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Introduction to Law and Legal Systems 1991-11-01 this book seeks to examine the relations that obtain between law and a theory of law and legal reasoning and a theory of legal reasoning

On Law and Legal Reasoning 2001 understanding the nature of law explores methodological questions about how best to explain law among these questions one is central is there something about law which determines how it should be theorized this novel book explains the importance of Law and Legal Science 1979 pound roscoe an introduction to the philosophy of law new haven yale university press 1922 307 pp reprinted 2003 by the lawbook exchange ltd lccn 2002044351 isbn 1 58477 327 8 cloth 70 pound s introduction outlines the philosophical foundations that support anglo american common law a written version of the storrs lectures delivered at yale university during the academic year 1921 1922 dean pound has given us a clear concise introduction to the philosophy of the law it is so concise that it is impossible to summarize it so as to give any idea of its wealth of learning an excellent impartial and concise presentation of the subject william herbert page harvard law review 36 115 117 cited in marke a catalogue of the law collection at new york university 1953 922

Understanding the Nature of Law 2015-06-29 this is a very important and immense book single handedly smits has reviewed and checked this immense work to bring it to its final high standard in guality and accuracy and selection of laws the criminal lawyer this is a very important and immense book the elgar encyclopedia of comparative law is a treasure trove of honed knowledge of the laws of many countries it is a reference book for dipping into time and time again it is worth every penny and there is not another as comprehensive in its coverage as elgar s i highly recommend the elgar encyclopedia of comparative law to all english chambers this is a very important book that should be sitting in every university law school library sally ramage the criminal lawyer the entries are written in a lucid and accessible style with appropriate references being given for further research all in all a substantial work which will delight enthusiasts of comparative law the commonwealth lawyer the breadth of topics plus the bibliographies allows a reader to use the elgar encyclopedia as an initial entry into a field of law a specific topic or a legal system any law library business library large public library or academic library supporting the study of international law or international business will want to have it in its collection this work is highly recommended ladyjane hickey american reference books annual comparative law is the comparison of law and legal systems from around the world at one time it was a field of limited interest and academic participation however increasing globalization whether of commerce or culture makes it imperative that citizens learn more about the law of other countries that is the premise of this comprehensive new research tool designed for general readers some 70 articles address topics as diverse as accident compensation legal culture the european civil code and the law and legal systems of a selected set of nations this single volume work provides an excellent comprehensive overview of the current state of affairs in comparative law highly recommended lower level undergraduates and above general readers i e stephens choice the timely publication of this encyclopedia reflects what is happening in international law and in a field where works even student textbooks are often expensive it comes at an attractive price stuart hannabuss reference reviews the elgar encyclopedia of comparative law looks set to become an indispensable source for the ever increasing body of lawyers needing accurate information on the structure and working of foreign systems as well as on points of a substantive law edited by professor jan smits of maastricht university the encyclopedia is the work of an extremely strong international team of noted specialists comprising articles on the nature methodology and focus of comparative law on the legal systems of particular jurisdictions and on matters of substantive law the work should be a very significant contribution to the literature it seems likely that the contributions on the comparative state of affairs in particular fields of substantive law will be an especially valuable aspect of the work there will be 37 such articles from accident compensation to unjustified enrichment with mistake personality rights product liability and transfer of moveable property only a sample of what the work will offer casting over this list one is again struck by the wealth of established expertise brought together in the encyclopedia i have little doubt that i can speak for the worldwide community of comparative lawyers in saying that the

