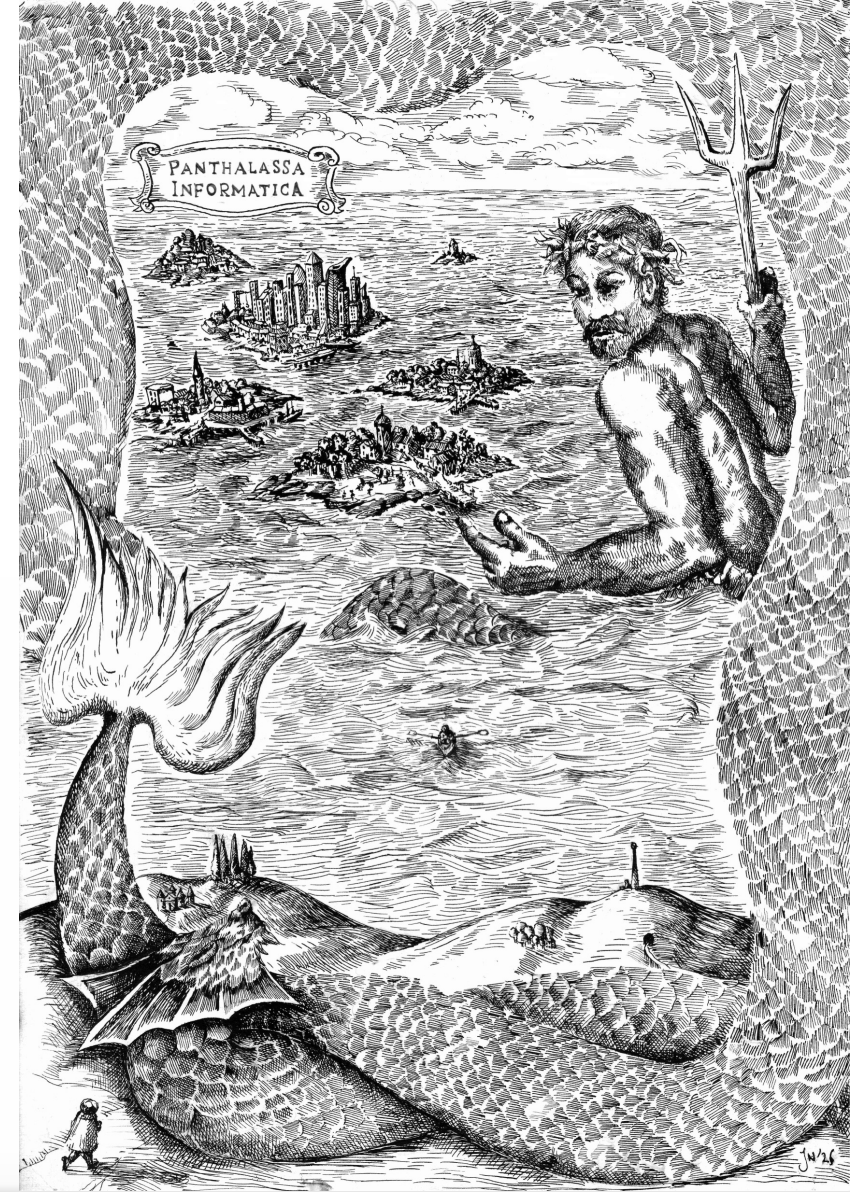


The State as Information Platform: Law, Political Philosophy and Digital Governance

The Archipelago Seminar: Law, Information and the State

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WHY THIS SEMINAR

- What is the state?
- What is the EU?
- What is the digital world?

The Regulation of Digital Technologies

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Archipelago,
and the information platform
that is the state

