

# The Possibility of Justice in the Space of Everyday Life

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“People who talk about revolution and class struggle without referring explicitly to everyday life, without understanding what is subversive about love and what is positive in the refusal of constraints- such people have a corpse in their mouth.” *Raoul Vaneigem*

## THE SPACE OF LAW, OF JUSTICE, AND OF VIOLENCE

The story to be told begins with space. It is the ineffable all-encompassing dimension we are inextricably bound to. However, space is not only a dimension of directions, it is the fundamental component in which we flow through as our realization of actions and movements are situated in time. It is in space that the contestation for the creation of a new space has begun.

The concept of *law* must be investigated. The architectural structure and evolution of any political system, from its inception to its last breath, is bound to the guidelines of its own particular laws. Yet how are these laws enforced in regarding the character of the citizens of

a state? “The word *enforceability* reminds us that there is no such thing as a law that doesn’t imply *in itself*, a priori, in the analytic structure of its concept, the possibility of being *enforced*, applied by force.” A fundamental truth about law then is uncovered: it is the manifestation of a state that is simultaneously unable to exist without law. Thus, we are moved to the a priori nature of law; that from its inception and in its most basic and fundamental constitution lies the concept of enforcement, through force, to not only secure the survival of the state, but law’s very existence.

There then follows an investigation into *enforcement*. There is, undoubtedly, a certain *violence* that must be accounted for. A *law*, that has

