

The leading role of the Third Pillar in the Onlife Era

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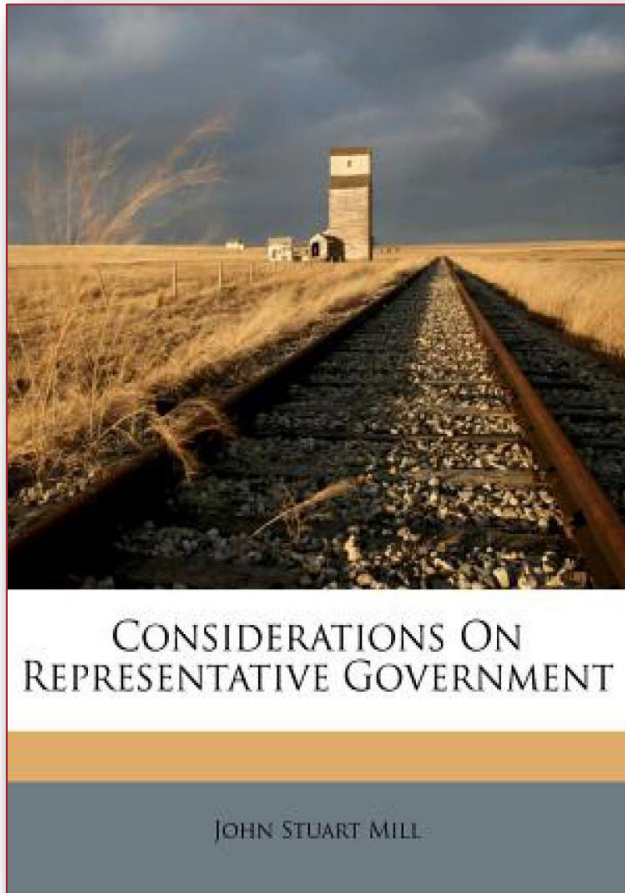
Onlife

The image features a blue background with a vertical gradient, transitioning from a darker blue at the top to a lighter, almost white blue at the bottom. A dense field of sharp, translucent blue glass shards is scattered across the scene, appearing to fall from the top right towards the bottom left. The shards vary in size and orientation, creating a sense of motion and fragmentation. A semi-transparent horizontal band is positioned across the middle of the image, containing the text.

The Crisis of Democracy

What the difficulty is not





“[...] since all cannot, in a community exceeding a single small town, participate personally on any but some very minor portions of the public business, it follows that the ideal type of a perfect government must be representative.” (1861)

