

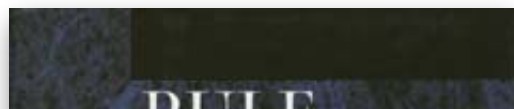
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Reviews

"[Neumann's and Kirchheimer's] writings on the interface between law and politics were at the cutting edge during their day and retain much of their freshness in our own. . . . The collection will be a much appreciated contribution to current debates."—Martin Jay, author of *Downcast Eyes*

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