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the world's law: why the conventional view of international law won't do

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Ronald Dworkin will argue that the now conventional understanding of the basis of international law – that it rests on the consent of sovereign national states – is confused and inadequate. It is the product of a flawed positivist approach to the concept of law. Once we realize that law is an interpretive concept – that the content of law is always fixed by the best theories of political morality – we see that international law is much richer and more pertinent to the world's problem than it has been taken to be.

Dworkin received bachelor's degrees from both Harvard College and Oxford University, and an LL.B. from Harvard Law School. He clerked for Judge Learned Hand and was associated with Sullivan and Cromwell in New York. He was a professor of law at Yale Law School from 1962-1969. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is the author of *Taking Rights Seriously, A Matter of Principle, Law's Empire, Philosophical Issues in Senile Dementia, A Bill of Rights for Britain, Life's Dominion,* and *Freedom's Law.*

A book signing of Dworkin's new book, *Justice for Hedgehogs*, will be held after the lecture in the Steptoe & Johnson Rotunda. Books will be available for purchase.

For free tickets, go to dworkin2011.eventbrite.com.