
Economic Analysis of Law (1973): A methodological innovation perceived as ideological endeavor

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Résumé

In 1973 was published Posner's masterpiece, *Economic Analysis of Law*. The importance of this book has largely been noted and its content scrutinized. One aspect has in particular been emphasized, it was the moment when law-and-economics became a new field or, rather, when a second and radically new form of interactions between economics and the law was born. Actually, if it is exact that Posner wrote the book in a context in which economics was changing and in which some called for a change in legal studies, it is also important to recall that the book only partially achieved this and also that it was not perceived as inventing an *economic analysis of law*. It was perceived as a political, ideological book promoting a very specific form of economics.

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