TOPIC

Natural Law in Theory & Practice

Jacques Maritain and the Contemporary Natural Law Tradition

LECTURER



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OBJECTIVE

These lectures will examine the natural law theory of Jacques Maritain, and consider some contemporary applications of it to human rights, war and terrorism, and human dignity and values.

TIME

May 21 – 26, 2012

ECTS

2 points (30 hours lecture)