Hayek and Human Rights
Foundations for a Minimalist Approach to Law
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Hayek’s vision of the political and economic future has to a remarkable extent come to pass, and his writings can now be seen to contain much that is orthodox and widely accepted. The tight weaving of insights from diverse academic disciplines into a coherent social theory make his work of heightened relevance today, and many of the core constructs and concerns of his theorizing are useful for discussions of human rights.

‘Readers will find this adumbration of Friedrich Hayek’s social, political and legal theory both stimulating and controversial. On the one hand, the author highlights Hayek’s Kantian and Humean roots and demonstrates the relevance of Hayek’s project to contemporary debates in economics, psychology, political and moral philosophy and the philosophy of law. On the other hand, Touchie’s effort to embed his own human rights construal in the Haykeean “Great Society’s” spontaneously generated rules of just conduct will be of particular interest, both to those who regard rights as antecedent to civil society and to those who do not.’
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