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“Liability for Permissible Harm”

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ABSTRACT

This paper argues (1) that there are instances of legal liability for harm that it was all-things-considered permissible to cause, (2) that the law’s approach to such cases is inconsistent, and (3) it identifies difficulties with existing justifications of liability in such cases, before offering its own. Overall it seeks to explain theoretically why duties to compensate come apart from moral permissibility.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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