elgar encyclopedia of comparative law is eagerly awaited david I carey miller university of aberdeen uk comparative law is moving swiftly from a long infancy to teenage maturity and jan smits provides the essential tonic in this outstanding work he has gathered together leading scholars each his her o An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law 2003 ijan smits has long been one of the most interesting and original authors on european private law theory now he offers his views on legal scholarship and they are as original as they are thought provoking his plea for a legal scholarship that maintains its identity vis ö vis neighboring disciplines without collapsing into doctrinairism is bound to yield lively discussions and hopefully will help re establish a proper place for legal scholarship in europe and beyond I ralf michaels duke university us ithe mind and method of the legal academic is a valuable contribution to the discussion on legal methodology and legal theory which offers an acute insight in contemporary academic discussions smits provides us with fresh ideas as to the non importance of social sciences for law comparative law and what makes an academic discipline he does so in a clear style and barely hundred pages text it therefore can be highly recommended to all students of jurisprudence I ewoud hondius university of utrecht the netherlands ïa wonderful little book which explains to newcomers and old hands alike what legal academics are doing how they are doing it how they ought to be doing it what kind of research environment they would need and how all this should affect their teaching smits brings comparative and interdisciplinary approaches home to the core of scholarly legal work I gerhard dannemann centre for british studies berlin germany ithis book is a wide ranging and bold exploration of the nature of legal scholarship lucid and learned smits draws upon a variety of sources to recommend a multi faceted approach to the normative dimension of law as such it provides a theoretical base for comparative law but also for any inquiry into what law or legal principle is appropriate for a given problem or situation all those engaged in critically examining the law will benefit from its insights I anthony ogus university of manchester uk and university of rotterdam the netherlands ïacademic debate over law and legal scholarship has placed legal research and legal education under pressure jan smits book is intellectual self defence of legal scholarship tailored for the needs of tomorrow the mind and method of the legal academic is fluid creative and original makes wonderful reading for those who are concerned about the future of legal research and legal education in a globalized world I jaakko husa university of lapland finland in a context of changing times and current debate this highly topical book discusses the aims methods and organization of legal scholarship jan smits assesses the recent turn away from doctrinal research towards a more empirical and theoretical way of legal investigation and offers a fresh perspective on what it is that legal academics should deal with and how they should do it the book also considers the consequences which follow for the organization of the legal discipline by universities and uses this context to discuss the key guestions of the internationalization of law schools guality assessments legal education and the research culture being the first book to address the aim and goals of legal scholarship in an international context this insightful study will appeal to academics graduate students researchers and policymakers in higher education

Elgar Encyclopedia of Comparative Law 2006 this book which is the result of several years of research discussion writing and re writing consists of three parts and eight chapters the rst part is given by the two rst chapters introducing the issue of validity and facticity in law the second part chapters 3 4 and 5 is the core of this study and tries to present a theory based on a speci c view about language and social practice the third part deal with the issue of value judgments and views about morality and consists of chapters 6 and 7 chapter 8 should nally serve as epilogue in the rst chapter a discussion is started about the relationship between law and power seen as a presupposition for an assessment of the nature of law as a matter of fact as has been remarked general theories of law struggle to do justice to the 1 multiple dualities of the law indeed law has a dual nature it is a fact but it also a norm a sort of ideal entity law is sanction but it is also discourse it is effectivity or facticity but it is also a vehicle of principles among which the central one is justice but this duality is not only a phenomenological or a matter of justi cation and implementation as two separate moments

The Mind and Method of the Legal Academic 2012-01-01 karl n llewellyn s classic introduction to legal education the bramble bush has prepared generations of students for the study of law based on professor llewellyn s lectures at columbia university law school the bramble bush introduces students to what the law is how to read cases how to prepare for class and how justice in the real world relates to the law now with a new introduction and notes by law professor steve sheppard professor llewellyn s celebrated work remains the best guide for those starting law school or considering a career in the law Law as Institution 2010-08-13 in this age of collections that is ours many volumes of collections are published they contain contributions of several well known authors and their aim is to present a selective overview of a relevant field of study this book has the same purpose its aim is to introduce students scholars and all those interested in current problems of legal theory and legal philosophy to the work of the leading scholars in this field the large number of publications both books and articles that have been produced over recent decades makes it quite difficult however for those who are making their first steps in this domain to find firm guidelines the book is new in its genre because of its method the choice was made not to reprint an example of contributors earlier basic articles or a part of one of their books this would only give a partial view of the rich texture of their work rather the authors were asked to make an original synthesis of their own contributions to the field of legal theory and legal philosophy brought together in this volume they constitute a truly author ised view of their work this book is also new in that each essay is complemented with bibliographical information in order to encourage further research on the author s self selected work this will help the reader rapidly to become familiar with the whole of the published work of the contributors

The Bramble Bush 2008 selected bychoice magazine as an outstanding academic title <u>The Law in Philosophical Perspectives</u> 1999-06-30 providing an intriguing overview of the fundamental principles of the american legal system schubert s introduction to law and the legal system 12th edition uses current cases to illustrate the major functions of u s law this student friendly resource equips you with a general understanding of american substantive and procedural law a key component of a well rounded education through engaging case analysis and thoughtful questions the text will inspire you to exercise your power of reasoning and think about the extent to which the u s legal system is adequately addressing the issues of today

