

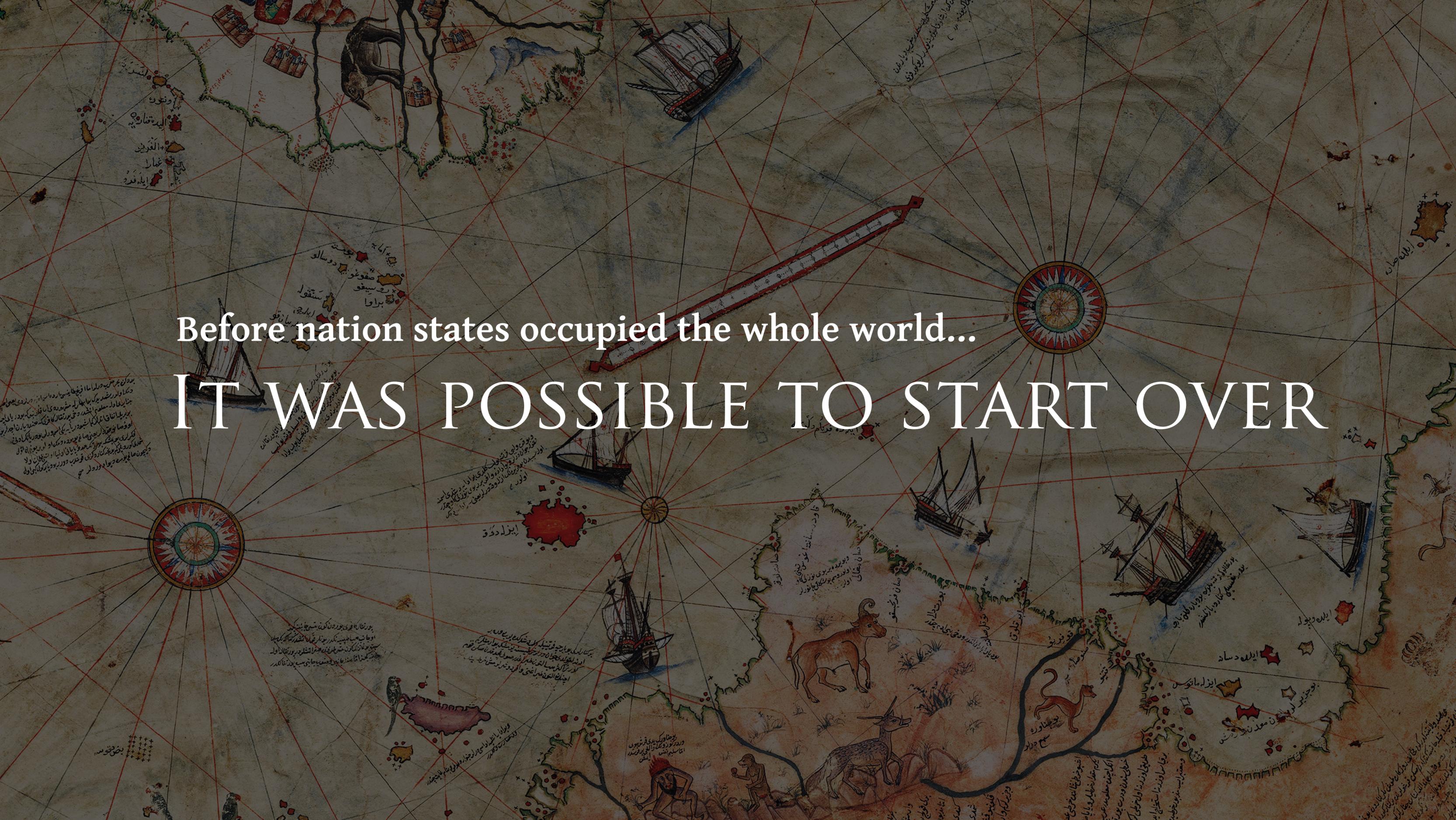
IMAGINAL STATES

Political Entrepreneurship



Before nation states occupied the whole world...

IT WAS POSSIBLE TO START OVER





Today all land is taken

INVERSE

WIRED

**Seasteading is a failure.
Will Mars colonization be worse?**

**Silicon Valley Is Letting Go of
Its Techie Island Fantasies**

Seasteading seems to have failed

FT FINANCIAL
TIMES

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**On the (non) viability of
start-up islands**

**Discover the hilariously epic failure of a
crypto-fueled libertarian cruise**



Los Angeles Times



Probable Deathblow of the Day:
Charter Cities Struck Down in
Honduras

Honduran economic zones in
'limbo' after government repeal

Paul Romer's Charter
Cities: Bold Vision or Neo-
Colonial Nightmare?