A political philosophy based on information
and its processing

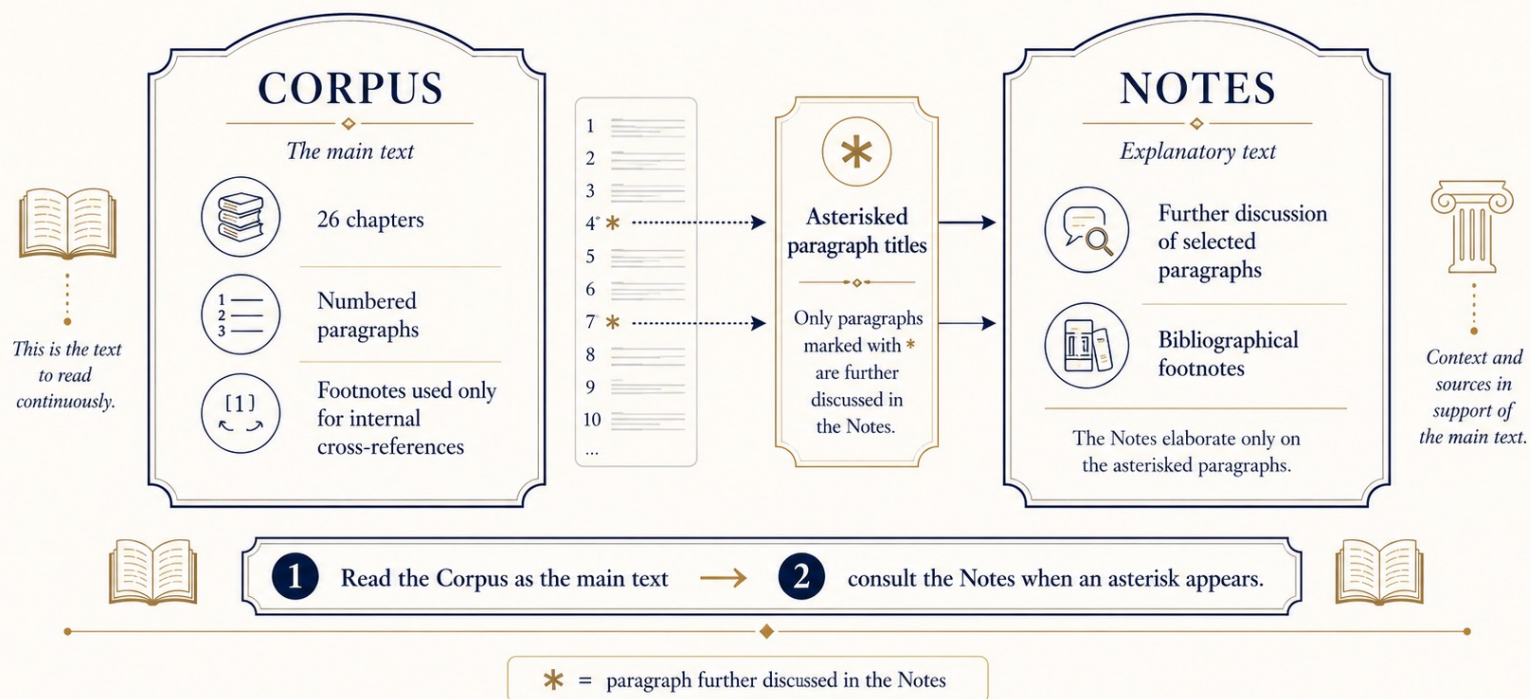


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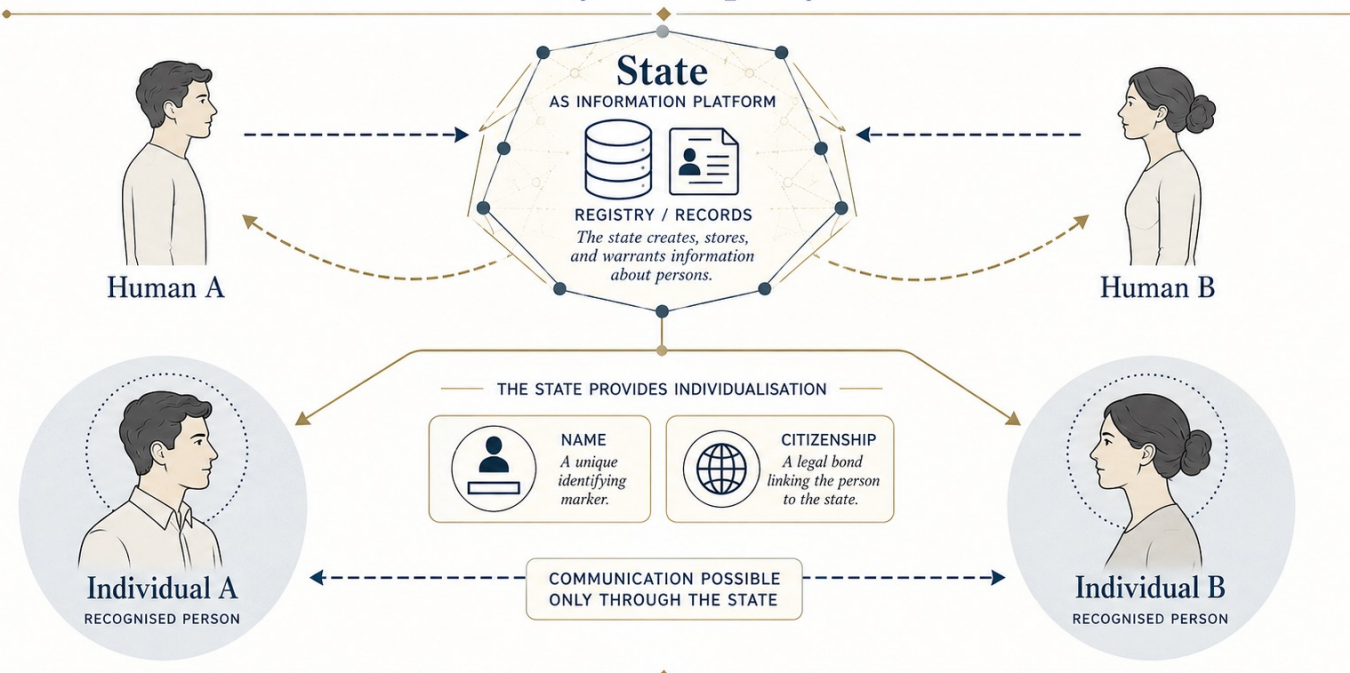
How to read Archipelago

Corpus first, Notes in support



WHAT IS THE STATE?

