

Provisional Abstract ASFPG

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This provisional abstract relates to a chapter on economic modelling (rhetorics) and constituent powers. It would be directly related to my thesis chapter on "Contemporary approaches to Constituent Power: Missing the Point of economic over-determinations at the level of the construction of the population". The idea would be to engage with Latour's engagement with Gabriel Tarde, and Desrosiers' and Hacking's conceptualization of what is to measure and how it is different from quantifying. The purpose of putting all of them together will not respond to an attempt to study their systems of thought but rather to identify and understand the point at which they all converge, namely the problems of quantification and the resulting representational paradigm. Such paradigm will be then linked to the invention of the population as a depoliticized subject rendered neutralized in constitutional terms. Such perspective will attempt to position itself as a parallel approach to contemporary constitutionalism by trying to confirm the current overlooking of the impact that economic techniques of measurement of the population has upon any understanding of the political formation of the people. Finally, the study will be sketched against a background of purported scientific continuity or secular transcendentalism.