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*Nature and Norms in  
Thought* MIT Press

How can we simultaneously conserve biodiversity and use its components (genetic resources) to create new medicines and better seeds? Signed in 1992, at the Earth Summit in Rio, the Convention on Biological Diversity answers this question by resorting to intellectual property rights on living material with the objective to create a market for genetic resources. Fifteen years later, we cannot but observe that biodiversity keeps eroding and that the proliferation of intellectual property rights hinders research and innovation on new medicines and seeds. Combining legal, economical and historical approaches, this book explains in simple terms how the Biodiversity Convention came into existence, and how the providing countries and bio-industries (pharmaceutical and seeds industry) are striving to implement it,

and why the Convention and its project of a market for genetic resources do not work properly. The book, then, examines new orientations and suggests avenues for solutions. What makes this book different? It puts the Convention on Biological Diversity back in the wider context of the organization of both innovation and conservation of nature. This approach highlights what is really at stake: • Financing innovation and conservation: what should be the distribution of tasks between the market and public funding? • Coordinating the agents of conservation and innovation (providing countries, local communities, universities, firms, etc): what should be the distribution of tasks between the market and regulation? [The Foundations of Social Work Knowledge](#) Springer This book explains how the concept of knowledge functions to improve our system of linguistic information exchange, by comparison with social norms. [Engenderings](#) Cambridge University Press This book constitutes the refereed post-proceedings

of the International Workshop on Agents, Norms and Institutions for Regulated Multiagent Systems, ANIREM 2005, and the International Workshop on Organizations in Multi-Agent Systems, OOP 2005, held in Utrecht, The Netherlands, July 2005. This is the first volume in a new series on issues in Coordination, Organizations, Institutions and Norms (COIN) in multi-agent systems. Topics include modeling, analyzing and programming organizations and more. **Institutions for Conservation and Innovation** Psychology Press This anthology of 29 readings on philosophical theories of morality is organized according to type of moral theory (utilitarianism, egoism, virtue ethics, the ethics of care, etc.), with a separate chapter devoted to each type. Reading selections in the chapters provide a balance of both classical and contemporary philosophical writings, representing a spectrum of viewpoints on each theory. In addition, the collection contains an

introductory essay on moral theory by the editor.

*Knowledge and Social Capital* Wipf and Stock Publishers

Over the last decade epistemology has seen an explosion of interest in the idea that knowledge provides a normative constraint on actions or mental state (such as belief). Typically, appeal is made to a norm or rule of permission such that knowledge is required, as a necessary condition, for permissibly acting or being in that state: one must act, or be in that state, only if one knows a relevantly specified proposition. The three most prominent proposals have been that knowledge is the norm of assertion, the norm of action generally, and the norm of belief. Chapters 1, 2, and 4 center on assertion: chapter 1 considers the literature for and against the Knowledge Account of Assertion (KAA), on which one may assert that p only if one knows that p. I argue for it and defend it against prominent objections. Chapter 2 examines how we should understand the nature of KAA's knowledge-norm by contrasting the early "descriptivist" view of G.E. Moore and Peter Unger

with the recent "prescriptivist" and constitutive view of Timothy Williamson. Chapter 4 considers the assertability conditions for epistemic modals such as "might" and "possible." Recently some philosophers have argued that knowledge normatively governs actions more generally: that is, that one may act on a proposition p only if one knows that p. I take up this view in Chapter 3, alongside a related and interesting "action-rule" for assertion. Finally, knowledge as a norm of belief has been lately endorsed by several prominent philosophers; on most formulations of the view, one may believe that p only if one knows that p. I argue against (most versions of) this view in Chapters 5 and 6.

### **The Grammar of Society** Routledge

Cristina Bicchieri examines social norms, such as fairness, cooperation, and reciprocity, in an effort to understand their nature and dynamics, generated expectations and evolution and change. Drawing on intellectual traditions and methods, including those of social psychology, experimental economics and

evolutionary game theory, Bicchieri provides an integrated account of how social norms emerge and why and when we follow them. Examining the existence and survival of inefficient norms, she demonstrates how norms evolve in ways that depend upon the psychological dispositions of the individual and how such dispositions may impair social efficiency. [Legal Knowledge and Information Systems](#) Cambridge University Press

In the modern West, we take for granted that what we call the "natural world" confronts us all and always has—but Before Nature explores that almost unimaginable time when there was no such conception of "nature"—no word, reference, or sense for it. Before the concept of nature formed over the long history of European philosophy and science, our ancestors in ancient Assyria and Babylonia developed an inquiry into the world in a way that is kindred to our modern science. With Before Nature, Francesca Rochberg explores that Assyro-Babylonian knowledge tradition and shows how it relates to the entire history of

science. From a modern, Western perspective, a world not conceived somehow within the framework of physical nature is difficult—if not impossible—to imagine. Yet, as Rochberg lays out, ancient investigations of regularity and irregularity, norms and anomalies clearly established an axis of knowledge between the knower and an intelligible, ordered world. Rochberg is the first scholar to make a case for how exactly we can understand cuneiform knowledge, observation, prediction, and explanation in relation to science—without recourse to later ideas of nature. Systematically examining the whole of Mesopotamian science with a distinctive historical and methodological approach, *Before Nature* will open up surprising new pathways for studying the history of science. *Inquiry, Knowledge, and Understanding* Routledge