The state as the necessary third party in human communication



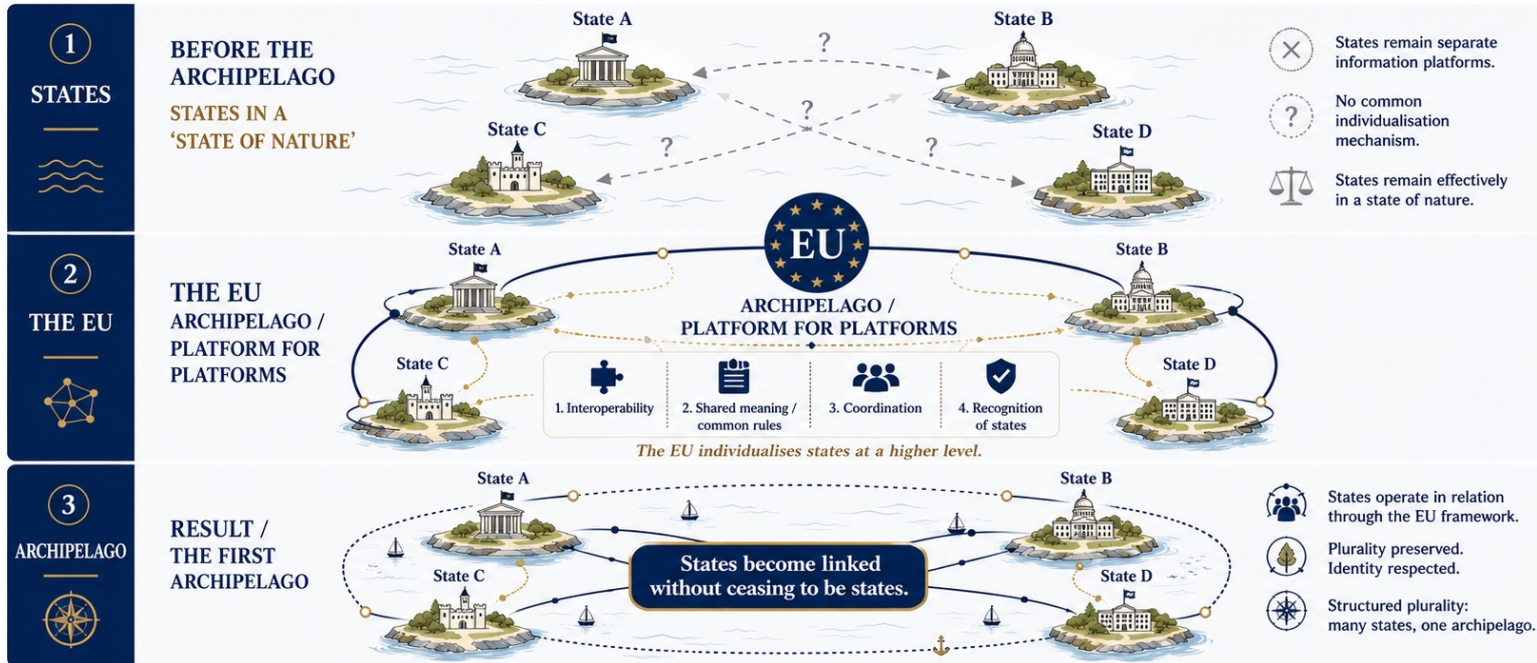
By individualising humans through name and citizenship, the state makes communication and social life possible.



WHAT IS THE EU?

Archipelagos: the EU as the first platform for platforms

The first archipelago of states



The EU is the first archipelago:
a Being that individualises and links states as a platform for platforms.



**Interoperability,
not full integration.**

WHAT IS THE DIGITAL WORLD?

- An artificial world (analogue world vs digital world);
- A simulacrum – but not really;
- A milestone moment for humanity equivalent to the invention of writing;
- **Information in the digital world is infinite.**

A new political philosophy system

(1) **An informational viewpoint:**

“Everything is information; Life is information processing”

(2) that assumes only **Beings** (humans & animals: they can and will process information), **Things** (they cannot process information) and **artificial Beings** (they can process information but have no will of their own)

(3) where **humans need to augment their information processing** (individualised by states),

(4) and **states are information platforms for their “citizens”**,

Opens up new viewpoints on topics such as borders, territory, sovereignty, rights, the law, property, or freedom.

Thank you!

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