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**ABDUCTION, PREDICTION, AND MORAL JUSTIFICATION: A  
NATURALIZED APPROACH TO ETHICAL NORMS**

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**Abstract**

This paper explores naturalizing ethics, grounding moral norms in empirical frameworks rather than metaphysical principles. Integrating abduction, natural law, and predictive cognition, it demonstrates how normative principles emerge from adaptive problem-solving. The natural law theory posits humans have dispositional qualities geared towards well-being, fulfilling which is crucial for flourishing. This perspective aligns ethics with human tendencies, necessitating a flourishing life. The research examines naturalizing ethical normativity, investigating consequentialism's impact on moral norms and providing a nuanced understanding of the complex issues involved.

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