The Politics of Jurisprudence 1992 savigny frederick charles von of the vocation of our age for legislation and jurisprudence translated by abraham hayward london littlewood 1831 ix 9 192 pp reprinted 2002 by the lawbook exchange ltd lccn 2001041396 isbn 1 58477 189 5 cloth 65 written in the wake of the napoleonic wars and the congress of vienna the vocation proposed a common legal code for the newly liberated german states and attacked thibaut s advocacy of a code based on natural law though he aimed in part to improve the administration of justice von savigny 1779 1861 hoped that a common legal system would serve a larger goal the promotion of a spirit of unity among germans **Introduction to Law and the Legal System** 1975-01-01 natural law theory grounds human laws in universal truths of god s creation the task of the judicial system was to build an edifice of positive law on natural law s foundations r h helmholz shows how lawyers and judges made and interpreted natural law arguments in the west and concludes that historically it has advanced the cause of justice *Introduction to Law and the Legal System* 2022 assuming no prior knowledge of philosophy legal theory examines the relationship between law and morality and places particular emphasis on matters of contemporary debate such as assisted suicide and animal rights book jacket

Introduction to Legal Method 1984 this volume surveys 150 law books of fundamental importance in the history of western legal literature and culture the entries are organized in three sections the first dealing with the transitional period of fifteenth century editions of medieval authorities the second spanning the early modern period from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century and the third focusing on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries the contributors are scholars from all over the world each old book is analyzed by a recognized specialist in the specific field of interest individual entries give a short

biography of the author and discuss the significance of the works in the time and setting of their publication and in their broader influence on the development of law worldwide introductory essays explore the development of western legal traditions especially the influence of the english common law and of roman and canon law on legal writers and the borrowings and interaction between them the book goes beyond the study of institutions and traditions of individual countries to chart a broader perspective on the transmission of legal concepts across legal political and geographical boundaries examining the branches of this genealogical tree of books makes clear their pervasive influence on modern legal systems including attempts at rationalizing custom or creating new hybrid systems by transplanting western legal concepts into other jurisdictions

Of the Vocation of Our Age for Legislation and Jurisprudence 2002 law books in action essays on the anglo american legal treatise explores the history of the legal treatise in the common law world rather than looking at treatises as shortcuts from law in books to law in action the essays in this collection ask what treatises can tell us about what troubled legal professionals at a given time what motivated them to write what they did and what they hoped to achieve this book then is the first study of the legal treatise as a law book in action an active text produced by individuals with ideas about what they wanted the law to be not a mere stepping stone to codes and other forms of legal writing but a multifaceted genre of legal literature in its own right practical and fanciful dogmatic and ornamental in turn this book will be of interest to legal scholars lawyers and judges as well as to anyone else with a scholarly interest in law in general and legal history in particular

<u>Natural Law in Court</u> 2015 introduction to law and the legal system international edition provides an overview of law and the american legal system using cases to support the major functions of u s law suitable for a variety of departments and courses this text is known for its broad coverage flexible organization and use of cases to explain legal concepts

Legal Theory 2010 a philosophical system is not what one would expect to find in the work of a contemporary legal thinker robert alexy s work counts as a striking exception over the past 28 years alexy has been developing with remarkable clarity and consistency a systematic philosophy covering most of the key areas of legal philosophy kantian in its inspiration his work admirably combines the rigour of analytical philosophy with a repertoire of humanitarian ideals reflecting the tradition of the geisteswissenschaften rendering it one of the most far reaching and influential legal philosophies in our time this volume has been designed with two foci in mind the first is to reflect the breadth of alexy s philosophical system as well as the varieties of jurisprudential and philosophical scholarship in the last three decades on which his work has had an impact the second objective is to provide for a critical exchange between alexy and a number of specialists in the field with an eye to identifying new areas of inguiry and offering a new impetus to the discourse theory of law to that extent it was thought that a critical exchange such as the one undertaken here would most appropriately reflect the discursive and critical character of robert alexy s work the volume is divided into four parts each dealing with a key area of alexy s contribution a final section brings together concise answers by robert alexy in composing these alexy has tried to focus on points and criticisms that address new aspects of discourse theory or otherwise point the way to future developments and applications with its range of topics of coverage the number of specialists it engages and the originality of the answers it provides this collection will become a standard work of reference for anyone working in legal theory in general and the discourse theory of law in particular

