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Philosophy of Law Routledge

The book is a collection of essays, which aim to situate African legal theory in the context of the myriad of contemporary global challenges; from the prevalence of war to the misery of poverty and disease to the crises of the environment. Apart from being problems that have an indelible African mark on them, a common theme that runs throughout the essays in this book is that African legal theory has

been excluded, under-explored or under-theorised in the search for solutions to such contemporary problems. The essays make a modest attempt to reverse this trend. The contributors investigate and introduce readers to the key issues, questions, concepts, impulses and problems that underpin the idea of African legal theory. They outline the potential offered by African legal theory and open up its key concepts and impulses for critical scrutiny. This is done in order to develop a better understanding of the extent to which African legal theory can contribute to discourses seeking to

address some of the challenges that confront African and non-African societies alike.

Aquinas to Finnis BRILL

What does pleasure have to do with morality? What role, if any, should intuition have in the formation of moral theory? If something is 'simulated', can it be immoral? This accessible and wide-ranging textbook explores these questions and many more. Key ideas in the fields of normative ethics, metaethics and applied ethics are explained rigorously and systematically, with a vivid writing style that enlivens the topics with energy and

wit. Individual theories are discussed in detail in the first part of the book, before these positions are applied to a wide range of contemporary situations including business ethics, sexual ethics, and the acceptability of eating animals. A wealth of real-life examples, set out with depth and care, illuminate the complexities of different ethical approaches while conveying their modern-day relevance. This concise and highly engaging resource is tailored to the Ethics components of AQA Philosophy and OCR Religious Studies, with a clear and practical layout that includes end-of-chapter summaries, key terms, and common mistakes to avoid. It should also be of practical use for those teaching Philosophy as part of the International Baccalaureate. Ethics for A-Level is of particular value to students and teachers, but Fisher and Dimmock's precise and scholarly approach will appeal to anyone seeking a rigorous and lively introduction to the challenging subject of ethics. Tailored to the Ethics components of AQA Philosophy and OCR Religious Studies.

Human Rights and Common Good Oxford University Press on Demand

If Raz and Dworkin disagree over how law should be characterised, how are we, their jurisprudential public, supposed to go about adjudicating between the rival theories which they offer us? To what considerations would those theorists themselves appeal in order to convince us that their accounts of law are accurate and successful? Moreover, what is it that makes an account of law successful? *Evaluation and Legal Theory* tackles methodological or meta-theoretical issues such as these, and does so via attempting to answer the question: to what extent, and in what sense, must a legal theorist make value judgements about his data in order to construct a successful theory of law? Dispelling the obfuscatory myth that legal positivism seeks a 'value-free' account of law, the author attempts to explain and defend Joseph Raz's position that evaluation is essential to successful legal theory, whilst refuting John Finnis and Ronald Dworkin's contentions that the legal theorist must morally evaluate and morally justify the law in order to properly explain its nature. The book does not claim to solve the many mysteries of meta-legal theory but does seek to

contribute to and engender rigorous and focused debate on this topic.

Natural Law and Modern Moral Philosophy: Volume 18, Social Philosophy and Policy, Part 1 Lexington Books

Resorting to natural law is one way of conveying the philosophical conviction that moral norms are not merely conventional rules. Accordingly, the notion of natural law has a clear metaphysical dimension, since it involves the recognition that human beings do not conceive themselves as sheer products of society and history. And yet, if natural law is to be considered the fundamental law of practical reason, it must show also some intrinsic relationship to history and positive law. The essays in this book examine this tension between the metaphysical and the practical and how the philosophical elaboration of natural law presents this notion as a "limiting-concept", between metaphysics and ethics, between the mutable and the immutable; between is and ought, and, in connection with the latter, even the tension between politics and eschatology as a double horizon of ethics. This book, contributed to by scholars from Europe

and America, is a major contribution to the renewed interest in natural law. It provides the reader with a comprehensive overview of natural law, both from a historical and a systematic point of view. It ranges from the mediaeval synthesis of Aquinas through the early modern elaborations of natural law, up to current discussions on the very possibility and practical relevance of natural law theory for the contemporary mind.

Natural Law as Fact, Theory, and Sign of Contradiction BRILL

Kelsen, Hans. *Pure Theory of Law*.

Translation from the Second German Edition by Max Knight. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1967. x, 356 pp.

