

Metaphysics, Morality, and Interpretation in Dworkin's *Justice for Hedgehogs*

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Ronald Dworkin is well-known for his anti-positivistic model of understanding law as a social intentional normative practice in the sense that true legal propositions may only be identified through the set of principles, which best justifies legal social practice as whole. In his latest book, *Justice for Hedgehogs*, he offered a final unified theory of values and rights as a foundation for moral philosophy (individual ethics, personal, and institutional morality). Accordingly, every normative claim in moral philosophy can be justified only with reference to moral, political, and legal values that are grasped in a holistic and argumentative/interpretative way.

This special workshop aims to debate the first two parts of Dworkin's unified theory of values and rights, especially, his metaphysics and moral epistemology, the contemporary interpretations in this regard (for instance, by Mark Greenberg and Nicos Stavropoulos) as well as critics (for example, by Scott Shapiro and Joseph Raz).

Although other topics and problems may be discussed, basic questions in debate are *exempli gratia*:

- (1) Are values objective or subjective? Can values be regarded as facts? Which kind of facts can be associated with values? Are values normative or brute facts?
- (2) How can these values be justified? Is this justification a priori or a posteriori? In which sense do values depend on social practice?
- (3) How values may be related to rights? Are values established prior to rights?
- (4) In which sense does this kind of theory of values and rights depend on a democratic theory?

If you are interested in presenting a paper in this workshop, please send a short abstract (max. 300 words) to the workshop conveners by January 31, 2019. Decisions will be made up February 15, 2019. Late submissions are possible up March 17, 2019. Full papers will be circulated among the workshop participants two weeks before the conference start.

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