The Formation and Transmission of Western Legal Culture 2016-12-01 this book provides an ideal starting point for students of philosophy and law setting it clearly against the historical background the author leads readers into the heart of the philosophical questions that dominate philosophy of law today and provides an overview of the contending theories that have sought to resolve these problems the book is structured in three parts around the key issues and themes in philosophy of law what is the law the major legal theories addressing the question of what we mean by law including natural law legal

positivism and legal realism the reach of the law the various legal theories on the nature and extent of the law s authority with regard to obligation and civil disobedience rights liberty and privacy and criminal law responsibility and mens rea intention recklessness and murder legal defences insanity and philosophies of punishment revisions include a more detailed analysis of natural law new chapters on common law and the development of positivism a reassessment of the austin hart dispute in the light of recent criticism of hart a new chapter on the natural law positivist controversy over nazi law and legality and new chapters on criminal law extending the analysis of the dispute over the viability of the defences of necessity and duress

Law Books in Action 2012-04-02 karl n llewellyn was one of the founders and major figures of legal realism and his many keen insights have a central place in american law and legal understanding key to llewellyn s thinking was his conception of rules put forward in his numerous writings and most famously in his often mischaracterized declaration that they are pretty playthings previously unpublished the theory of rules is the most cogent presentation of his profound and insightful thinking about the life of rules this book frames the development of llewellyn s thinking and describes the difference between what rules literally prescribe and what is actually done with the gap explained by a complex array of practices conventions professional skills and idiosyncrasies most of which are devoted to achieving a law s larger purpose rather than merely following the letter of a particular rule edited annotated and with an extensive analytic introduction by leading contemporary legal scholar frederick schauer this rediscovered work contains material not found elsewhere in llewellyn s writings and will prove a valuable contribution to the existing literature on legal realism

Introduction to Law and the Legal System 2011-01-12 so what does legal theory have to do with life the universe and everything including the everyday practices of the law legal theories contexts and practices shows how the seemingly remote world of legal theory philosophy and jurisprudence is actually used in the day to day experience of law in all its forms the book considers how basic legal concepts such as tort and contract law are grounded in social and political theory and how the different legal outcomes will result from the use of theories of varying types and dimensions this new book reinforces marett leiboff and mark thomas reputation as innovators and popularises of legal theory as an active practice of law drawing on the historical legal and social conditions in which various legal theories emerged this book examines how they influenced and continue to influence the practices of law diagrams illustrations tables charts and now photographs are used to explain and uncover the ideas behind legal theory and its uses in practice and an historical and contextual timeline tracks the contexts and practices of the theories across generations in doing so legal theories contexts and practices provides a new and original exploration of legal theory and its relationship with society and practice leiboff and thomas tell legal theory as a story through a dispute in 17th century england between a king and a judge their explorations of legal theory encompass real decided case law and monty python harry potter and stories and ideas drawn from popular culture psychology and contemporary life this book makes for an entertaining lively and engaging read despite its serious purpose legal theories contexts and practices is highly suitable for anyone engaging in legal theory legal philosophy and jurisprudence it is invaluable reading for scholars and practitioners alike

Law, Rights and Discourse 2007-07-11 more than 50 years after it was first published the concept of law remains the most important work of legal philosophy in the english speaking world in this volume written for both students and specialists 13 leading scholars look afresh at hart s great book unique in format the volume proceeds sequentially through all the main ideas in the concept of law each contributor addresses a single chapter of hart s book critically discussing its arguments in light of subsequent developments in the field four concluding essays assess the continued relevance for jurisprudence of the persistent questions identified by hart at the beginning of the concept of law the collection also includes hart s answers to eight questions written in 1988 and never before published in english contributors include timothy endicott richard hs tur pavlos eleftheriadis john gardner grant lamond nicos stavropoulos

