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**Essays on the Doctrinal Study of Law**

Essays on the Doctrinal Study of Law is a summary of the author’s 40 years of research in the fields of civil law and the philosophy of law. The main focus is on the two main tasks in the doctrinal study of law: the interpretation and systematisation of legal norms. In this regard, Professor Aarnio deals with the theory of argumentation as well as with its foundations - i.e., with the ontology, epistemology and methodology of legal thinking - and develops the ideas that were first presented in The Rational as Reasonable (Kluwer 1987) in all of these dimensions. The work includes an updated discussion on the writings of Robert Alexy, Jürgen Habermas, Ronald Dworkin and Alf Ross. A focal point of view concerns the distinction between positivism and non-positivism, in which the core of the criticism focuses on Scandinavian realism.

**Features**

- A new and personal analysis of the role of ontology in legal reasoning
- New interpretation is given to the much discussed theory of legal institutions
- Introduces the modern theory of legal reasoning of the Nordic countries

**From the contents**


**Fields of interest**

Philosophy of Law; Law Theory/Law Philosophy; Political Science

**Target groups**

Research

**Type of publication**

Monograph

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G. Anagnostopoulos, University of California-San Diego, La Jolla, CA, U.S.A. (Ed.)

**Socratic, Platonic and Aristotelian Studies: Essays in Honor of Gerasimos Santas**

This volume contains outstanding studies by some of the best scholars in ancient Greek Philosophy on key topics in Socratic, Platonic, and Aristotelian thought. These studies provide rigorous analyses of arguments and texts and often advance original interpretations. The essays in the volume range over a number of central themes in ancient philosophy, such as Socratic and Platonism concepts of philosophical method; the Socratic paradoxes; Plato's view on justice; the nature of Platonic Forms, especially the Form of the Good; Aristotle's views on the faculties of the soul; Aristotle's functionalist account of the human good; Socratic, Platonic, and Aristotelian views on the nature of desire and its object. The volume will be of interest to students and scholars of ancient philosophy and classics.

**Features**

- Provides a rich account of some of the most central themes in ancient philosophy
- Offers original interpretations of key philosophical issues in Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle
- Explores important philosophical topics in Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle that continue to be of interest to contemporary philosophers

**Fields of interest**

History of Philosophy; Classical Philosophy; Ethics

**Type of publication**

Contributed volume

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A. Brink, University of Bayreuth, Business Ethics, Bayreuth, Germany (Ed.)

**Corporate Governance and Business Ethics**

This volume explores corporate governance from three perspectives: a traditional economic, a philosophical, and an integrated business ethics perspective. Corporate governance has enjoyed a long tradition in the English-speaking world of management sciences. Following its traditional understanding it is defined as leadership and control of a firm with the aim of securing the long-term survival and viability of that firm. But recent business scandals and financial crises continue to provide ample cause for concern and have all fuelled interest in the ethical aspects. As a result, corporate governance has been criticized by many social groups. Economic sciences have failed to provide a clear definition of the corporate governance concept. Complexity increases if we embed the economic approach of corporate governance in a philosophical context. This book seeks to define the concept by examining its economic, philosophical and business ethics foundations.

**Features**

- Brings together leading international researchers in the field
- Is published within the well-known Ethical Economy, Studies in Economic Ethics and Philosophy series
- Reunites philosophical and economic ideas of corporate governance

**Fields of interest**

Ethics; Business/Management Science, general; Social Sciences, general

**Target groups**

Research

**Type of publication**

Contributed volume
Applying Care Ethics to Business

Applying Care Ethics to Business is a multidisciplinary collection of original essays that explores the intersection between the burgeoning field of care ethics and business. Care ethics is an approach to morality that emphasizes relational, particularist, and affective dimensions of morality that evolved from feminist theory and today enjoys robust intellectual exploration. Care ethics emerged out of feminist theory in the 1980’s and the greatest contribution to moral analysis among Women’ Studies scholars. Today, feminists and non-feminist scholars are increasingly taking care ethics seriously. Applying care to the marketplace is a natural step in its maturity. Applying Care Ethics to Business is the first book-length analysis of business and economic cases and theories from the perspective of care theory.

