

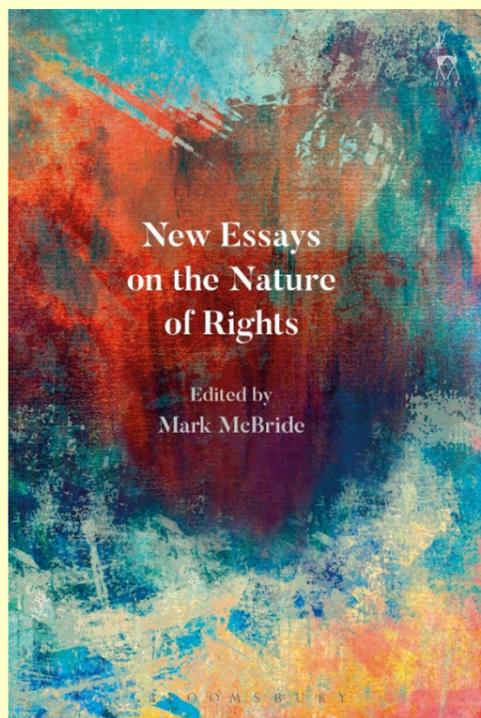


Centre for Legal Theory
Faculty of Law

New Essays on the Nature of Rights Book Launch

Wednesday, 20 September 2017, 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Level 1, Eu Tong Sen Building, NUS (Bukit Timah Campus)



This book was the product of a research project funded by the NUS Start-up Grant in 2014-17, culminating in a workshop in Singapore.

As Alon Harel, Professor of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has written: 'This important collection proceeds much beyond the famous 1998 *A Debate About Rights* which has set the stage for the debates concerning rights since then. It explores three aspects of rights. First, it re-examines the Hohfeldian classification and highlights its importance and relevance. Second, it investigates and develops the debates between the interest and the will theory. It includes essays by the main established proponents of these two positions as well as essays by newcomers to this field. The different essays in this part address each other in ways which sharpen and clarify the disagreements and provide new original arguments for the contending views. Last, it provides a new perspective on the debates concerning conflicts of rights and the ways to overcome them. This collection will no doubt dominate the future conceptual discussions concerning the nature of rights and their role in political theory.'

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Programme Schedule

4.30pm Registration

5.00pm Welcome Address by Prof Andrew Halpin

Director, Centre for Legal Theory

5.05pm Comments by Prof Andrew Simester

5.20pm Responses by Contributors & Editor
Andrew Halpin, James Penner & Mark McBride

5.50pm Q&A

6.00pm Book Launch

6.05pm Cocktail Reception

7.00pm End

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About the Editor



Assistant Professor Mark McBride was a Postdoctoral Fellow at NUS Law in academic year 2011-12, and joined NUS Law as an Assistant Professor in August 2012. He holds advanced degrees in Law and in Philosophy. He has published work on diverse topics, including the nature of law in general, the goal or aim of legal proof, the relationship between justifications and excuses in the criminal law, the nature of practical authority, the nature of practical reasons, and the doctrine of double effect.

About the Contributors



Professor James Penner took an honours B.Sc in Genetics at the University of Western Ontario in 1985, an LL.B at the University of Toronto in 1988 and completed his D.Phil at University College, Oxford in 1992. His thesis formed the basis of *The Idea of Property in Law* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997) which won the 1997 Society of Public Teachers of Law First Prize for Outstanding Scholarship by a Younger Scholar (now renamed the 'SLS Peter Birks Prize'). Since 1992 he has taught law at Brunel University, the London School of Economics, King's College London, and most recently from 2008 until 2013 as Professor of Property Law at the Faculty of Laws, University College London, serving from 2011 to 2013 as Head of Department. He has established himself as one of the world's leading experts in the philosophy of property and the law of trusts, and writes more widely in the areas of private law and the philosophy of law. He has been a visiting professor in China, Canada, Belgium, and Australia.



Professor Andrew Halpin joined the Faculty in January 2012. He previously held chairs in legal theory at the University of Southampton and Swansea University. He completed his undergraduate studies and doctoral research at Oxford University, his thesis forming the basis for *Rights and Law - Analysis and Theory* (1997). His subsequent books are *Reasoning with Law* (2001), *Definition in the Criminal Law* (2004), and a coedited collection *Theorising the Global Legal Order* (2009). While at Southampton he held a British Academy Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship, and at Swansea posts of Director of Research and Head of School. Professor Halpin's research interests have extended into areas of Criminal Law, Roman Law and Tort but fall mainly within legal theory, broadly conceived. His research has explored perspectives on law from other disciplines - logic, philosophy of language, politics, and economics - and confronted novel legal phenomena arising in a global context.

About the Commentator



After completing his doctorate at Oxford, **Professor Andrew Simester** taught in England at the Universities of Cambridge, Birmingham, and Nottingham, before joining NUS in 2006. In recognition of his research in criminal law and theory, he was elected in 2007 to a Fellowship at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, where he is also Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Criminology. Professor Simester's main interests lie in the fields of legal philosophy, criminal law, and restitution, and he has published in these areas in every major common law jurisdiction. His books include (with G.R. Sullivan) *Criminal Law: Theory and Doctrine*; (with W.J. Brookbanks) *Principles of Criminal Law*; as well as four edited collections.

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