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Philosophy of Law 2017-01-20 interest in interpretation has emerged in recent years as one of the main intellectual paradigms of legal scholarship this collection of new essays in law and interpretation provides the reader with an overview of this important topic written by some of the most distinguished scholars in the field the book begins with interpretation as a general method of legal theorizing and thus provides critical assessment of the recent interpretative turn in jurisprudence further chapters include essays on the nature of interpretation its objectivity the possible determinacy of legal standards and their nature concluding with a series of articles on the role of legislative intent in the interpretation of statutes this work offers new and refreshing insights into this old controversy

The Theory of Rules 2011-04 legal research take the law into your own hands do you have legal questions at home at work or as part of law related course work legal research provides everything you need laying out easy to follow research methods that will help you find the right answers find out how to locate and understand statutes regulations and cases make sure your research is 100 up to date and organize your research results into a memorandum of law for use at school at work or in court completely updated for the 18th edition legal research shows you how to find statutes cases background information and answers to specific legal questions online even more important you II be guided to the most reliable and user friendly sites so you won t drown in an information flood lots of examples and easy to understand instructions teach you how to master all the basic legal research tools including online search engines reliable free legal websites legal encyclopedias periodicals and treatises annotated legal codes and statutes published reports of state and federal court cases case digests and shepard s citations and the best legal blogs

Legal Theories 2009-01-01 this book is a selection of articles and chapters published over martin golding s academic career golding s approach to the philosophy of law is that it contains conceptual and normative issues and in this volume logical issues in legal reasoning are examined and various theories of law are critically discussed normative questions are dealt with regarding the rule of law and criminal law defenses and the concept of rights and the terminology of rights are analyzed much of golding s work is critical historical as well as constructive this volume will prove an informative and useful collection for scholars and students of the philosophy of law

Reading HLA Hart's 'The Concept of Law' 2014-07-18 a convenient comprehensive guide to the language of law for everyone from the homeowner to the legal professional includes more than 10 000 legal words and phrases updated entries taken from recent events that propelled legal terms into our daily lives from the financial meltdown credit default swap subprime systemic risk credit rating agency moral hazard from the world of computers and the internet cyberbullying identity fraud malware phishing from crime amber alert community policing person of interest includes pronunciations example phrases and quotations and frequent supplementary notes special sections on the judicial system important legal cases government agencies and historic laws

Law and Interpretation 1995 statutes judicial opinions contracts deeds and wills profoundly affect our daily lives but their language tends to be often nearly impossible to understand in this lively history of legal language peter tiersma slices through the thicket of legalese explaining where it comes from why lawyers continue to cling to it and why it s doesn t have to be an inevitable feature of our legal system legal language will resonate with lawyers and any non lawyer who has waded through legal documents or has tuned in to the latest trial on court tv carmie d boccuzzi jr boston book review a masterful highly readable and enjoyable book legal language is truly a fun book to read david schultz law and politics book review

Legal Research 2018-08-30 during the course of his lifelong wide ranging reflections on history and philosophy eric voegelin naturally was drawn to speculate on the nature of law this volume consists of many of voegelin s significant writings in this area most notably the previously unpublished the nature of

the law voegelin completed the nature of the law in 1957 while he was a member of the political science faculty of louisiana state university and teaching a course in jurisprudence at the university s law school in it he undertakes a philosophical analysis of the law to determine its nature or essence and comes to the conclusion that the law does not exist as a discrete entity but instead constitutes the structure of a society the law as voegelin s analysis reveals is not simply the command of a leviathan handed down to others nor is it simply the result of a social compact among autonomous individuals or the expressed will of a majority securing its own self defined immediate worldly interest it is rather a part of the order that a society discovers and specifies for itself in the effort to secure the common good thus laws and legal order have an integral relation with the society that declares them for in declaring laws the society in some sense structures itself also included in this volume is voegelin s detailed outline for the jurisprudence course he taught at Isu from 1954 to 1957 the outline was distributed to voegelin s students but otherwise has not been published in this outline voegelin is concerned more with the criteria for legal order than he is with the nature of law voegelin also prepared for his jurisprudence course supplementary notes that are essentially a compact statement of his views on the law and the editors have included those notes here finally the book contains reviews written by voegelin in 1941 and 1942 of four books on legal science and legal philosophy