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Exchange, Ltd. ISBN 1-58477-578-5.

Paperbound. \$36.95 * Second revised and enlarged edition, a complete revision of the first edition published in 1934. A landmark in the development of modern jurisprudence, the pure theory of law defines law as a system of coercive norms created by the state that rests on the validity of a generally accepted Grundnorm, or basic norm, such as the supremacy of the Constitution. Entirely

self-supporting, it rejects any concept derived from metaphysics, politics, ethics, sociology, or the natural sciences. Beginning with the medieval reception of Roman law, traditional jurisprudence has maintained a dual system of "subjective" law (the rights of a person) and "objective" law (the system of norms). Throughout history this dualism has been a useful tool for putting the law in the service of politics, especially by rulers or dominant political parties. The pure theory of law destroys this dualism by replacing it with a unitary system of objective positive law that is insulated from political manipulation. Possibly the most influential jurist of the twentieth century, Hans Kelsen [1881-1973] was legal adviser to Austria's last emperor and its first republican government, the founder and permanent advisor of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Austria, and the author of Austria's Constitution, which was enacted in 1920, abolished during the Anschluss, and restored in 1945. The author of more than forty books on law and legal philosophy, he is best known for this work and *General Theory of Law and State*. Also active as a teacher in Europe

and the United States, he was Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna and taught at the universities of Cologne and Prague, the Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Harvard, Wellesley, the University of California at Berkeley, and the Naval War College. Also available in cloth.

Reason, Morality, and Law Open Book Publishers

In this book I argue for an approach that conceives human rights as both moral and legal rights. The merit of such an approach is its capacity to understand human rights more in terms of the kind of world free and reasonable beings would like to live in rather than simply in terms of what each individual is legally entitled to. While I acknowledge that every human being has the moral entitlement to be granted living conditions that are conducive to a dignified life, I maintain, at the same time, that the moral and legal aspects of human rights are complementary and should be given equal weight. The legal aspect compensates for the limitations of moral human rights the observance of which depends on the conscience of the individual, and the moral aspect tempers

the mechanical and inhumane application of the law. Unlike the traditional or orthodox approach, which conceives human rights as rights that individuals have by virtue of their humanity, and the political or practical approach, which understands human rights as legal rights that are meant to limit the sovereignty of the state, the moral-legal approach reconciles law and morality in human rights discourse and underlines the importance of a legal framework that compensates for the deficiencies in the implementation of moral human rights. It not only challenges the exclusively negative approach to fundamental liberties but also emphasizes the necessity of an enforcement mechanism that helps those who are not morally motivated to refrain from violating the rights of others. Without the legal mechanism of enforcement, the understanding of human rights would be reduced to simply framing moral claims against injustices. From the moral-legal approach, the protection of human rights is understood as a common and shared responsibility. Such a responsibility goes beyond the boundaries of nation-states and requires the

establishment of a cosmopolitan human rights regime based on the conviction that all human beings are members of a community of fate and that they share common values which transcend the limits of their individual states. In a cosmopolitan human rights regime, people are protected as persons and not as citizens of a particular state.

Biblical Natural Law OUP Oxford

Modern moral and political philosophy is in debt with natural law theory, both in its ancient and mediaeval elaborations. While the very notion of a natural law has proved highly controversial among 20th Century scholars, the last decades have witnessed a renewed interest in it. Indeed, the threats and challenges as result of multiculturalism, plural societies and global changes have generated a renewed attention to natural law theory. Clearly, it offers solid basis as possible framework to a better understanding of human goods without contradictions and partial bias. The purpose of the present volume is to provide an overview of the history of this concept (Cicero, St. Paul, Aquinas, Melancthon, Montaigne, Descartes, Leibniz, Hume, Burke, Kant, MacIntyre,

etc.) as well as a deep understanding of ongoing research, both in Europe and in America. Furthermore, the specificity of these studies will be of particular value to philosophers, law-philosophers, historians, anthropologists, sociologists and theologians, and those concerned on such issues as the relation between law and moral norm, law and practical reason, and the presence of the idea of natural law in several prominent thinkers. It includes a selected bibliography on natural law. The book also provides an excellent introduction to several of the major topics in natural law theory making it useful both as a reference text and as a sourcebook for academics alike. "Natural law is a rich, complex, and highly disputed term. Since its first appearances in the history of Western civilization, it has been used both to point to God as the source of the moral order and to assert that there is an objective order of justice in nature that men and their laws ought to respect. In modern times, natural law theory gave birth to what we usually call "human rights." Unlike the meaning of the term, the importance of an ongoing debate on natural law and on the theories related to