A pithy work of philosophical anthropology that explores why humans find moral orders in natural orders. Why have human beings, in many different cultures and epochs, looked to nature as a source of norms for

human behavior? From ancient India and ancient Greece, medieval France and Enlightenment America, up to the latest controversies over gay marriage and cloning, natural orders have been enlisted to illustrate and buttress moral orders. Revolutionaries and reactionaries alike have appealed to nature to shore up their causes. No amount of philosophical argument or political critique deters the persistent and pervasive temptation to conflate the “is” of natural orders with the “ought” of moral orders. In this short, pithy work of philosophical anthropology, Lorraine Daston asks why we continually seek moral orders in natural orders, despite so much good counsel to the contrary. She outlines three specific forms of natural order in the Western philosophical tradition—specific natures, local natures, and universal natural laws—and describes how each of these three natural orders has been used to define and oppose a distinctive form of the unnatural. She argues that each of these forms of the unnatural triggers equally distinctive emotions: horror, terror, and wonder. Daston

proposes that human reason practiced in human bodies should command the attention of philosophers, who have traditionally yearned for a transcendent reason, valid for all species, all epochs, even all planets. *The Nature and Dynamics of Social Norms* Peter Lang

Social capital - the informal networks, trust and common understanding among individuals in an organization - determines major competitive advantages in today's networked economy. *Knowledge and Social Capital* explains how social capital can drive collaboration, reconcile an organization's internal and external labor markets, and improve organizational effectiveness. This edited compilation of authoritative articles helps readers understand how they can build and capitalize on their own organizations' social capital. *Knowledge and Social Capital* teaches core principles and important strategies to a range of executives, including organizational development specialists, corporate strategists, and knowledge management professionals. Readers will

learn how an organization can: Leverage its social capital to effectively develop and manage knowledge Foster concrete, trusting and productive personal relationships among its members Use social capital to improve the effectiveness of joint ventures and alliances *Against Nature* Cambridge University Press Testimony is an invaluable source of knowledge. We rely on the reports of those around us for everything from the ingredients in our food and medicine to the identity of our family members. Recent years have seen an explosion of interest in the epistemology of testimony. Despite the multitude of views offered, a single thesis is nearly universally accepted: testimonial knowledge is acquired through the process of transmission from speaker to hearer. In this book, Jennifer Lackey shows that this thesis is false and, hence, that the literature on testimony has been shaped at its core by a view that is fundamentally misguided. She then defends a detailed alternative to this conception of testimony: whereas the views

currently dominant focus on the epistemic status of what speakers believe, Lackey advances a theory that instead centers on what speakers say. The upshot is that, strictly speaking, we do not learn from one another's beliefs - we learn from one another's words. Once this shift in focus is in place, Lackey goes on to argue that, though positive reasons are necessary for testimonial knowledge, testimony itself is an irreducible epistemic source. This leads to the development of a theory that gives proper credence to testimony's epistemologically dual nature: both the speaker and the hearer must make a positive epistemic contribution to testimonial knowledge. The resulting view not only reveals that testimony has the capacity to generate knowledge, but it also gives appropriate weight to our nature as both socially indebted and individually rational creatures. The approach found in this book will, then, represent a radical departure from the views currently dominating the epistemology of testimony, and thus is intended to reshape our understanding of the deep

and ubiquitous reliance we have on the testimony of those around us.

**Knowledge Norms** MIT Press

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*Cuneiform Knowledge and the History of Science* Springer Science & Business Media  
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*Knowledge and its Place in Nature* Columbia University Press  
 What is knowledge? Where does it come from? What kinds of knowledge are there? Can we know anything at all? This lucid and engaging introduction grapples with these central questions in the theory of knowledge, offering a clear, non-

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*Women, Knowledge, and*

*Reality* Routledge

This is a major work by three international scholars at the cutting edge of new research that investigates the emerging set of complex relationships between creativity, design, research, higher education and knowledge capitalism. It highlights the role of the creative and expressive arts, of performance, of aesthetics in general, and the significant role of design as an underlying infrastructure for the creative economy. This book tracks the most recent mutation of these serial shifts - from postindustrial economy to the information economy to the digital economy to the knowledge economy to the 'creative economy' - to summarize the underlying and essential trends in knowledge capitalism and to investigate post-market notions of open source public space. The book hypothesizes that creative economy might constitute an enlargement of its predecessors that not only democratizes creativity and relativizes intellectual property law, but also emphasizes the social conditions of

creative work. It documents how these profound shifts have brought to the forefront forms of knowledge production based on the commons and driven by ideas, not profitability per se; and have given rise to the notion of not just 'knowledge management' but the design of 'creative institutions' embodying new patterns of work. *Knowledge, Nature, and Norms* Oxford University Press, USA

Humanism, modernity, and scientific rationality are examined critically in these collected essays. Developments in logic and philosophy are surveyed in the perspective of the closing century. Other essays include Musil and Mach, and Wittgenstein's place on the cultural map of the times.

Knowledge as Acceptable Testimony University of Chicago Press

Individuals, international organizations and states are calling for the world to confront climate change. Efforts such as the Kyoto Protocol have produced intractable disputes and are deemed inadequate. This volume adopts two constructivist perspectives - norm-

centred and discourse - to explore the social construction of climate change from a broad, theoretical level to particular cases. The contributors contend that climate change must be understood from the context of social settings, and that we ignore at our peril how power and knowledge structures are generated. They offer a greater understanding of why current efforts to mitigate climate change have failed and provide academics and policy makers with a new understanding of this important topic.

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