

# THE DEHUMANISATION of Law

## Digital Reflections

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## Question 1:

- Was Law ever  
“Humanised” in  
the first place?

# 1. The Humanisation of Law

- spreading of the “modern constitution” model
- Post-WWII international juridico-political awareness & mobilisations
- The use of natural rights in Western Law’s historical development
- the political project of making justice just
- the coupling of ‘humanism’ with ‘citizenship’

## Question 2:

- How is Law dehumanised?

## 2. The Dehumanisation of Law

- the systemic shrinking of the human rights rhetoric
- the undermining of human rights by economic liberalism and risk assessments
- the vanquishing of human rights under positivistic extremisms in law

## Question 3:

- How is the dehumanisation of Law affecting our online existence (if *actually at all!*)?

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