Particular Moral Rules and Special Duties
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This chapter shows how different societies and professions generate particular moral rules and special duties from the general moral rules and moral ideals. The role that particular moral rules and special duties play in professional ethics is explained, and it is shown that there cannot be any incompatibility between common morality and professional ethics.

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This chapter discusses social stratification in Nazi Germany. Since the abolition of all popular representation, the political decisions in Germany were reached by compromises between the leadership of the Nazi Party, the Army, the ministerial bureaucracy, and the representatives of certain powerful business groups. The economic groups usually kept in the background, although their voice in the fundamental decisions of policy-making was just as strong as, and perhaps even stronger than, that of the government (state and Party). The chapter provides an overview of five ruling groups in Nazi Germany: the leadership of the Nazi Party and affiliated organizations; the top strata of the governmental and political bureaucracy; the High Command of the Armed Forces and its representatives; the leadership of big business; and the landed
aristocracy. It also looks at the ruled social groups, which include artisans, civil servants, and peasants.

A Return to Order
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This chapter describes Stalin's relationships with members of the ruling group during the period of reconstruction after World War II. What emerges is a picture of Stalin's relentless severity applied in equal measure to all members of the group, be they old Bolsheviks such as Molotov, second-generation functionaries such as Malenkov, or new recruits such as the younger Zhdanov. Despite the sharpness of some of these attacks, this period is characterized ironically by a sense of equilibrium within the leadership.

Morale in Germany
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This chapter focuses on morale in Nazi Germany. Psychological warfare operations are not concerned with what people feel and think about their governments but rather to what extent these feelings and thoughts will and can affect their behavior within the framework of the enemy society. The answer to this question cannot be sought in what is understood by “morale” but rather in the sum total of the enemy's institutional and social arrangements. The system of National Socialism was devised for the very purpose of making a repetition of 1918 impossible—that is, to make morale dispensable. Morale, so to speak, had become a democratic luxury. The chapter considers the morale of various groups in Germany, including the ruling groups and the middle classes.
Anti-dumping is the most important contingent protection measure provided in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)/World Trade Organization (WTO) framework, with countervailing duties and safeguard protection being the other instruments. In line with this, this book investigates the legal and economic issues stemming from the use of anti-dumping law from a developing country perspective. It specifically explores the experience of developing countries vis-à-vis the Anti-dumping Agreement (ADA) of the GATT/WTO. It shows that the influences of anti-dumping actions weigh heavily against the developing countries. The increasing use of the tool against developing countries itself is partly responsible for the increasing use of the tool by them. WTO negotiations on anti-dumping are being undertaken in the Negotiating Group of Rules. Finally, an overview of the chapters included in this book is provided.