Charter Cities face hurdles & criticisms

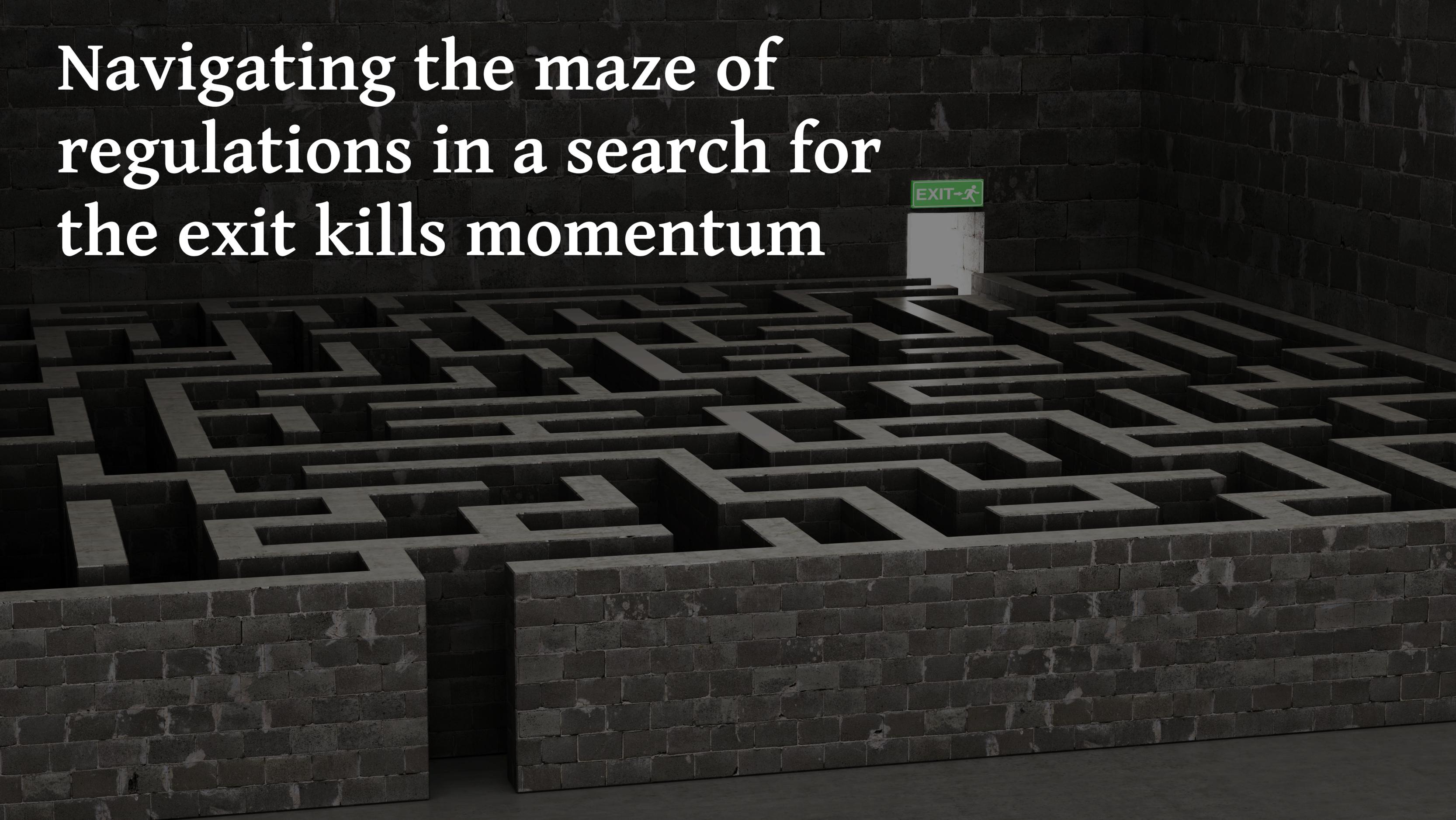
Future Cities Development [\[edit \]](#)

On July 31, 2011, Friedman stepped down from the position as executive director of The Seasteading Institute, but remained [chairman](#) of the board.^[19] Later, he co-founded the Future Cities Development Corporation, a project to establish a self-governing [charter city](#) within the borders of [Honduras](#).^{[20][21]} In 2012, the Future Cities Development Corporation ceased operations.^[22]

In 2022, Honduran president [Xiomara Castro](#) repealed the enabling legislation for the ZEDEs, leaving developments like Prospera in limbo. ^[5]

