Prof. Davies’ recently-published book EcoLaw, extends legal theory into the domain of the socio-ecological. Conceptualising law as part of the expansive materiality that all humans and nonhuman beings emerge from, the book endeavours to steps outside the many discursive and mythological boundaries that have been placed around human organisms and human societies, especially in western thought. Hence, law as an ecological phenomenon can be imagined as emerging from and in continuity with trillions of micro-actions of living and nonliving systems in specific places and times. This constant activity forms patterns and stabilities that over time materialize as ‘law’. The book therefore argues that there is a plurality of norms, a plurality of potential normative worlds, and a plurality of normative fields across biological, geological, and social (human and nonhuman) planes. The socio-ecological point of departure for the work brings together the ecological and the human/social by viewing these multiple planes of normativity as connected and mutually constitutive, even though – for analytical purposes – they are frequently studied and analysed as separate.
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