



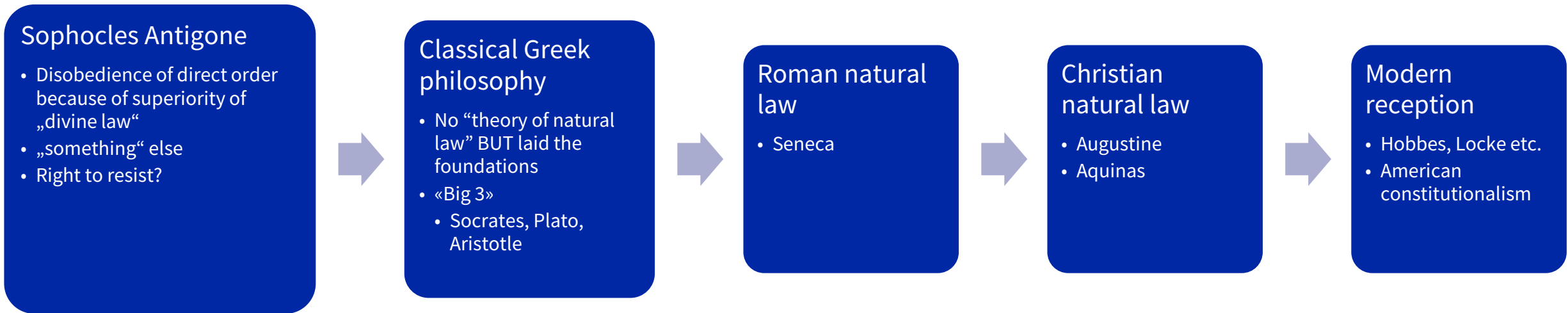
# Timeless Justice - Aristotles natural law and modern relevancy

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# Origins and transference



# Aristotle's natural law today

- Everything has a natural function and natural end “cause” (**telos**)
  - **eudaimonia** («cause» of human life) applies to everything
  - -> there **is** a form of justice (“good”) “by nature” that is not merely conventional
- Natural and political justice
  - Declaration of Human rights
  - Declaration of Independence
    - Aristotelian influence
  - Common law
- Equity (**Epieikeia**) as Correction of Law
  - Art. 4 ZGB (“Billigkeit” = Epikeia/**aequitas**/equity)
    - “Recht und Billigkeit” in Switzerland -> Integrated, ***bona fides = Treu und Glauben***; Common law separate entities
  - Misfit of general rules, written law cannot adequately capture all nuances (positivism v. natural law)
  - Law of equity, own maxims

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