Features
► Offers a unique opportunity to rethink corporate responsibility and business ethics ► Provides fresh and timely insight into ideal business values and commitments ► First book-length analysis of business and economic cases and theories from the perspective of care theory ► Explores the intersection between the burgeoning field of care ethics and business

Fields of interest
Ethics; Gender Studies; Business/Management Science, general

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Persons, Moral Worth, and Embryos
A Critical Analysis of Pro-Choice Arguments

"Bioethicists have achieved consensus on two ideas pertaining to beginning of life issues: (1) persons are those beings capable of higher-order cognition, or self-consciousness, and (2) it is impermissible to kill only persons. As a consequence, a consensus is reached regarding the permissibility of both destroying human embryos for research purposes and abortion. The present collection aims to interact critically with this consensus. Authors address various aspects of this ‘orthodoxy’. Issues discussed include: theories of personhood and in particular the role of thought experiments used in support of such theories; the notion of an intrinsic potential and the moral relevance of having one; new formulations of the virtue argument against abortion rights; four-dimensionalism and abortion; the notion of moral status and who (or what) has it; scientific accounts of what a human being is, as well as addressing empirical evidence of fetal consciousness; and analysis of the public policy implications given the epistemic status of pro-choice arguments. Given the issues discussed and that the arguments in critical focus are fairly new, the collection provides a novel, comprehensive, and rigorous analysis of contemporary pro-choice arguments."

Features
► The book offers novel arguments and explores new territory on the abortion issue ► The book brings together a host of primarily analytical philosophers, public policy persons, and scientists to provide a comprehensive analysis of the abortion issue ► The book aims to tether its analyses to specific claims, thereby entering into a dialogue with abortion-rights advocates

Fields of interest
Ethics

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Corporate Citizenship and New Governance
The Political Role of Corporations

This volume unites the perspective of business ethics with approaches from strategic management, economics, law, political science, and with philosophical reflections on the theory of Corporate Citizenship and New Governance. In view of the internationalization of the (global) economy and the free movement of capital, new instruments of political coordination are needed. These societal changes trigger the two closely intertwined challenges examined in this book. The first challenge relates to the role and the self-conceptualization of business firms as corporate citizens within society. Companies are increasingly expected to assume the social responsibility of helping to shape the rule-framework of globalization. The second challenge refers to the form of the engagement in local, national and international processes of governance. To more credibly and effectively tackle these challenges, corporate actors are ever more participating in rule-setting processes together with civil society organizations and the government.

Features
► Brings together internationally distinguished experts from different disciplines ► Discusses cutting-edge research insights ► Examines a highly innovative topic ► Brings together united business ethics perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches

Fields of interest
Ethics; Economics/Management Science, general; Political Science

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Contributed volume
Heidegger, Translation, and the Task of Thinking
Essays in Honor of Parvis Emad

Numerous volumes have been written on the philosophy of Martin Heidegger, and new translations of his writings appear on a regular basis. Up to now, however, no book has addressed the connections between Heidegger’s thought and the hermeneutic methodology involved in translating his works - or any other text. Gathering essays by internationally recognized scholars, this volume examines the specific synergy that holds between Heidegger’s thinking and the distinctive endeavor of translation. Heidegger, Translation, and the Task of Thinking: Essays in Honor of Parvis Emad offers scholars and students alike a rare journey into the insights and intricacies of one of the greatest philosophers of the twentieth century. The book also pays homage to Parvis Emad, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at De Paul University, founder of the journal Heidegger Studies and a renowned translator of Heidegger’s writings. Emad’s essays examine the specific synergy that holds between Heidegger’s thought and the hermeneutic methodology involved in translating his works - or any other text. Gathering essays by internationally recognized scholars, this volume examines the specific synergy that holds between Heidegger’s thinking and the distinctive endeavor of translation. Heidegger, Translation, and the Task of Thinking: Essays in Honor of Parvis Emad provides a uniquely focused perspective on Heidegger’s thought, and delves into the strategies and controversies that attend all attempts to translate his most complex and challenging texts, including his seminal works Contributions to Phenomenology and Mindfulness. Accordingly, this book will be of great interest and benefit to anyone working in the fields of phenomenology, hermeneutics, or Heidegger studies.

Features
► Meets growing interest in translating Heidegger’s works
► Includes an original essay by Martin Heidegger, “Poverty” (1945), translated into English by Thomas Kalary and Frank Schalow
► Offers a critical appraisal of the problem of translation, and specifically the methodology for translating Heidegger’s writings
► Takes a new look at the hermeneutic aspect of translation

Fields of interest
Phenomenology; Translation; Ontology

Target groups
Research

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Contributed volume

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Theories of Brain Function and the Nature of Vision

Over the past forty years the visual system has been the most important battleground for competing general theories of brain function. In their most interesting form, theories of brain function are directed towards answering basic philosophical questions concerning the nature of mind. A large part of this monograph involves a presentation and analysis of David Marr’s computational theory of vision, focusing especially on his tripartition of computational, algorithmic and implementational levels of analysis. This historical analysis is intended to provide the motivation for a reevaluation of the central methodological presuppositions in the study of the visual system. Ultimately, this book demonstrates that the dream of being able to distinguish psychological functions without attending to neuroscientific detail has come to an end.