it is undisputable. This is why I welcome today this new collection of essays edited by Alejandro Néstor García Martínez, Mario Šilar and José M. Torralba. *Natural Law: Historical, Systematic and Juridical Approaches* includes a wide variety of studies, covering key authors and issues in natural law theory. Younger students will appreciate the clarity of the chapters, and more trained readers the detailed and accurate bibliographical references that each of them offers. The editors's choice to go from a historical approach to contemporary theories, and then to theoretical and more practical issues is also commendable. Students in philosophy and in legal theory will greatly benefit from this book." —Fulvio Di Blasi, author of *God and the Natural Law: A Rereading of Thomas Aquinas*

Natural Law, Liberalism, and Morality
Universal-Publishers

This text offers a comprehensive, accessible, engaging introduction to the legal environment of business with a unique, integrated focus on ethical theory and decision-making and on the global context in which modern businesses operate. Using realistic hypotheticals and

scenarios, the authors illustrate and illuminate as they help students prepare to meet the often thorny challenges they will face in today's rapidly changing world of business. Features: Comprehensive coverage of the legal environment of business, from Business Organizations to Liability Uniquely integrated conceptual and thematic emphasis on the ethical theory underlying legal decisions, the global context of business decisions and operations, and issues of sustainability and corporate responsibility Excellent hypotheticals, case and statutory treatments, ethics integration, and global perspectives presented in interesting, accessible prose and formats Focus on AACSB Accreditation Standards, notably those relating to ethics education and social and ethical responsibility *Natural Law and Natural Rights* Harvard University Press

This volume gathers leading moral, legal, and political philosophers alongside theologians to examine John Finnis' work. The book offers the first sustained critical study of Finnis' contribution across the philosophy of rationality, legal and political philosophy, and theology. It includes a

substantial response from Finnis himself in which he defends and develops his ideas. *Understanding the Evolving Meaning of Reason in David Novak's Natural Law Theory* Viewforth

Rooted in Western classical and medieval philosophies, the natural law movement of the last few decades seeks to rediscover fundamental moral truths. In this book, prominent thinkers demonstrate how natural law can be used to resolve a wide range of complex social, political, and constitutional issues by addressing controversial subjects that include the family, taxation, war, racial discrimination, medical technology, and sexuality. This volume will be of value to those working in philosophy, political science, and legal theory, as well as to policy analysts, legislators, and judges.

Contemporary Perspectives on Natural Law CUA Press

How can one Jewish thinker's natural law theory explain morality, divine commandments, and human ordinances; and how do we assess the consistency of that theory when it is mentioned in connection with such diverse areas? The answer lies in the changing meaning of

reason in Novak's writings.

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Natural Law Theory Contemporary
Essays Oxford University Press
*Beyond the Habermasian Account of
Human Rights* Cambridge Scholars
Publishing

New Private Law Theory is pluralist,
comparative, application-oriented,
transnational and reflects critical
approaches.

The Contribution of Natural Law Theory to
Moral and Legal Debate Concerning
Suicide, Assisted Suicide, and Voluntary
Euthanasia John Wiley & Sons

Aquinas's discussions of moral issues are
extensive, and range well beyond the
narrowly defined set of issues in the
modern tradition of moral philosophy. This
volume explores the ethical dimensions of
a wide selection of philosophical and
theological topics in Aquinas's texts. It
covers topics central to ethics, such as
happiness, moral virtue, and natural law,
as well as related topics pertaining to the
metaphysical basis of Aquinas's account of
goodness, the ramifications of his ethical
concerns for his philosophy of language,
and the significance of his philosophical

psychology for his ethics. The volume is
divided into three sections focusing,
respectively, on issues concerning moral
theory and moral theology, moral
psychology and practical reason, and
moral theory in philosophy of language
and metaphysics. The
authors—distinguished scholars of
medieval philosophy—bring to these
issues a variety of approaches and
viewpoints. By creatively sampling the
breadth of Aquinas's reflections on ethical
issues and exploring some of the
significant connections that tie his moral
thought to other parts of his philosophical
and theological system, they display the
richness and depth of Aquinas's moral
thinking.

