

## DIALOGUE ON A THEORY OF DISCRIMINATION LAW

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As the recent District Court judgment that prohibited bar operators from holding “Ladies’ Night” shows, discrimination law can be controversial. In a recent monograph published by the Oxford University Press, *A Theory of Discrimination Law*, Dr Tarunabh Khaitan provides a philosophical defence of discrimination law. This account places liberty, not equality, at the heart of discrimination law. It provides a common foundation for the prohibition of direct and indirect discrimination and provision for reasonable accommodation. This Dialogue considers various themes of the book, described as “an engaging, and engaged, work on an important area of law, by one of the most interesting new voices in legal theory.” (Leslie Green, University of Oxford)



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