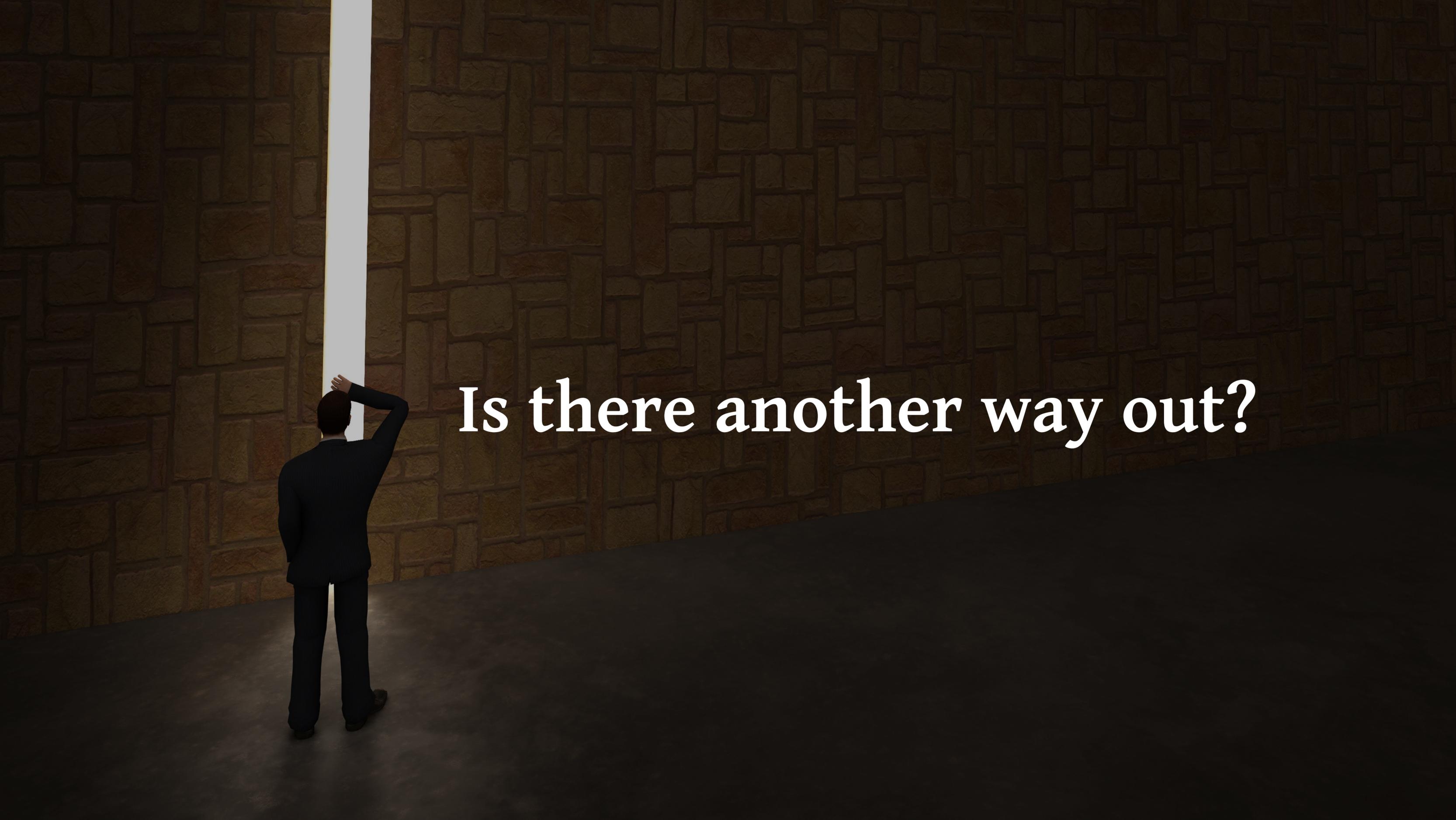
Navigating the maze of regulations in a search for the exit kills momentum

EXIT →





**Pushing against the walls of the nation
state isn't easy or free of danger**

A man in a dark suit stands in a dark room with stone walls. He is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing away from the camera and touching a vertical white pillar with his right hand. The room is dimly lit, with the pillar providing a source of light. The floor is dark and reflective.

Is there another way out?

IMAGINAL STATES

Begin in the clouds of our technologies and imaginations and grow unfettered by the restrictions of land first approaches until they are mature and attractive enough to prompt a bidding war between nation states eager to be their hosts.



