



Law and Evil

The Evolutionary Perspective

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Law and Evil presents an alternative evolutionary picture of man, focusing on the origins and nature of human evil, and demonstrating its useful application in legal-philosophical analyses. Using this representation of human nature, Wojciech Załuski analyses the development of law, which he interprets as moving from evolutionary ethics to genuine ethics, as well as arguing in favour of metaethical realism and *ius naturale*.

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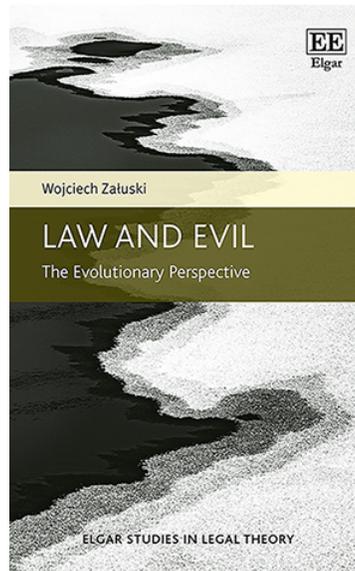
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'Załuski's work stands as a valuable contribution to better understanding the often neglected dynamic moments of the law and its making. By making use of a philosophically refined evolutionary approach to the law, he is not only able to identify the fundamental components regarding the nature of the legal phenomenon, he also offers a new perspective through which to investigate the eternal question of why humans tend to commit evil and the role law and its actors may play in it, as a restraining force.'

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