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Introducing Political Philosophy Oxford University Press  
Fifty distinguished contributors survey the entire history of political philosophy. They consider questions about how the subject should best be studied; they examine historical periods and great theorists in their intellectual contexts; and they discuss aspects of the subject that transcend periods, such as democracy, the state, and imperialism.

*Political Philosophy*  
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers  
That human dignity

matters politically is widely affirmed, yet how it matters remains unresolved. This book aims to settle that question.

**Rousseau's Rejuvenation of Political Philosophy**  
Oxford : Oxford University Press

While there is attention to the ethical issues raised by Artificial intelligence (AI), there is very little philosophical work on the politics of AI. The issues people care about in political and societal discussions such as racism, climate change and (threats to) democracy take on a new urgency and meaning in the light of technological developments such as AI and robotics. How can we talk about AI and important political issues such as inequality and the danger of totalitarianism while moving beyond mere warnings and easy accusations? How can

we do justice to both the insight that these technologies are not politically neutral and the complexity of the normative problems they pose? The *Political Philosophy of AI* is the first book to offer an accessible introduction to the political challenges related to AI and its (potential) use. Using political philosophy as a unique lens through which to explore key debates in the area, the book shows how various political issues are already impacted by emerging AI technologies: from justice and discrimination to democracy and surveillance. Revealing the inherently political nature of technology, the book offers a rich conceptual toolbox to guide efforts to deal with the challenges raised by what turns out to be not only artificial intelligence but also artificial power. This timely and

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original book will appeal to students and scholars in philosophy of technology and political philosophy, as well as tech developers, innovation leaders, policy makers, and anyone interested in the impact of technology on society.

An Introduction Cambridge University Press

This book by Richard G. Stevens is a comprehensive introduction to the nature of political philosophy. It offers definitions of philosophy and politics, showing the tension between the two and the origin of political philosophy as a means of resolution of that tension. Plato and Aristotle are examined in order to see the search for the best political order. Inquiry is then made into political philosophy's new tension brought about by the growth of revealed religion in the Middle Ages. It then examines the changes introduced by modernity and gives an overview of postmodern political thought. The book covers the most influential philosophers and directs readers to the classics of political philosophy, guiding them in studying them. It is an approachable introduction to a complex subject, not just a history of it. It is a point of entry into

the subject for students and for others as well.

Political Philosophy Oxford Readers

Most political debate is superficial. Just turn on cable news.

Philosophy is for people who want to understand the deep questions. The goal of political philosophy is to determine the standards by which we judge different institutions good or bad, just or unjust. Some people might think they don't have much need of political philosophy: "Who cares about wishy-washy obtuse notions of justice? I'm a pragmatist. I just want to know what works." But this isn't a way of avoiding political philosophy; it's a way of being dogmatic about it. Before we can just do "what works," we have to know what counts as working. This book serves as an introduction to some of the major theories of justice, to the arguments philosophers have made for and against these theories, and, ultimately, to how to be more thoughtful and rigorous in your own thinking.

An Historical Introduction John Wiley & Sons

How can politicians across the political spectrum appeal to the same values? This edition answers this questions, using examples to equip readers to think for themselves about the ideas that shape political life. Bringing It provides tools to cut through the complexities of modern politics, aiming to make a contribution to the democratic process.

An Introduction to Political Philosophy Cambridge

University Press

"This new edition of Will Kymlicka's best selling critical introduction to contemporary political theory has been fully revised to include many of the most significant developments in Anglo-American political philosophy in the last 11 years, particularly the new debates on political liberalism, deliberative democracy, civic republicanism, nationalism, and cultural pluralism." "The book now includes two new chapters on citizenship theory and multiculturalism, in addition to updated chapters on utilitarianism, liberal egalitarianism, libertarianism, Marxism, communitarianism, and feminism. Extended guides to further reading have been added at the end of each chapter, listing the most important books and articles on each school of thought, as well as relevant journals and web sites."--BOOK JACKET.

Social and Political Philosophy Polity

This accessible and user-friendly text offers a broad survey of some of the fundamental philosophical questions concerning social and political relations in modern society.

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Princeton University Press

This comprehensive

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introduction to the major thinkers and topics in political philosophy explores the philosophical traditions which continue to inform our political judgements. Dudley Knowles introduces the ideas of key political thinkers including Hobbes, Locke, Marx and Mill and influential contemporary thinkers such as Berlin, Rawls and Nozick. He outlines central problems in political philosophy and encourages the reader to critically engage with all the issues discussed. The individual chapters discuss and analyse: \* utilitarianism \* liberty \* rights \* justice \* obligation \* democracy Political Philosophy is ideally suited to students taking introductory courses in political theory and philosophy. Introduction to Political Thought Cambridge University Press Social and political philosophy, unlike other fields and disciplines, involves conflict, disagreement, deliberation, and action. This text takes a new approach and understands philosophy not so much as a story of great thinkers or as a collection of philosophical positions but as a series of debates and disagreements in which students must participate. Adopting what may be called an 'active learning' method, Richard Schmitt, who has long taught social and political philosophy in the Ivy