LIFE CYCLE

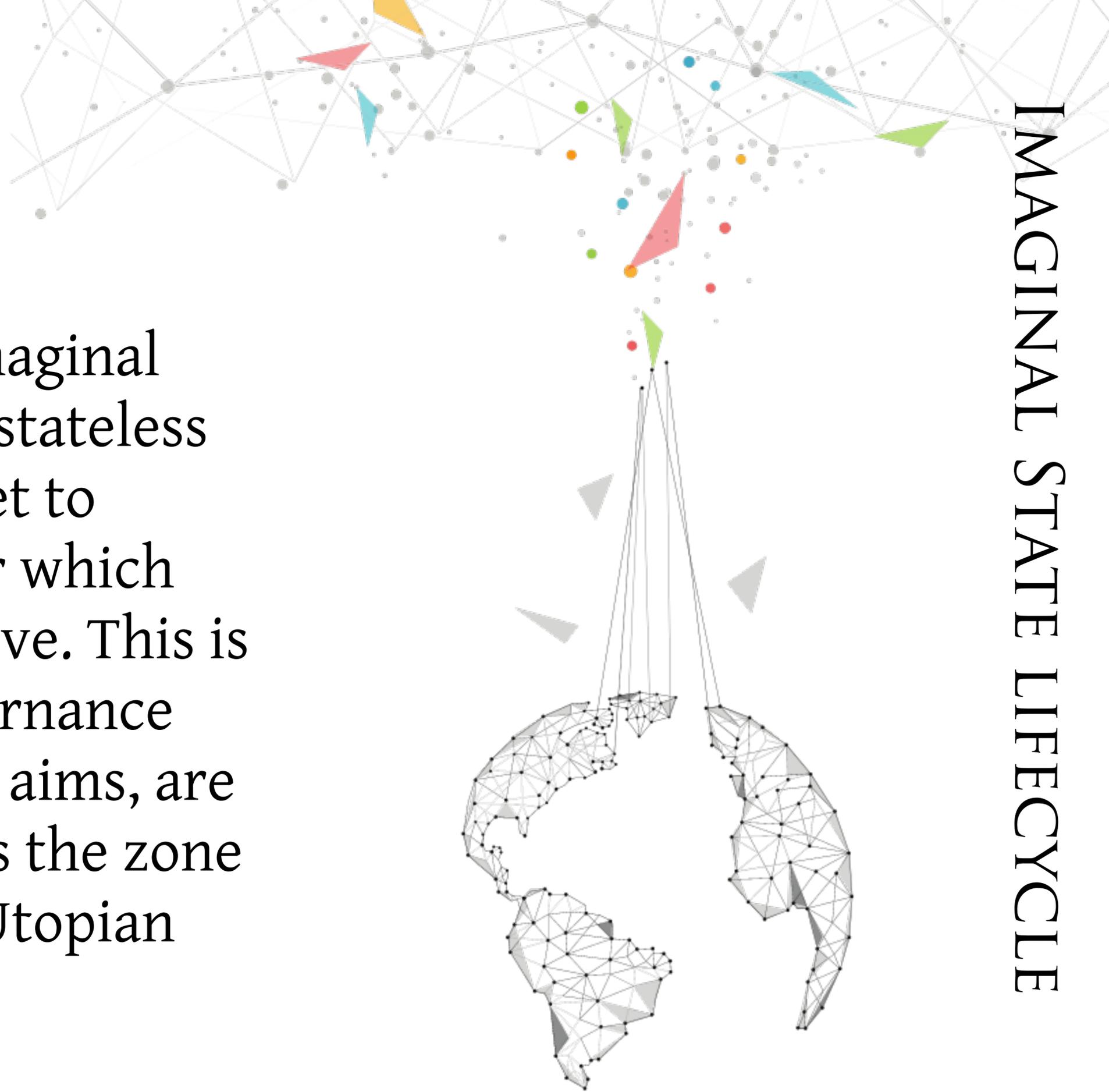
What are the stages in the life cycle of Imaginal States, and what are some of the Zones, Markets, Institutions & Practices related to it?



