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ABSTRACT

AN ANALYSIS ON RONALD DWORKIN'S WORK ON LAW AND LITERATURE KEEPING ANALOGY WITH THE IDEA OF INTERPRETATION

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Ronald Dworkin, an American philosopher and jurist from the United States of America has made a critical analogy between law and literature through his famous literary works such as "A Matter of Principle", "Justice for Hedgehogs", "Laws Empire" and "Taking Rights Seriously". His theories are based on how the interpretative aspect as a form of knowledge in literature can be applied while interpreting statutes in law. He follows a constructive interpretation of the institutional history of the legal system and believes that morals and cultures that date back are useful in interpreting any legal text. He argues that moral principles of people might be wrong and opposed to Law to the extent that certain crimes are acceptable if one's own subjective principles are skewed enough for instance what one community might approve of a crime as their cultural practice which might be morally wrong and also as opposed to the law.

Through my presentation, I have tried to pose Dworkin's different arguments and suggestions and his opinions as to how the interpretation of law and literature are similar and also what and how other jurists and philosophers declined his ideas and views along with the arguments that will put forth.

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