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Léon Duguit, German science and the Great War

Pierre Marie Nicolas Léon Duguit was born on February 4, 1859 in Libourne, Gironde. Brilliant studies, both in high school and university, allowed him to obtain the title of doctor at twenty-two years old. Thanks to an age exemption, he was granted tenure the following year. He taught the legal history in Caen, before returning to Bordeaux in November 1886. There, he met sociologist Émile Durkheim, who strongly influenced his legal thinking, tinging it with legal sociology. In parallel with his teaching, Duguit became involved in politics. He claimed to belong to the Léon Bourgeois's "solidarist" current, represented in Bordeaux by Durkheim. According to Duguit, a jurist has a social role, that of "guide" towards the legislator, because of his discoveries of social laws. In[pour lire la suite…]

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