The Architecture of Encounter

Index Term List — Draft 1

Working document for index preparation

This document is a controlled vocabulary for the eventual index of *The Architecture of Encounter: A Mediated Encounter Ontology*. It is organised into five sections: (I) framework-specific technical terms; (II) inherited philosophical vocabulary repurposed by the framework; (III) proper names; (IV) traditions and programmes; (V) application domains and diagnostics. Annotations indicate where cross-references or subentries are likely to be needed. Page references will be added at proof stage.

Terms marked with † are candidates for a glossary entry if one is added.

I. Framework-Specific Technical Terms

Terms coined or given specialised meaning within MEOW.

Core Architecture

- MEOW (Mediated Encounter Ontology of the World) † — *passim; defined Ch. 1*
- encounter-event † — *ontological primitive; defined 1.3*
  - individuation of — *1.7*
  - as structured relational occurrence
- mediation † — *constitutive condition; 1.4*
  - biological
  - cognitive
  - linguistic–cultural
  - as triple mediation
- presentational structure † — *unified manifestation; 1.6*
- constraint † — *internal stability; 1.5*
  - as patterned invariance
  - constraint-pattern — *recurring usage*
  - constraint transmission — *causation account; 2.9*
  - constraint-cluster — *institutional diagnostics; 8.6*
- encounter-organisation — *structural arrangement of encounters*
- encounter pressure — *epistemic selection mechanism; 5.2*

Subjecthood and Agency

- modal differentiation † — *account of subjecthood; Ch. 3*
  - substrate-neutrality of — *3.6, Author Position Statement*
- self-maintenance — *generation of perspective; 3.3*
- indexical compression — *the 'I'; 3.4*
- diachronic narrative compression — *the 'self'; 3.5*
- agency without substance — *3.6*

aspectual designation — *mental/physical as non-ontological; 1.3*

Logic and Epistemology

coherence grammar † — *account of logic; 4.2*
ontological grammar † — *what grammar smuggles in; Ch. 7*
object-grammar — *4.6, 7.3*
durative grammar — *7.5*
and substance thinking — *2.7, 7.6*
epistemic selection — *5.2*
epistemic confidence — *5.7*
effectiveness gradient † — *7.8–7.9*
and Production Possibility Frontier — *Author Position Statement*
collective stabilisation — *role of science; 5.6*
stabilisation — *passim*
compression — *epistemic loss; 5.3*
lossy compression

Perception

affordance † — *encounter-constituted gradients; 6.2*
salience-weighted affordance structure — *meaning; 6.3*
salience — *6.2–6.3*
perception without representation — *6.4*
cross-modal integration — *6.5*
perceptual variation and shared constraint — *6.6*

Language

Language Insufficiency Hypothesis (LIH) † — *Ch. 7*
synchronisation protocol † — *language as; 7.2*
synchronisation repair — *institutional; 8.5*
bandwidth problem — *7.7*
encoding — *of affordance; 6.7, 7.2*
fluency tax † — *7.10*
articulatory cumbersomeness — *cf. Author Position Statement*
durative grammar — *7.5*
grammatical trap — *10.6*
false convergence — *8.7*

Social Ontology

second-order constraint system † — *institutions; Ch. 8*
institutional persistence — *through synchronisation repair; 8.5*

overestimation gap — *democratic deliberation; 8.8*
declarative ontology — *Searle's account; 8.2*
what institutions cannot say about themselves — *8.10*

Realism

convergence realism † — *Ch. 9*
convergent stability — *objectivity as; 9.4*
cross-perspectival convergence — *9.3*
invariant anchor — *relational constraint; 2.3*
filtering does not imply fabrication — *2.8, 9.7*
ontology/model distinction — *2.4*
scale-dependence — *ontology of objects; 2.6*

Mind and Normativity

apophatic mind † — *Ch. 10*
  apophatic structure — *10.2*
  double-entry ledger — *10.3*
  retreat into experience — *10.4*
  reification error — *10.5*
heuristic container — *mind as; 10.8*
hard problem, reframed — *10.9*
normativity frontier † — *Ch. 11; open frontier*
  as open frontier
cognitivism / non-cognitivism — *11.2–11.4*

Methodological Terms

three-tier claim classification — *Preface*
  empirical premises (inherited)
  architectural commitments (proposed)
  diagnostic interpretations (offered)
diagnostic method — *Preface; passim*
structural immunisation — *Preface*
vulnerability scan — *editorial process*

II. Inherited Philosophical Vocabulary

Standard terms that the framework engages, repurposes, or critiques.

substance ontology — *critiqued passim; 1.1, 2.7*
noumenal–phenomenal distinction — *as post hoc; 1.6, 10.7*
mind–world bifurcation — *dissolved; 1.1–1.3*

realism–idealism dispute — *1.2, Ch. 9*
hard problem of consciousness — *reframed; 10.9*
explanatory gap — *10.9*
relata — *no-relata objection; 2.5*
property dualism — *addressed in vulnerability scan*
qualia — *see apophatic mind*
representation — *rejected; 5.5, 6.4*
causation — *as constraint transmission; 2.9*
temporal organisation — *2.10*
linguistic relativity — *distinguished from ontological grammar; 7.4*
Sapir–Whorf hypothesis — *7.4*
deflationary accounts — *Author Position Statement*
eliminativism — *worry addressed; 3.9*

III. Proper Names

Authors and figures engaged substantively (not merely cited in passing).