Legal Reasoning, Legal Theory and Rights 2017-07-05 political economy themes have directly and indirectly been a central concern of law and legal scholarship ever since political economy emerged as a concept in the early seventeenth century a development which was re inforced by the emergence of political economy as an independent area of scholarly enquiry in the eighteenth century as developed by the french physiocrats this is not surprising in so far as the core institutions of the economy and economic exchanges such as property and contract are legal institutions in spite of this intrinsic link political economy discourses and legal discourses dealing with political economy themes unfold in a largely separate manner indeed this book is also a reflection of this in so far as its core concern is how the law and legal scholarship conceive of and approach political economy issues

Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Law 2011 this book is a detailed treatment of the russian legal system written especially for english speaking law students and lawyers while it is designed primarily as a casebook extended discussions of the law numerous citations to original russian sources and detailed suggestions for finding these sources on the internet also make it useful as a reference for scholars specializing in russian studies and for lawyers who know russian but not russian law the authors have decades of experience following the russian legal system with one concentrating on human rights court procedure and criminal law and procedure the other on civil commercial and tax law chapters cover key aspects of the russian legal system including sources of law the judicial system the legal profession constitutional law individual rights civil and commercial law civil procedure private international law foreign investment law criminal procedure administrative law and tax law the book covers major changes in russian law since the previous edition was published including more reliance on judicial precedent increasing the independence of criminal investigators from prosecutors dealing with abuse of the legal system by corrupt officials to steal businesses from their rightful owners and closing loopholes in the tax system the new edition also chronicles the continuing struggle of the european court of human rights and activist russian lawyers to push russian law toward international standards

An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law 2012 this introduction to law presents a contextual overview of the english legal system while at the same time providing the groundwork for a critical understanding of legal institutions processes and materials understanding law is not simply an exposition of the english legal system it also places the study of law within a broader framework of inquiry focusing on the evaluation and explanation of legal decision making at all levels this new edition incorporates a fully revised and updated chapter on the criminal justice system taking account of the aud review and the government s latest cjs proposals an expanded chapter on the civil justice system after woolf the impact of the human rights act including lambert and kansal on precedent practice in the house of lords a

completely new section on the globalisation of law this book sets a distinctive manifesto for legal education that is in line with the aclec emphasis on understanding rather than passive role learning as the key to the initial stage of legal education it has proven to be a valuable introductory text for new law students

Legal Language 2000-05-15 widely regarded as the most important legal theorist of the twentieth century hans kelsen is best known for his formulation of the pure theory of law within which the study of international law was his special field of work the present volume general theory of law and state first published in 1945 allowed kelsen to adjust his pure theory of law to american circumstances after world war ii it also afforded him the opportunity to present to english speaking readers his latest ideas on the supremacy of international law the volume is divided into two parts the first devoted to law the second to the state together these topics constitute the most systematic and comprehensive exposition of kelsen s jurisprudence the volume is not only a compendium of kelsen s lifework up to that time it is also an extension of his theories to embrace the problems and institutions of english and american law as well as those of the civil law countries indeed references to continental european law are minimal compared with examples scattered throughout the text taken from the u s constitution and several american court cases this is more than a concession to american readers it signifies that kelsen s legal theory is truly general in that it accounts for the common law as well as the civil law a systematic treatise on jurisprudence general theory of law and state is a substantial reformulation of kelsen s ideas articulated in several of his previous books written in german the juridical principles put forth by the most important legal theorist of the twentieth century remain of great value this volume will be read by legal scholars political scientists and intellectual historians hans kelsen had a distinguished career at a variety of european universities and in government services at vienna cologne the institut universitaire des hautes etudes in paris and then in prague he served as legal adviser to the united nations war crimes commission in washington d c a javier trevio is associate professor of sociology at wheaton college he is the author of the sociology of law classical and contemporary perspectives and the editor of transaction s law and society series

<u>The Nature of the Law and Related Legal Writings</u> 1991 this book offers an advanced introduction to central questions in legal philosophy what factors determine the content of the law in force what makes a normative system a legal system how does law beyond the state differ from domestic law what kind of moral force does law have these are all questions about the nature of law the most important existing views are introduced but the aim is not to survey the existing literature rather this book introduces the subject by stepping back from the fray to sketch the big picture to show just what is at stake in these old debates legal philosophy has become somewhat arid and inward looking in part this is because the disagreement between the main camps on the important questions is apparently intractable the main aim of the book is to suggest both a diagnosis and a proper practical response to this situation of intractable disagreement about questions that do matter

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