Abstract

Locke wrote about natural law in many texts, and of course in An Essay Concerning Human Understanding, which have not been studied widely and which contradictions with his Questions Concerning the Law of Nature have not been noted. This work intends to clarify what is the place for the law of nature in the classification of the laws in the Essay and to enlighten what are the relationships among the divine law, the civil law and the law of fashion or reputation. Then, we seek to carry out a critical analysis of Locke’s doctrine.

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Natural law, Law of fashion, Consensual ethics, Moral relativism, Legal political positivism.