Representative democracy

Proceduralism: **rules** followed

Substantialism: **values** pursued

Structuralism: **structure** implemented



Representative democracy

Sovereignty \neq Governance

Proc. & Subst. = compromise

Structuralism = solution





What the difficulty is

Structuralism

the more sovereignty \neq governance

the less **consensus**

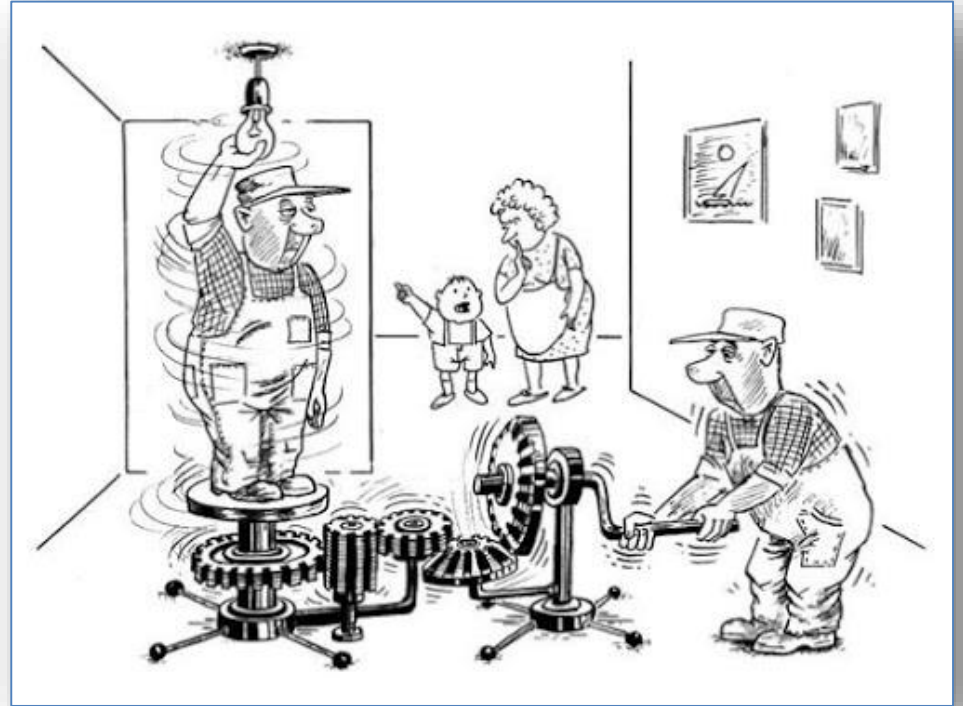
consensus building is the problem

it is a **complexity problem**

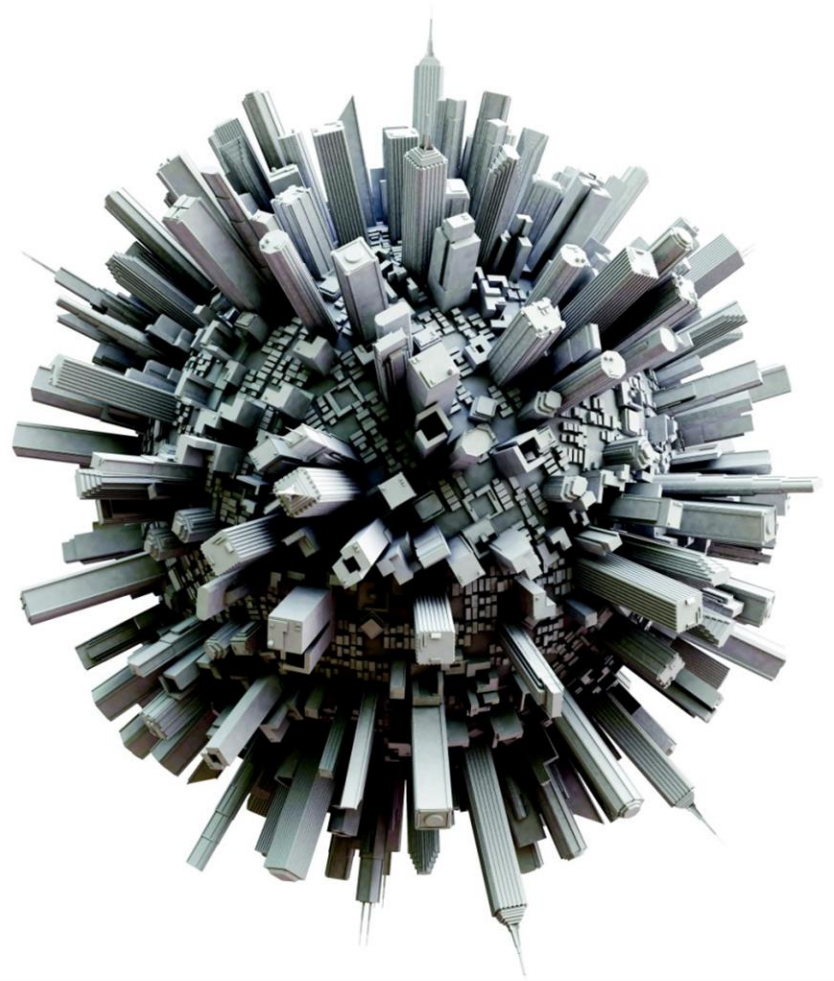


A new form of complexity: coordination complexity (CC)

How many Ss
working together
does it take to solve
a problem?



New challenge
problems have
maximum degree of
coordination-
complexity iff
unsolvable without the
mobilization of whole
relevant networks
(communities).



The C factor

- Co**o**peration
- Co**l**laboration
- Co**o**rdination



Problem: robust mechanisms to foster **C**
insufficient

- law and order (state) or
- self-interest (market, game theory)

Solution: communities are **C by default.**

Paradox of CC

the more affluent/global a society is the less individuals feel the need to coordinate their efforts, yet the more the problems are CC, so the more individuals should coordinate their efforts. Sufficiently-good locally is not good-enough globally. What is missing?

A large crowd of diverse people, seen from an aerial perspective, is arranged to form the shape of the letter 'C'. The individuals are wearing various colorful clothing, and their shadows are cast on the white ground. The 'C' is formed by a thick line of people, with some individuals standing slightly outside the main line. The overall scene is bright and clean, set against a plain white background.

The C factor requires an **infraethics**

Infraethics is (the design of) the conditions that facilitate or hinder:

- agents and their choices
- actions and their consequences
- states and their developments

which are morally good or evil.





Neutrality, rule of law, security, transparency,
even privacy... are **infraethical**

The current socio-political crisis (e.g. populism) is part of a failure in the governance of the coordination complexity of our information societies. It is not an ethical problem but first of all an **infraethical** problem.



The current socio-political crisis can be solved by a governance understood as design, management and care of the **infraethics** that facilitates the well-being of a society with a high degree of coordination complexity.



We the People

insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the
and our Posterity, We ordain and establish this Constitution for the United

coordination not just emergentism

more ambitious projects

lower opportunity costs

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the
and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be

The Human Project cannot be only a metaproject, it must also be a social project.



Thank you

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