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Locke Among the Radicals: Liberty and Property
in the Nineteenth Century

Daniel Layman

Oxford University Press, 2020 (270 pages)

John Locke believed that individuals had a right to claim property, but that there was also a common right for property to be shared among people. The four major figures in this book, Thomas Hodgskin, John Bray, Lysander Spooner, and Henry George, generally agreed with Locke's natural rights' view of property but found in it a contradiction that showed itself in the unequal distribution of property and power in the capitalistic nineteenth century. As a result, each of the four developed their own radical interpretations of the relationship between labor, property, rights, and liberty. A welcome contribution to the history of Anglo-American political thought and to the history of liberalism, in all its varieties.

F. W. Maitland and the Making of the Modern World

Alan MacFarlane

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018 (xiv + 162 pages).

Originally a section of MacFarlane's *The Making of the Modern World: Visions from the West and East* (Palgrave, 2002), this engaging and useful little book will be of interest to legal historians, legal theorists, political theorists, and historians of liberalism. Maitland was primarily a legal historian, and indeed has been called the founder of legal history. In his work, he is concerned with explaining the breakdown of hierarchy, the tendency toward equality, and the rise of the individual above the collective that defined modern liberty. Maitland traced the theme of liberty in English history, with particular focus on

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the development of the common law. MacFarlane explains Maitland's thought and his methods, and puts these ideas in historical context.

Bavinck: A Critical Biography

James Eglinton

Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020 (480 pages)

Herman Bavinck (1854–1921) was a Dutch neo-Calvinist theologian and contemporary of Abraham Kuypers. A recent resurgence of interest in Bavinck has been marked by new translations and publications of his works. With this publication, Eglinton provides a new hermeneutic for reading Bavinck that recognizes the unity of his orthodox and modern views. This thoroughly researched book, drawing on sources in multiple languages, should interest scholars concerned with religion in the modern age, the overlap between religion and culture, and the history of Calvinism. Ministers and theology students can learn from the examples of how Bavinck answered cultural problems, many of which remain relevant today.

Neoliberal Social Justice: Rawls Unveiled

Nick Cowen

United Kingdom: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021 (256 pages)

Social justice is everywhere these days, so why not make it part of neoliberal capitalism as well? This is precisely what Nick Cowen, a senior lecturer at the University of Lincoln, sets out to do in this new book. There is a twist, however, as Cowen argues that neoliberalism (specifically markets and constitutions) already produces results more favorable to social justice ideals than does socialism. Cowen defends Rawls's *A Theory of Justice*, uses it to judge social institutions, and concludes that neoliberalism in practice is compatible with Rawlsian goals of equality and justice.

The Ethical Formation of Economists

Wilfried Dolfsma and Ioana Negru

Routledge, 2019 (190 pages)

The editors of this collection of essays believe economics is value-laden, and they hope to collapse the normative and positive divide in the field, while calling for economists to work within the three moral frameworks: consequentialism, deontology, and virtue ethics. But how can economists be better aware of the ethical dimension of their discipline? The book appears to be aimed primarily at economists who want to increase their awareness of the ethical issues in economic forecasting and translating their narrow research into public policy. The contributors include established professors of economics and philosophy in Europe and the United States.