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The ‘Justice’ That Overrules the Rules of Justice

Abstract:

Justice is intrinsically distributive; it distributes by its rules. ‘Distributive’ or ‘social’ justice redistributes by overruling them. It has theories that do not start ‘from here’. It has no rules; it makes claims instead. Both its names are fraudulent aliases, ‘social’ perhaps less blatantly so. Satisfaction of a claim in ‘social’ justice depends on politics and tends to favour the poorer half of society. This commands general sympathy, but sympathy does not make it any less unjust.