Law as Dialectical: Suarez's Legal Theory in Context

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In this chapter, I argue that Suarez views law as a tool to challenge and limit absolutism, not enforce it. When understood correctly, law's promotion of justice and the common good, as understood by a community and then integrated into law through reception, provide an important resource for forming the virtuous community.