

## **Mapping the Residence of Power**

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The theme of the Heidelberg symposium is closely related to several issues that I grappled with in my latest book, *Abysmal: A Critique of Cartographic Reason* (University of Chicago Press, 2007). In my presentation I will pursue some of these affinities further, focusing in particular on the cartographic primitives of fix-point, scale and projection screen. Throughout these exercises I hope to illustrate *first* that power may be understood as a game of ontological transformations (ideology turned to stone/stone to ideology), *then* that the Residence of Power is located in Aristotle's excluded middle, the dangerous cleft which in the same figure unites and separates, liberates and imprisons. The challenge is, of course, that just as power would not be power if it sat still, so logic would not be logic if it jumped haphazardly about.