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This chapter discusses a number of issues, including the following: classical natural law theory; natural law in political philosophy, including the approaches of Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau; the decline of natural law theory and the influence of Hume; the revival of natural law theory especially in the period after the Second World War; John Finnis’s classical natural law theory; hard and soft natural law; moral realism; law and morality and the Hart–Fuller, and Hart–Devlin debates. Controversial issues are addressed in the consideration of questions relating to abortion and euthanasia, and the chapter ends with a case study on judicial morality.
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