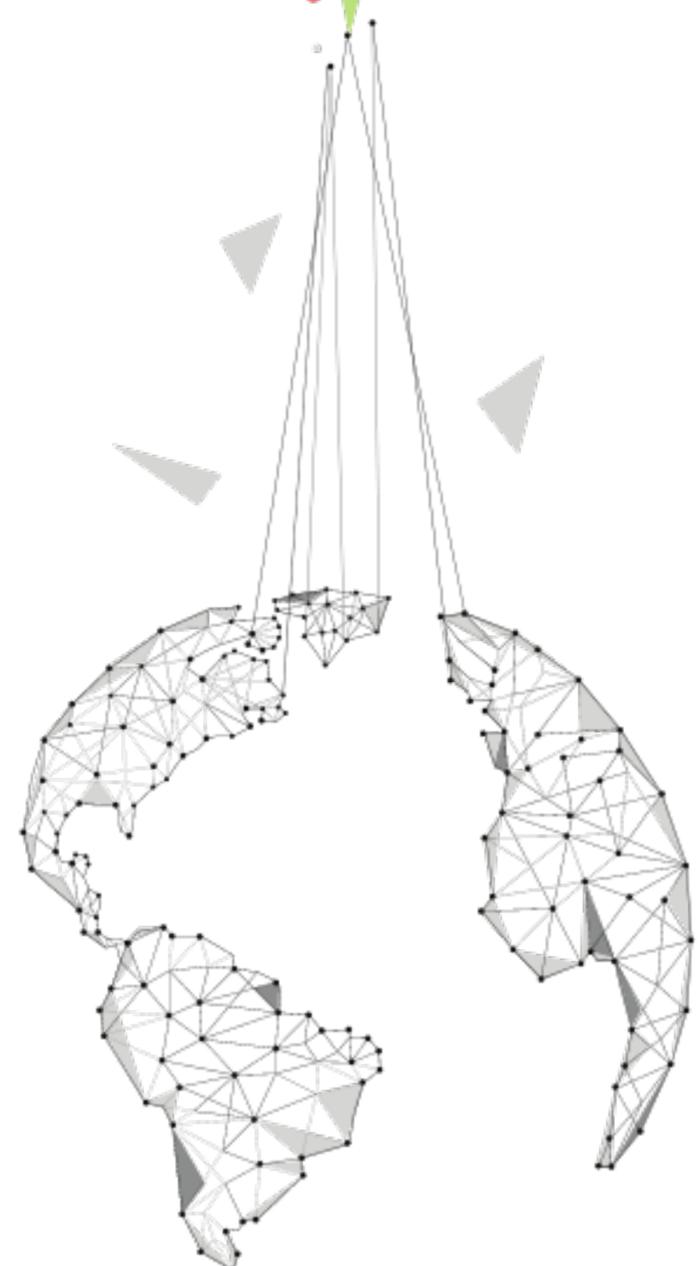
PANARCHY ZONE



This is the zone where all Imaginal States begin. It is a notional stateless space where individuals meet to discuss the conditions under which they want to associate and live. This is where social contracts, governance models, values, and political aims, are discussed and developed. It's the zone that enables Nozick's Meta Utopian world.

