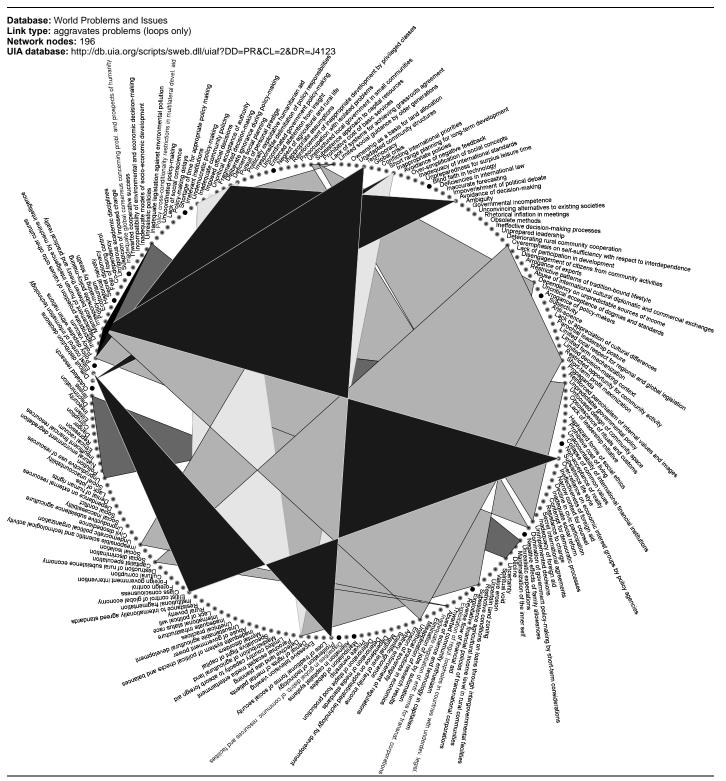
Figure 10.2.37.

Problem loops sustaining irresponsible policy-making



A feature of the relationships between the problems profiled in the World Problems database is the existence of loops linking problems that are aggravating each other in a chain (see commentary in Figure 9.2.1 on loops). Some problems emerge as being part of many loops, as is the case with the core problem selected here: Irresponsible policy-making. Various means have been explored to portray this interconnectivity. In this image the 196 other problems in the 130 loops involving this problem are portrayed around the circumference of a circle with their titles. The loops vary in size from 3 to 9 problems -- the majority being 9. In this image each link in the loop across the circle forms the side of a polygon (with from 3 to 9 edges). 8 such loops, arbitrarily selected from the 130, are portrayed by shading each polygon differently according to size.