

Hilary and Trinity Terms 2006  
Thursday 10, Weeks 1-8 HT, Weeks 1-4 TT

Classical Political Thought: Lectures  
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Hilary Term

- Week 1 1. Problems of politics:  
Pericles 'Funeral Oration' (430) from Thucydides *History of the Peloponnesian Wars*  
Plato (423-347) *The Apology*; *Crito*  
Cicero (106-43) *De Re Publica (On the Commonwealth)*
- Week 2 2. 'Politeia': philosophy against politics:  
Plato: *The Republic*; *The Statesman (Politicus)*; *The Laws*
- Week 3 3. Polity: politics and friendship  
Aristotle (384-322) *Nichomachean Ethics*; *The Politics*  
Cicero *On Friendship, On Duty*
- Week 4 4. The Christian Prince  
Augustine (354-430) *The City of God* (413-427)  
Aquinas (1225-1274) 'De Regimine Principum' and *Summa Theologiae*
- Week 5 5. The Political Prince  
Machiavelli *The Art of War* (1521) *The Discourses* (1531) *The Prince* (1532)
- Week 6 6. Artificial Man and Abstract State  
Hobbes 'Discourse upon the Beginning of Tacitus'; 'A Discourse of Laws' (c1620) *On the Citizen (De Cive)* (1642); *Leviathan* (1651)
- Week 7 7. Contract, Consent and Trust  
Filmer 'Patriarcha' (c1648, pub 1680)  
Locke *Two Treatises of Government* (168?, pub 1690)
- Week 8 8. Sovereignty and Polity:  
Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke

Trinity Term

- Week 1 9. Natural, Divine and Positive Law  
Cicero 'On the Laws'  
Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes  
Montesquieu *The Spirit of the Laws* (1748)
- Week 2 10. Man and Citizen, Nature and Corruption  
Rousseau *Discourse on Inequality* (1754); *Letter to D'Alembert on the Theatre* (1758) *The Social Contract* (1762)
- Week 3 11. Political Allegiance  
Hume: *Treatise of Human Nature* Bk 3 (1739/40) 'Of the Original Contract', 'The Idea of a Perfect Commonwealth' (1741/2)
- Week 4 12. Civitas  
Locke, Hume, Rousseau, Machiavelli, Aquinas, Aristotle  
Kant 'What is Enlightenment?' (1784); 'Public Right' from *Metaphysics of Morals*, (1797)  
Adam Smith, *A Theory of Moral Sentiments* (1759), *Wealth of Nations* (1776)