**Natural Moral Law in Contemporary
Society** Cambridge University Press

This central volume in the Collected
Essays brings together John Finnis's wide-
ranging contribution to central issues in
political philosophy. The volume begins by
examining the general theory of political
community and social justice. It includes
the powerful and well-known Maccabean
Lecture on Bills of Rights — a searching
critique of Ronald Dworkin's moral-political

arguments and conclusions, of the
European Court of Human Rights'
approach to fundamental rights, and of
judicial review as a constitutional
institution. It is followed by an equally
searching analysis of Kant's thought on
the intersection of law, right, and ethics.
Other papers in the book's opening section
include an early assessment of Rawls's A
Theory of Justice, a radical re-
interpretation of Aquinas on limited
government and the significance of the
private/public distinction, and a
challenging paper on virtue and the
constitution. The volume then focuses on
central problems in modern political
communities, including the achievement
of justice in work and distribution; the
practice of punishment; war and justice;
the public control of euthanasia and
abortion; and the nature of marriage and
the common good. There are careful and
vigorous critiques of Nietzsche on
morality, Hart on punishment, Dworkin on
the enforcement of morality and on
euthanasia, Rawls on justice and law,
Thomson on the woman's right to choose,
Habermas on abortion, Nussbaum and
Koppelman on same-sex relations, and

Dummett and Weithman on open borders. The volume's previously unpublished papers include a foundational consideration of labour unions, a fresh statement of a new grounding for the morality of sex, a surprising reading of C.S. Lewis's *Abolition of Man* on contraception, and an introduction reviewing some of the remarkable changes in private and public morality over the past half-century.

The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business Cambridge University Press
Philosophy of Law: An Introduction provides an ideal starting point for students of philosophy and law as it assumes no prior knowledge of either subject. The book is structured around the key issues and themes in the philosophy of law, including: what is the law? - exploring the major legal theories of realism, positivism and natural law the reach of the law - covering authority, rights, liberty, privacy and tolerance criminal responsibility and punishment - including legal defenses, crime, diminished responsibility and theories of punishment. The second edition is updated with important developments in

English law, the general impact of the Human Rights Act and the defence of necessity in relation to the Case of the Conjoined Twins. Radical Marxism, feminist, critical legal studies and critical race theories are also explained against the background of controversy between postmodernism and defences of modernity. New chapters assess the value of traditional legal theory and various critical perspectives and study questions at the end of each chapter help students explore the most important issues in philosophy of law.

Philosophy, Rights and Natural Law
 Psychology Press

The essays in this volume--written by academic lawyers as well as legal and moral philosophers--address some of the most intriguing questions raised by natural law theory and its implications for law, morality, and public policy. Some of the essays explore the implications that natural law theory has for jurisprudence, asking what natural law suggests about the use of legal devices such as constitutions and precedents. Other essays examine the connections between natural law and natural rights.

Critical Essays Lexington Books

This book focusses on conceptual shifts in the successive formulations of natural law theory by Aquinas, Suárez, Grotius, Pufendorf, and Finnis, and reveals the accumulation of problems, inherent in natural law and theory, which ultimately led to its demise.

The Ethics of Belief. [By William K. Clifford. A Paper Read Before the Metaphysical Society.] Cambridge University Press

The first authoritative and comprehensive survey of the origins and current state of transhumanist thinking The rapid pace of emerging technologies is playing an increasingly important role in overcoming fundamental human limitations. Featuring core writings by seminal thinkers in the speculative possibilities of the posthuman condition, essays address key philosophical arguments for and against human enhancement, explore the inevitability of life extension, and consider possible solutions to the growing issues of social and ethical implications and concerns. Edited by the internationally acclaimed founders of the philosophy and social movement

of transhumanism, The Transhumanist Reader is an indispensable guide to our current state of knowledge of the quest to expand the frontiers of human nature. Moral Aspects of Legal Theory Edinburgh

University Press
"In this volume J. Daryl Charles offers a trenchant response to the dearth of Protestant thinking on common-ground

moral discourse. Retrieving the Natural Law restates "moral first things" and uniquely applies natural-law thinking to crucial current bioethical issues."--BOOK JACKET.

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