I. The Functionalist Logic of the Theory of the State

1. The class character of the state and functionality
2. Key problem for functionalist explanation = feedback processes. Three connected processes:
   - Political class struggle at pivotal conjunctures
   - Systemic pressures that reinforce or undermine state policy
   - Institutional learning and correction of mistakes

3. The Bourgeois Political Utopia

II. Problematic functionality: Four Types of contradictory functionality.

1. Legitimation vs. Accumulation = contradictions between state functions
2. Autonomy vs. subordination: Contradictions within the accumulation function
   2.1 Thesis 1: the state must intervene to prevent capitalism from destroying itself economically.
   2.2 Thesis 2: the deeper the contradictions of accumulation, the more autonomy the state needs to contain them
   2.3 Thesis 3: The Frankenstein problem: To be able intervene effectively to protect capitalism the state needs to have a level of autonomy that also enables it damage capitalism
   2.4 Conclusion: The Contradiction Thesis = Various dynamics are set in motion which make it increasingly probable that the state will act dysfunctionally → a crisis of crisis management.

3. Contradictions in the administrative rationality of the state policy formation process
   3.1 Three logics of state decision-making
      - Bureaucratic procedures: rational-legal application of fixed rules
      - technical rationality: application of expertise to solve problems
      - democratic consensus: formation of interest consensus via democratic-participatory forms
   3.2 Pivotal dilemma:
      Bureaucratic mechanism fail under conditions of complexity, but the alternatives are also unsatisfactory
      Result = contradictory articulation of decision-making logic and functional requirements of accumulation

4. Contradiction between Internationalization of Capital accumulation and territorially-bound State