization — Publication-grade plots; interactive figures for public posts and OSF.

Philosophy Editor — Short-form briefs for philosophers and public reviewers; terminology coherence.

We welcome critical collaborators. The frame is metaphysical; the agenda is empirical traction.

4) Data Mapping: Variables → Proxies (First Pass)

Symbol	Concept	Measurement Idea	Candidate Public Sources (examples)
κ (kappa)	Care / Cooperation	Prosociality, trust, giving, social support	World Values Survey; Gallup World Poll; World Giving Index
σ (sigma)	Suffering / Instability	Conflict intensity; mortality/morbidity burden; disaster impact	UCDP/PRIO; WHO/IHME DALYs; EM-DAT; ACLED
ρ (rho)	Responsiveness	Recovery time after shocks; fiscal/health agility	OECD resilience; World Bank governance effectiveness; response time metrics
ϕ (phi)	Pluralism	Diversity + rights protection + polarization control	V-Dem indices; ethnic/linguistic fractionalization; religious diversity
Entropy proxy	Structural stress/flux	Energy intensity; volatility; information throughput	Our World in Data (energy); econ volatility; mutual information where available
$M(t)$	Moral Gradient	Computed: $(\kappa/(\sigma+\epsilon)) \cdot \rho \cdot \phi$ (normalized)	Derived from above, normalized per unit time
Intervention	Crossing Minority	Minimal pulses when σ exceeds σ_{crit}	Treaties, humanitarian surge episodes, ceasefires

Mapping Principles:

- Prefer transparent, widely-used datasets with stable definitions.

- Keep each proxy dimensionless or normalized (z-scores or min–max per region/time).
- Document assumptions and caveats (e.g., DALYs \neq all suffering).
- Publish a variable dictionary and codebook alongside CSVs.

5) Repo / OSF Structure

Public OSF project components:

/OSIU-v0.5

/paper/ — Whitepaper PDF, figures (torus)

/simulation/ — Code: Universe model, sweeps, heatmaps

/data/ — Raw proxies (CSV) + data dictionaries

/results/ — Sweep CSVs, plots, notebooks

/docs/ — Briefs, slide decks, outreach letter

/figures/ — Caption-embedded plates (PDF/PNG/SVG)

/licenses/ — MIT (code), CC-BY (figures/text)

6) Getting Started

1. Clone or unzip the starter repository (osiu-sim-starter.zip).
2. Install: `pip install -r requirements.txt`
3. Run scenarios: `python -m simulation.experiments`
4. Parameter sweep (1D): `python -m simulation.sweep --param phi --start 0.1 --end 1.0 --num 10`
5. Parameter sweep (2D): `python -m simulation.sweep2d --p1 phi --start1 0.1 --end1 1.0 --n1 12 --p2 a_s --start2 0.05 --end2 0.3 --n2 10 --shock poisson --out data/outputs/heat_phi_a_s`
6. Re-plot from CSV: `python -m simulation.plot_csv --csv data/outputs/heat_phi_a_s.csv`

7) Collaboration Norms

- Code: MIT. Text & figures: CC-BY 4.0.
- PRs must include a short 'Assumptions & Limitations' section.
- Keep metaphysical claims separate from empirical testing code.
- Label placeholders clearly; pre-register risky tests when feasible.

8) Open Research Questions

- Can ρ (responsiveness) statistically predict reductions in entropy flux after shocks across 30–50 year windows?
- Is there an inverted-U between ϕ (pluralism) and stability that flattens in mature systems?
- Do minimal crossing-minority pulses out-perform constant interventions in simulations?
- What Lyapunov/free-energy candidate tracks stability across regimes?

9) Contact & Participation

Project Lead: Joshua Hickerson — Ontology of the Simulated Universe Series

Interested? Open an issue on the repo

(<https://github.com/joshdotexe/Quantum-Entangled-Ontology-The-Ontology-of-the-Simulated-Universe-v0.5-2025->)

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