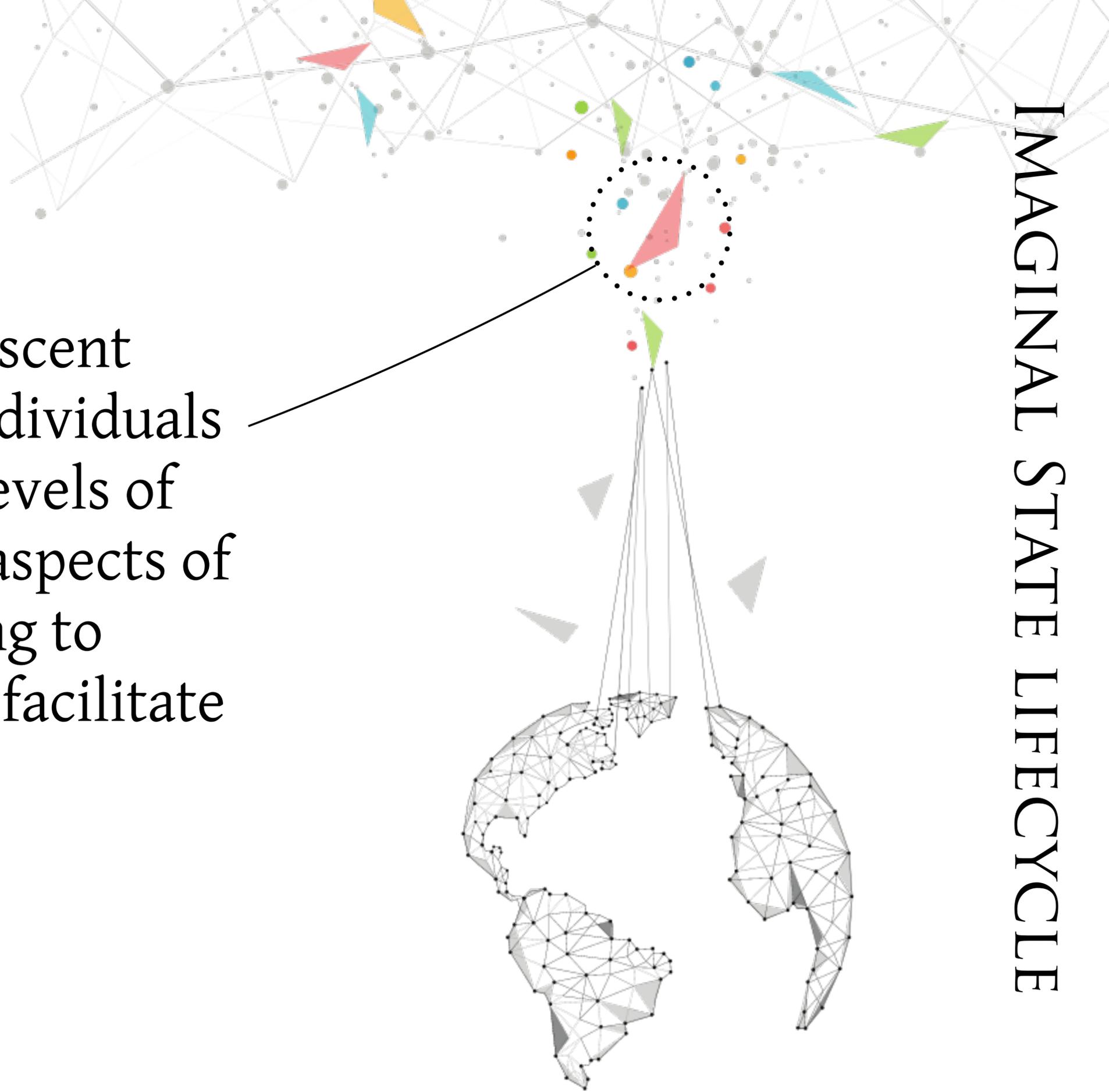


IMAGINAL STATE LIFECYCLE



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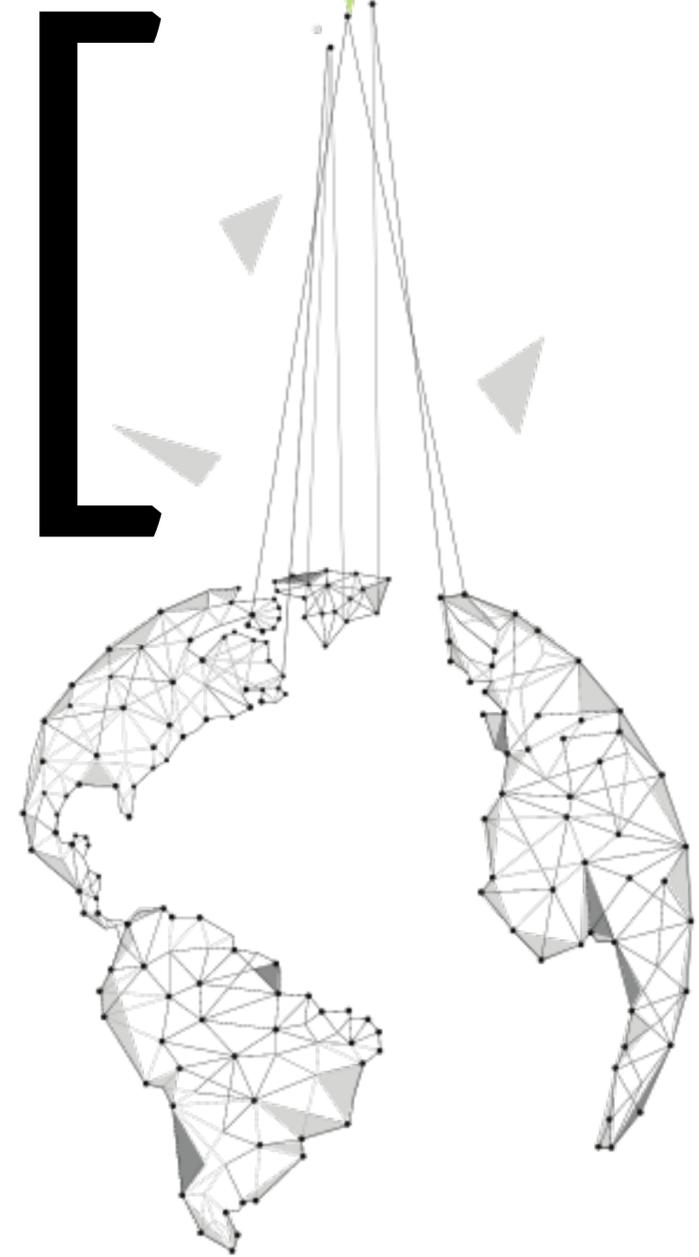
These polygons represent nascent Imaginal States. Groups of individuals who have achieved various levels of consensus on fundamental aspects of governance and are beginning to coalesce into structures that facilitate self-determination.



IMAGINAL STATE LIFECYCLE

CITIZENSHIP MARKET

This is where individuals can explore the citizenship options on offer in both Imaginal States and Nation States. It's where Nation States bid for becoming hosts to Imaginal States and where Imaginal States solicit Nation States for *touchdown*, the process through which Imaginal States land on physical geography to continue their process of development.



IMAGINAL STATE LIFECYCLE

CHRYSALIS STAGE

After touchdown Imaginal States go through the *chrysalis* stage a phase of intense transformation for both the Imaginal State and the host Nation State as the social contract agreed in the Citizenship Market starts creating a new form of life that affects both.



