

Contents

<i>List of Figures</i>		xi
<i>A Note on the Cover</i>		xiii
<i>A Note on Usage</i>		xv
Chapter 1	A Different Beginning: Theory as Imagination	I
	1. A sovereign people and its two realms	I
	2. <i>Videre aude</i> : theory as imagination	5
	3. Twining's Palomar and his 'cosmic wisdom'	8
	4. Imaginative theory as constituent imagination	12
	5. Purposeful imagination: polemical, practical, productive	15
	6. Visual imagination: figures, stages, gazes	19
	7. Quasi-narrative imagination: crypto and proto	22
	8. Affective imagination: affected and affecting	26
	9. Ambiental imagination: prognostic, disciplinary, rhetorical	30
	10. Conceptual imagination and the paper tools of theory	37
Chapter 2	Constituent Imagination: Behind Popular Expectations	43
	1. The twilight (zones) of sovereign peoplehood	43
	2. The people: from ridiculous (1956) to ridiculous (2016)	46
	3. Popular expectations: back to the future past	51
	4. Jeopardy, futility, perversity: learning from reaction	55
	5. The people: an anatomy of a polemical concept	60
	6. Creator vs Framework: one binary to rule them all	64
	7. Beyond perspectives: the work of figuration	67
	8. Emblems, ensembles, polymorphs, isomorphs	70
	9. Image schemata and the laws of contrast	73
	10. The anxious loop of popular sovereignty	75
	11. Kelsenian 'tendency' and the imaginative spectroscopy	79
Chapter 3	Many, Other, Place, Frame: Beyond a Sovereign People	83
	1. A sovereign: staged and dramatized	83
	2. The dramatic quartet: Many, Other, Place, Frame	85
	3. Behind the stage: <i>ex nihilo</i> and its <i>creatio</i>	89
	4. Behind the stage: dramatizing constituent power	94
	5. Behind the people: friends, enemies, and their thirds	100
	6. From Schmitt's anxiety to Kelsen's 'tendency'	105
	7. Hollow topologies: constituent dramatism today	109
	8. The people, (semiotically) squared	115

Chapter 4	Hope, Telos, Xenos: Beyond Constituent Power	121
	1. Constituting: what is it good for?	121
	2. Constituent power and its prompters	124
	3. Constituting: founding and withstanding	127
	4. Constituent power as the prognostic inscription	129
	5. Theorizing: moral hazards and polemical gambles	134
	6. Reconceptualizing: polemical clarifications	139
	7. Scripting: Schmittian contamination	141
	8. Scripting: Lockean exhaustion	144
	9. Imagining (others): beyond reified stratagems	149
	10. Bloch's <i>Vorgriff</i> : a way of seeing	152
Chapter 5	Nephos, Scopos, Algorithm: Beyond Self-Determination (I)	157
	1. Self-determination: five ways beyond	157
	2. From emblematic holders to fuzzy ensembles	161
	3. Nephos: Kelsen's 'ocean' as a political aerosol	163
	4. Granular attitudes: Kelsen's 'torment' as Bloch's 'contradictions'	167
	5. Scopos: polemical space beyond the Place	171
	6. Self-determination: the geography of failure (I)	176
	7. Self-determination: the geography of failure (II)	179
	8. Imagining denominators: beyond transubstantiation	182
	9. Imagining denominators: beyond circularity	184
	10. Normative theory and its 'red-haired man'	188
Chapter 6	The Nomos and the Gaze: Beyond Self-Determination (II)	193
	1. International jurists and their mental maps	193
	2. Self-determination: beyond the jigsaw puzzle	196
	3. Self-determination: beyond the hovering gaze	201
	4. Kelsenian symptoms: statism and cosmopolitanism	205
	5. Oscillating gaze and the structure of legal argument	209
	6. A quiet calculus: Others in other universes	213
	7. Legal interpretation as anxiety management	216
	8. Legal interpretation as hope management	220
	9. Beyond (the jurists') self-determination?	223
	10. Tipping the scales: from Apology to Utopia(s)	227
Chapter 7	Territorial Isomorphs: Beyond Foundational Authority	231
	1. Territorial isomorphs and Sierpinski recursion	231
	2. 'A measure of my own <i>Gestalt</i> ': four laws of grouping	234
	3. Beneath the source of ultimate authority	237
	4. The final say: Münchausen and his trilemma	242
	5. The varieties of (un)responsive foundationalism	245
	6. Para-constitutionalism: between vague and strange	251
	7. Constitutional pluralism: hermeneutics as anxiety management	253
	8. Radical pluralism: (why not) beyond constitutionalism	257

	9. Abstract theories as problem-solving templates	259
	10. Sierpinski recursion and symbolic reflection	262
Chapter 8	Constitutional Isomorphs: Beyond Collective Self-Government	267
	1. Popular self-government: space, time, and spacetime	267
	2. Cicero's Ulysses: behind pre-commitment	273
	3. Taking Kelsen literally (beyond Kelsen)	277
	4. Self-government as a constitutional isomorph	281
	5. Constitutional isomorphs and the pursuit of purpose	287
	6. By the people? Imaginative plurality and its dignity	291
	7. For the people? Shameful geography of liberal oligarchy	293
	8. Of the people? Narrative identity, de-dramatized	295
	9. Chained to the rhythm: beyond identity and hybridity	299
	10. Seeing through: beyond the light and shadow	302
Chapter 9	An Isomorphic Pluriverse: Beyond Sovereign Peoples	305
	1. Beyond people-Giants and people-Dwarfs	305
	2. The vengeful <i>Grossraum</i> : Schmitt's dark materials	308
	3. The figure of Schmitt: the irritant and the reminder	313
	4. The American sovereign: an amnesiac Narcissus	317
	5. Multitude: the emblem of failure	321
	6. The pretender Demos and the disciplinary pretensions	323
	7. Cosmopolis: between Nomos and Telos	328
	8. Beyond Cosmopolis: Nehru's (isomorphic) world	333
	9. For love of the purpose: <i>Das telos der Erde</i>	337
Chapter 10	A New Hope: Image Wars and Eutopian Imagination	343
	1. The Square, the Triangle, and the Circle	343
	2. Beyond circularity: transparency and its ironies	347
	3. Theory, iconoclasm, and the games of make-believe	351
	4. Beyond image wars? <i>ad bellum purificandum</i>	354
	5. Breaking the siege: the liberation of eutopian imagination	361
	6. Striking back: the Anathema, the Nebula, and the Utopia	363
	7. And again: the Aporia and the Tabula	368
	8. Wishful images and partisan onlookers	372
	9. Diagrams of hope and purpose	375
<i>Index</i>		381