Term: Kind

Quote: A character which is not sometimes true and sometimes false of the same singular is a *kind*. A kind may not exist at all; or it may exist in but one sole singular, which the old logics used to say was the case with the kind called sun. [—]

I consider a *kind* to be an *ens rationis*, although that may be open to dispute, at least as regards some kinds; but there can, I think, be no doubt that a *class* is an *ens rationis*. For a *class*, unlike a *kind*, is not a character, but is the totality of all those singulars that possess a definite existent character, which is the *essential character* of the class.

References: CP 4.647-8
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