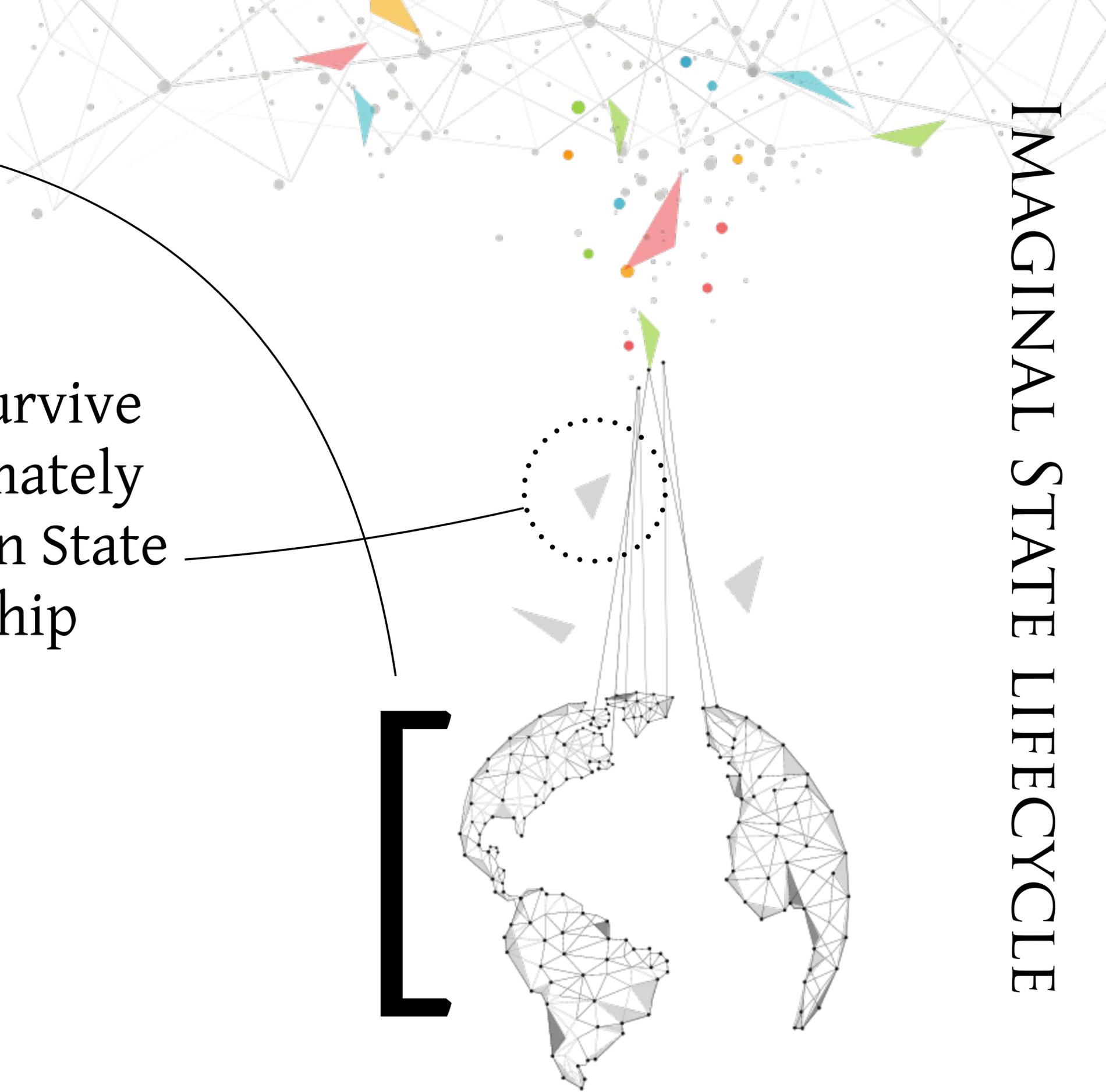
IMAGINAL STATE LIFECYCLE



CHRYSLIS STAGE

Not all Imaginal States will survive this stage and some will ultimately be rejected by the host Nation State and go back into the Citizenship Market and Panarchy Zone.

IMAGINAL STATE LIFECYCLE



ADULT STAGE

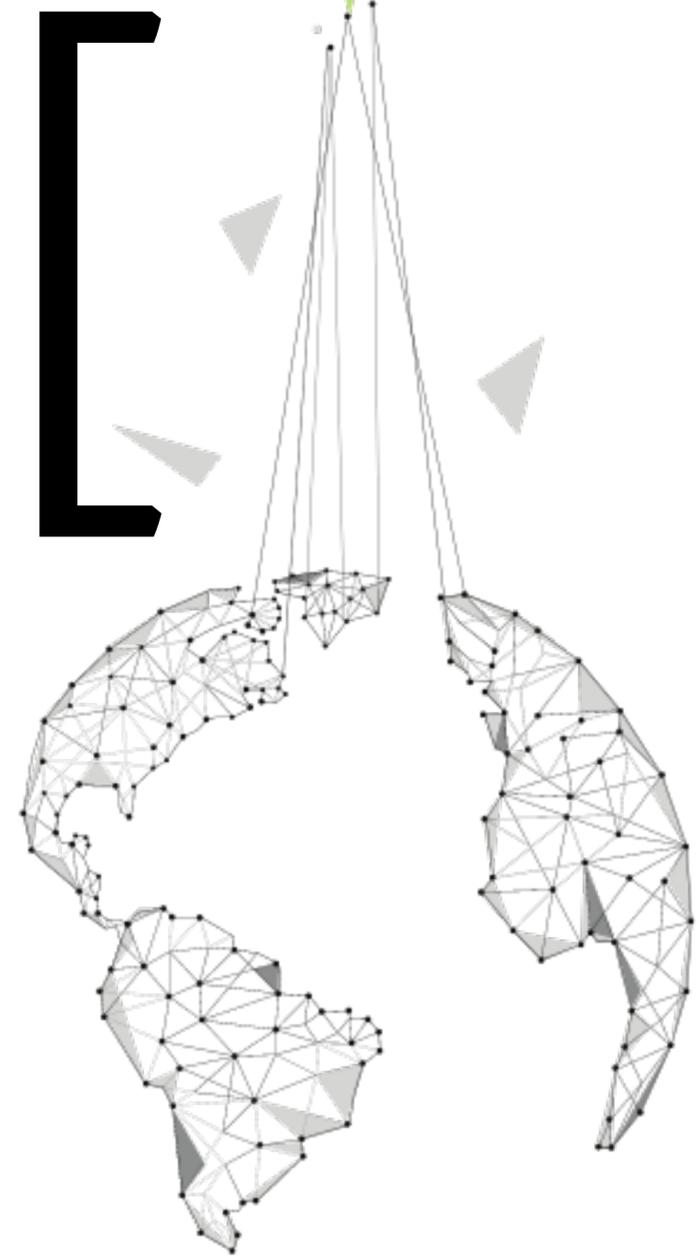
Imaginal States grow into the fully fledged blueprint agreed upon at the Citizenship Market between Imaginal States and host Nation States, and the process of free import/export of laws, goods, services, and practices begins. How much the host Nation State becomes like the Imaginal State or not is up to the free choices of the individuals living in the respective states.



