There is considerable injustice in our world: economic, social, and political inequality renders the need for clarity in the formulation of specific theories of justice. The subject is always both contentious and complex. Theories of justice have, since the time of the Greeks been an important element in moral, political, and legal theory which has generated a vast literature. This chapter focuses on four main theories of justice: utilitarianism; the economic analysis of law; John Rawls’s influential theory of ‘justice as fairness’; and Robert Nozick’s ‘entitlement theory’ of justice, equality, and the ‘capability’ approach advanced by Amartya Sen and Martha Nussbaum.
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