Primary Engagements

Bergson, Henri — *spatialised thinking diagnostic; duration; 7.5*
Brandom, Robert — *inferentialism; discursive commitment*
Gibson, James J. — *ecological psychology; affordances; 6.2*
Kant, Immanuel — *noumenal–phenomenal; 1.2, 10.7*
Korzybski, Alfred — *'the map is not the territory'*
Searle, John — *declarative ontology; construction of social reality; 8.2*
Sellars, Wilfrid — *manifest/scientific image; inferentialism*

Secondary Engagements

Austin, J. L. — *speech acts*
Barad, Karen — *relational ontology; agential realism*
Bhaskar, Roy — *critical realism*
Boroditsky, Lera — *language and temporal cognition*
Chalmers, David — *hard problem; 10.9*
Clark, Andy — *predictive processing; situated agents*
Dennett, Daniel — *consciousness; eliminativism*
Dewey, John — *logic as inquiry*
French, Steven — *structural realism*
Friston, Karl — *free-energy principle*
Grice, H. P. — *conversational implicature*
Heidegger, Martin — *being; Dasein*
Hohwy, Jakob — *predictive mind*
Hume, David — *causation; substance; 2.9*

Husserl, Edmund — *phenomenology*
James, William — *radical empiricism; Ch. 1 epigraph*
Kuhn, Thomas — *scientific revolutions; paradigms*
Ladyman, James — *ontic structural realism; with Ross*
Latour, Bruno — *actor-network theory*
Matilal, Bimal Krishna — *Indian epistemology*
Maturana, Humberto — *autopoiesis; with Varela*
Merleau-Ponty, Maurice — *phenomenology of perception*
Mumford, Stephen — *powers metaphysics; with Anjum*
Nāgārjuna — *middle way; Buddhist philosophy*
Nagel, Thomas — *'What is it like to be a bat?'*
Noë, Alva — *enactivism; action in perception*
Pinker, Steven — *language and thought*
Priest, Graham — *paraconsistent logic*
Putnam, Hilary — *empirical status of logic*
Quine, W. V. O. — *ontological relativity*
Rescher, Nicholas — *process metaphysics*
Rorty, Richard — *anti-representationalism*
Rovelli, Carlo — *relational quantum mechanics*
Sapir, Edward — *linguistic relativity*
Scott, James C. — *legibility; state simplification*
Thompson, Evan — *enactivism; mind in life*
Turing, Alan — *computing machinery and intelligence*
Turner, Denys — *apophatic theology; darkness of God*
Bonhoeffer, Dietrich — *negative theology*
van Fraassen, Bas — *constructive empiricism*
Varela, Francisco — *enactivism; autopoiesis*
Whitehead, Alfred North — *process metaphysics; 1.3*
Whorf, Benjamin Lee — *linguistic relativity*
Willis, Bry — *MEOW essay (2025); LIH (2026)*
Wittgenstein, Ludwig — *language games; forms of life*

IV. Traditions and Programmes

actor-network theory — *Latour; 8.1*
autopoiesis — *Maturana and Varela*
critical realism — *Bhaskar*
ecological psychology — *Gibson; affordances*
enactivism — *Varela, Thompson, Noë*
free-energy principle — *Friston*
inferentialism — *Sellars, Brandom*
ontic structural realism (OSR) — *Ladyman, French*
phenomenology — *Husserl, Merleau-Ponty, Heidegger*
predictive processing — *Clark, Hohwy, Friston*

process metaphysics — *Whitehead, Rescher*
relational quantum mechanics — *Rovelli*
substance ontology — *critiqued; see Section I*

V. Application Domains and Diagnostics

AI and Mind Discourse

AI-mind discourse — *passim; 3.6, 10.1*
substrate-neutrality — *modal differentiation; 3.6*
Turing test — *reframed*
machine thought — *architectural implications*

Institutional and Political

legal categories as unstable constraint-clusters — *8.6*
policy language and false convergence — *8.7*
democratic deliberation and overestimation gap — *8.8*
institutional fragility — *8.9*

Colour and Cross-Linguistic

colour vocabulary — *cross-linguistic variation; 1.4, 7.4*
Berlin and Kay — *colour term universals*
Davidoff — *colour cognition*

Theological and Contemplative

apophatic tradition — *via negativa; Ch. 10*
negative theology — *Turner, Bonhoeffer*
mysticism — *10.2*

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