

Special Issue

Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives—Theme 'Justice Based on Truth'

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue provides a forum for the discussion of core issues in the philosophy of law and legal theory from both historical and contemporary perspectives. In this way, the editors hope to promote debate on fundamental questions concerning law from a scientific–theoretical perspective. For the first edition of this Special Issue, we are interested in the basic business of the philosophy of science to arrive at *true* and *certain* knowledge in order to be able to determine the *just* parameter of law. Only such cognition and such knowledge, that is informed about itself, can and may speak critically of the things that constitute our world. Thus, the philosophy of science is the necessary basis to a qualified philosophy of law. Not political power as such, but the power of the intellect and power based on honesty, which must anchor within us, help to develop a justice on truth, according to which people can act correctly. Then, law has its own effective power, which is able to shape and direct human life in society and state, for the right, the good and the true is not equal to what appears useful or success related.

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