

The alternative normativity of human rights

In this paper it is argued that the normativity of human rights, in the major human rights documents, such as the UDHR, is not grounded in an external source, such as a law, or a contract, and so forth. On the contrary, it is shown that human rights, have their own inner 'sui generis' normativity through which they can eventually become binding and enforceable in an alternative way. Specifically, it is argued that the normativity of these rights derives from the moral judgment of the autonomous or good person who does her moral duty in certain circumstances.