Features
► First detailed reading of the methodological and theoretical influence of David Marr’s foundational book in cognitive science: Vision
► First book length study of the development of recent theories of vision since David Marr
► A detailed study of the interplay between conceptual and experimental investigations of vision from the 1981 Nobel prize winners David Hubel and Torsten Wiesel to the present

From the contents

Fields of interest
Philosophy of Science; Neurobiology; Cognitive Psychology

Target groups
Research

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Monograph

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Phenomenology/Ontopoiesis Retrieving Cosmic Horizons of Antiquity
Logos and Life

The controversy of flux and stasis as the groundwork of reality of Greek ancient philosophy reached its crux in the all-encompassing doctrine of the logos by Heraclitus of Ephesus. It centers upon human soul in its role with the cosmos. Philosophy of the Occident corroborating Greek insights with the progress of culture in numerous interpretations (Kant, Kierkegaard, Husserl, Merleau-Ponty, Ricoeur, …), presented in this collection has neglected the cosmic sphere. While contemporary development of science revealed its grounding principles (papers by Grandpierre, Kule and Trutty-Coohill) the ancient logos fully emerges. Thus, logos hitherto hidden in our commerce with earth is revealed in its intertwinnings with the cosmos through the trajectories of the phenomenonology/ontopoiesis of life (Tymieniecka). The crucial link between the soul and the cosmos, in a new geo-cosmic horizon, is thus being retrieved.

Features
► Continental philosophy continues to be rooted in the ancient Greek principle of the Logos, which subsumes our conception of rationality of all things.
► Contemporary science revealing the grounding principles of becoming uncovers the Logos hidden in our dealings with earth in its interlacings with the sky ► Logos in the ontopoiesis of life opens through its trajectories of becoming its full horizon – so long closed – toward future of the fulfilled metaphysics.

Fields of interest
Phenomenology; Classical Philosophy; Metaphysics

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Doing good with technologies: taking responsibility for the social role of emerging technologies

20th century technologies like cars, the Internet, and the contraceptive pill have altered our actions, changed our perceptions and influenced our moral ideas, for better and worse. Upcoming technologies are bound to fulfill their own unique social roles. How can we advance this social role so that it will support the good live and limit undesired changes? This book explores whether we can take a forward looking responsibility to optimize the social roles of technologies. In doing so, the book discusses three issues: first, it aims to understand the social role of technologies; second, it explores what it means to accept responsibility for this social role; and, third, it searches for some forward looking tools that help us to see how new technologies may influence human behavior. In a rather unique approach, this book combines the influential sociological research of Bruno Latour on the social impacts of technologies with the contemporary Aristotelianism of Alasdair MacIntyre.

Features
► Unique interdisciplinary research on Social Technology Studies and Philosophy of Technology
► New model of responsibility for technology on Life Ethics / Virtue Ethics ► Brings Ethics back into Actor-Network Theory (ANT) ► Combines classical ethicists with the social role of technologies ► Features a case study on intelligent cars

Fields of interest
Philosophy of Technology; Ethics; Philosophy of the Social Sciences

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Monograph

Ethical Principles and Economic Transformation – A Buddhist Approach

Buddhism points out that emphasizing individuality and promoting the greatest fulfillment of the desires of the individual conjointly lead to destruction. The book promotes the basic value-choices of Buddhism, namely happiness, peace and permanence. Happiness research convincingly shows that not material wealth but the richness of personal relationships determines happiness. Not things, but people make people happy. Western economics tries to provide people with happiness by supplying enormous quantities of things and today’s dominating business models are based on and cultivates narrow self-centeredness. But what people need are caring relationships and generosity. Buddhist economics makes these values accessible by direct provision. Peace can be achieved in nonviolent ways. Wanting less can substantially contribute to this endeavor and make it happen more easily. Permanence, or ecological sustainability, requires a drastic cutback in the present level of consumption and production globally. This reduction should not be an inconvenient exercise of self-sacrifice. In the noble ethos of reducing suffering it can be a positive development path for humanity.

Features
► The most comprehensive presentation yet of the Buddhist approach to economics and business
► Cutting edge research in CSR shows the relevance of Buddhism’s promotion of cooperation, care and generosity ► Highlights one of the most popular and fast-growing trends in the USA, Western Europe and Japan

Fields of interest
Ethics; Development Economics; Religious Studies

Target groups
Research

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