GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK FOR RESEARCH RIGOR AND INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. PURPOSE

This document defines binding methodological, epistemic, operational, and AI-governance standards for all research and applied analysis conducted under DURCHD8.

2. SCOPE

This framework applies to academic publications, doctrinal derivations, forensic analyses, institutional advisory outputs, and applied monitoring systems.

3. Foundational Standards

3.1 Conditional Necessity: Claims are domain-bound and condition-specific.

3.2 Minimal Ontology: Only strictly necessary premises are introduced.

3.3 Explicit Derivation: All inferential transitions are justified.

3.4 Modal Discipline: Necessary, sufficient, dominant, and correlational relations are distinguished.

3.5 Collapse Conditions: Structural breakdown conditions are defined.

3.6 Falsifiability: Each proposition includes revision criteria.

3.7 Canonical Symmetry: Canonical theories are evaluated within their scope conditions.

3.8 Revision over Defense: Critique results in model refinement, not rhetorical counterposition.

4. LAYERED RESEARCH ARCHITECTURE

DURCHD8 maintains a multi-layer architecture comprising NPM (foundational ontology), NWDC (structured operational derivation framework), NRC (narrative taxonomy), and Aegis ICAM (integration and monitoring system).

Academic publications are self-contained modules extracted from this architecture. No academic claim depends on non-disclosed operational or proprietary mechanisms.

5. AI GOVERNANCE PROTOCOL

5.1 Functional Role Definition: AI functions solely as research assistant and editorial support.

5.2 Conceptual Authorship: Core theoretical structures originate from human authors.

5.3 Independent Verification: All model derivations undergo non-AI structural validation.

5.4 Traceability and Collaboration Protocol: DURCHD8 maintains a documented AI collaboration protocol including prompting conventions, change logs for substantive revisions, and validation notes; all are version-controlled.

5.5 Data Sensitivity: Confidential or operationally sensitive information is not processed via external AI systems.

5.6 Non-Autonomy Principle: AI systems do not generate independent hypotheses or doctrinal directives.

5.7 Disclosure Standard: AI assistance is transparently acknowledged where required by journal, funder, or institutional norms.

6. OPERATIONAL APPLICATION STANDARDS

6.1 Analytical Independence: Structural analysis is separated from political advocacy.

6.2 Normative Marking: Normative judgments are explicitly labeled.

6.3 Condition-Bound Deployment: Operational applications remain within defined theoretical conditions.

6.4 Institutional Impact Review: Systemic effects are assessed prior to deployment.

6.5 Non-Instrumentalization: Frameworks are not used to fabricate or simulate legitimacy structures.

7. DEVELOPMENT LOG AND VERSION CONTROL

All substantive theoretical and structural changes are recorded in version-controlled documentation. Each publication maintains a Single Source of Truth (SSOT).

8. AMENDMENTS

This Governance Framework may be amended to reflect methodological refinement. All amendments are versioned and dated.

9. COMMITMENT

DURCHD8 recognizes that research operating in domains of institutional legitimacy and structural power carries elevated responsibility. Rigor, transparency, and precision are binding commitments.