Good Faith (Bona fide)

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The Latin term bona fides, often also used in the inflected forms bonae fidei and bona fide, means good faith. The very wording already discloses a broad intent because of which the bona fides principle—even though being fundamental to more or less every legal system on a world scale—has often been criticized as ambiguous if not amorphous or elusive. However, limiting bona fides to a vague moral dimension or to its self-evident spirit of reasonableness would fall short of comprehending the principle’s historically and philosophically diversified content (see...