

# AI and the Synoptic View

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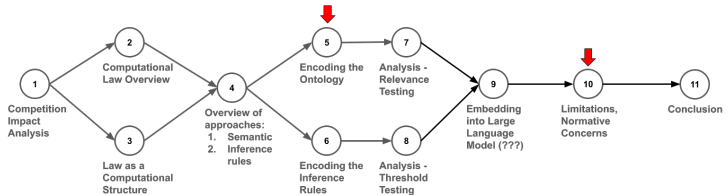
# Outline

- 1 Introduction
- 2 The Synoptic View
- 3 Limits of the Synoptic View
- 4 Alternatives

# Background

- Programming and Law
- Computational Law
- Normative Issues

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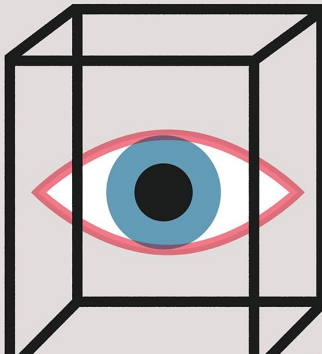


# Background

## Seeing Like a State

How Certain Schemes to Improve the  
Human Condition Have Failed

James C. Scott



# Legibility



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# Synoptic View



Taxation, Conscription, Surveillance



# The Dark Side



# How It Can Go Bad

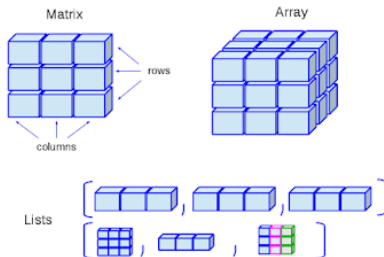
- Administrative Ordering
- High Modernist Ideology
- Authoritarianism
- Weak Civil Society

# Relation to AI

The “Artifice of Intelligence”?

# Administrative Ordering

Models = Data Structures + Algorithms



# High Modernist Ideology

**Marc Andreessen publishes  
'Techno-Optimist Manifesto',  
names enemies including 'ESG',  
'Trust and Safety'**

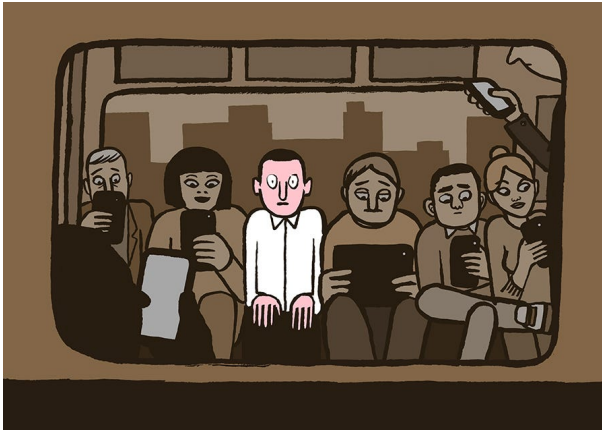


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# Authoritarianism?



# Weak Civil Society?



# Beware

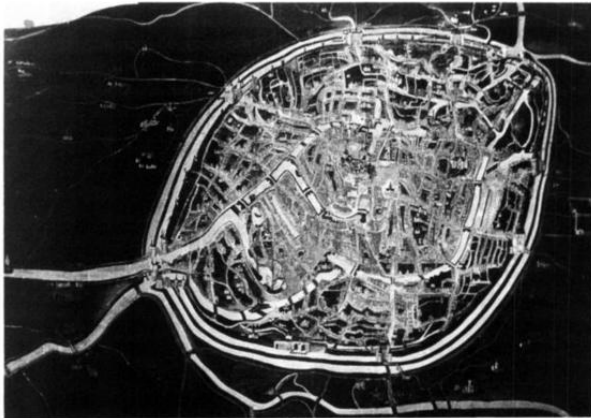
- Thin, Formulaic Simplifications
- Imposed, not negotiated
- Utilitarian, commercial, fiscal
- Monocultural, geometric



# Mētis

- Practical, Localized Knowledge
- Experience, Intuition, Improvisation
- “Messier”

# “Messy Pathways”



# Conclusion

Thank You!



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