

**Abstract.** In this paper we intend to define the concept of an instance that might be called **social** in John of Paris *Tractatus de regia potestate et papali*. The importance of describing such social instance is closely related to that which John will define as ‘political body’. Indeed, John states that, before the existence of the political body as such, in every kingdom there is a social instance that prefigures the first in a non-natural way.

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