CITIZENSHIP MARKET

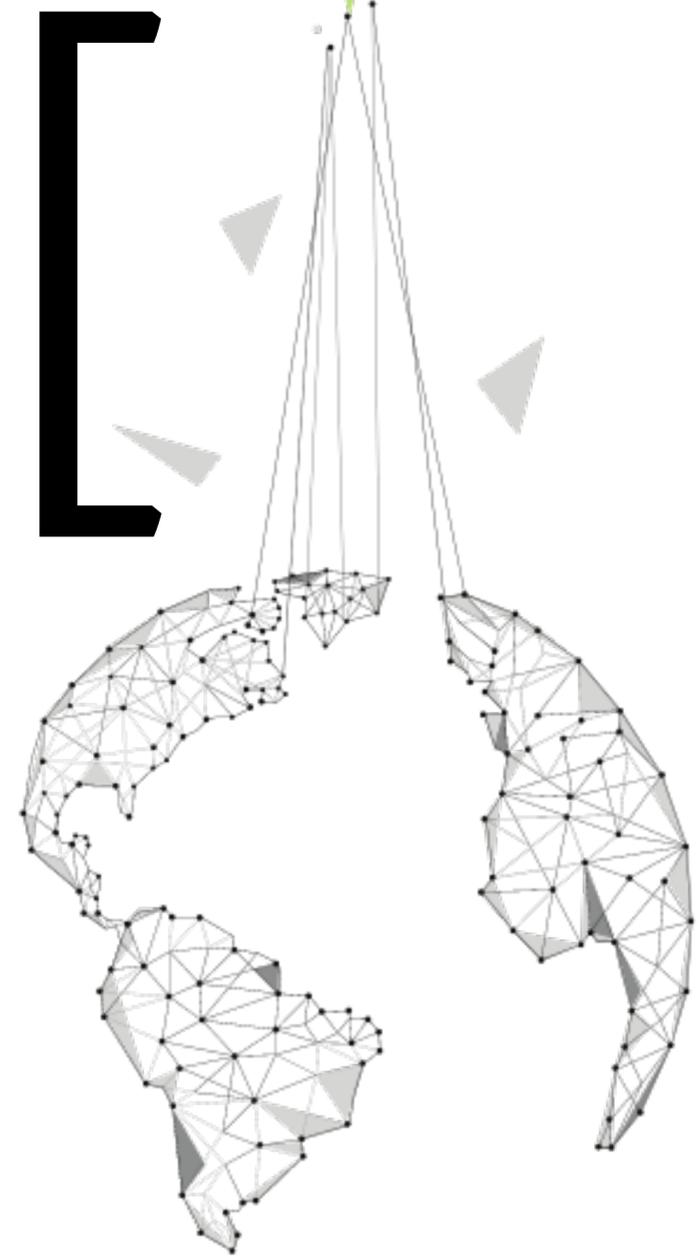
Both Imaginal States and Nation States have their corresponding institutions representing them as a whole in the Citizenship Market. The Imaginal States have *The League of Imaginal States*. The Nation States have the United Nations. Each has a seat in one another's institutions.

INSTITUTIONS & PRACTICES



CITIZENSHIP MARKET

The Citizenship Market could be an actual neutral territory on Earth's geography where refugees and stateless persons can seek and find a safe asylum. Since hosting and servicing all these political delegations, individuals, and their activities will generate jobs and require a workforce, refugees could live and work there legally with dignity until they are re-naturalized with a state of their own preference.



IMAGINAL STATES

The framework of Imaginal States provides a way for new states to be born with consent rather than violence, spaces where social contracts can be renegotiated, and populations can re-naturalize through a citizenship market where states compete to offer the best quality of life and governance. It is a way to transform citizenship from an accident of birth to a free choice based on affinities of value.



SUMMARY