

# The Movement Toward the Natural Law Jurisprudence

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The Article explores the revival of natural law jurisprudence, particularly in the field of international law. It describes the purely positivist view which marked the first half of the twentieth century, a stance that manifested a complete separation between law and morality. Juridical positivism deems the law to be equivalent to the will of the sovereign, thus, justifying international crimes and wars.

The Article posits that the common experience under this purely positivist order highlighted the need to rebuild and maintain a relation between law and morals. It argues that the gaps in the law should be bridged by the precepts of justice, fairness, and good faith. This is particularly true with respect to international relations which should be founded not on the mere optional consent of the States, but on natural law principles. Lastly, it gives as an example of the resurrection of natural law the gradual recognition of human rights as evidenced by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations.