Term: Universe of Discourse
Quote: ...the Phemic Sheet iconizes the Universe of Discourse, since it more immediately represents a field of Thought, or Mental Experience, which is itself directed to the Universe of Discourse, and considered as a sign, denotes that Universe. Moreover, it [is because it must be understood] as being directed to that Universe, that it is iconized by the Phemic Sheet. So, on the principle that logicians call “the Nota notae” that the sign of anything, $X$, is itself a sign of the very same $X$, the Phemic Sheet, in representing the field of attention, represents the general object of that attention, the Universe of Discourse.

References: CP 4.561 n. 1
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