Leagues as well at state colleges, presents a range of problems and debates which engage the core question of freedom. Too often, students are bewildered, and then bored, by highly abstract philosophical questions because they are unable to connect those abstract issues to their own life experiences. This text immediately connects issues and experiences, and provides integrated, on-going questions to spark dialogue, whether in class settings or in the reader's own mind, and to help students form strong arguments with good reasons for their positions. In the course of examining different current controversies, the book develops theories of democracy, equality, the state, property, autonomy, and the role of morality in politics, all of which are standard for courses in social and political philosophy. Political Philosophy OUP Oxford Essential illustrated guide to key ideas of political thought. Philosophers have always asked fundamental and disturbing questions about politics. Plato and Aristotle debated the merits of democracy. The origins of society, the state and government authority were issues addressed by Hobbes,

Rousseau, Hegel, Marx and many other philosophers. Introducing Political Philosophy explains the central concepts of this intriguing branch of philosophy and presents the major political theorists from Plato to Foucault. How did governments get started? Why should they be obeyed? Could we live without them? How much power should they have? Is freedom a right? Which is the best form of government? In the wake of consumerism and postmodernism, our need for a better grasp of political ideas is greater than ever. Dave Robinson's account of this complex subject is always clear, informative and accompanied by the entertainingly inventive illustrations of Judy Groves. A Conceptual Toolkit Cato Institute Engaging Political Philosophy introduces readers to the central problems of political philosophy. Presuming no prior work in the area, the book explores the fundamental philosophical questions regarding freedom, authority, justice, and democracy. More than a survey of the central figures and texts, Engaging Political Philosophy takes readers on a philosophical exploration of

the core of the field, directly examining the arguments and concepts that drive the contemporary debates. Thus the fundamental issues of political philosophy are encountered first-hand, rather than through intermediary summaries of the major texts and theories. As a result, readers are introduced to political philosophy by doing philosophy. Written in a conversational style, *Engaging Political Philosophy* is accessible to students and general readers. Instructors can use it in the classroom as a stand-alone textbook, a complement to a standard collection of historical readings, or as a primer to be studied in preparation for contemporary readings. *Ten Essays* Icon Books Ltd Your conceptual toolkit for the study of political thought Praise for the first edition 'This seems really to have been written with the first-year student in mind. The editors write in a way that is clear, intelligent and engaging without being at all condescending.' *Politics Studies Review* New for this edition\* Brand new chapter on international political thought, reflecting one of the most striking developments in contemporary political theory This textbook gives you

all the vocabulary you need - political, conceptual and historical - to engage confidently and deeply with political thought and the moral and political worlds in which we live. It traces the history of political thought from Plato and Aristotle to Kymlicka and Rorty, following a unique dual structure that introduces key thinkers and core concepts together, making it suitable for any course structure.

[An Introduction to Political Philosophy](#) Cengage Learning This is *Political Philosophy* is an accessible and well-balanced introduction to the main issues in political philosophy written by an author team from the fields of both philosophy and politics. This text connects issues at the core of political philosophy with current, live debates in policy, politics, and law and addresses different ideals of political organization, such as democracy, liberty, equality, justice, and happiness. Written with great clarity, *This is Political Philosophy* is accessible and engaging to those who have little or no prior knowledge of political philosophy and is supported with supplemental pedagogical and instructor material on the *This Is Philosophy* series site.

*A Graphic Guide* Psychology Press Philosophy underpins political concepts, ideals and debates. The extent and nature of our rights, liberties and responsibilities, the role of the state and the best means of its governance are all questions to have been addressed by great philosophers throughout history - and questions students of political philosophy must engage with. *An Introduction to Political Philosophy* offers a thorough, lucid and stimulating account of the central theories and ideas encountered in political philosophy. The text is thematically structured, covering the discipline's principal ideologies: Statism; Realism; Liberalism; Conservatism; Socialism; Anarchism; and Environmentalism. It also offers a brief history of political philosophy and the major political philosophers, including Plato, Aristotle, Locke, Rousseau, Hobbes, Marx and Rawls, and, valuably, concludes with a look at 'applied' political philosophy, relating the discipline to contemporary political situations and questions. This fascinating book offers a critical overview of one of the central concepts

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in philosophy, encountered by virtually every student of the subject.

A New Introduction Routledge

An Introduction to Political Philosophy Cambridge

University Press

An Introduction Polity

An updated and expanded edition of the classic introduction to

PPE—philosophy, politics, and economics—coauthored by one of the field's

pioneers Philosophy, Politics, and Economics offers a complete introduction to the

fundamental tools and concepts of analysis that PPE students need to study social

and political issues. This fully updated and expanded edition examines the core

methodologies of rational choice, strategic analysis, norms, and collective choice

that serve as the bedrocks of political philosophy and the social sciences. The textbook

is ideal for advanced undergraduates, graduate students, and nonspecialists

looking to familiarize themselves with PPE's approaches. Starting with

individual choice, the book develops an account of rationality to introduce

readers to decision theory, utility theory, and concepts of welfare economics and consumer choice theory. It

moves to strategic choice in game theory to explore such issues as bargaining theory,

repeated games, and evolutionary game theory. The text also considers how social

norms can be understood, observed, and measured.

Concluding chapters address collective choice, social choice theory and democracy, and

public choice theory's connections to voters, representatives, and

institutions. Rigorous and comprehensive, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

continues to be an essential text for this popular and burgeoning field. The only

book that covers the entirety of PPE methods A rigorous, nontechnical introduction to

decision theory, game theory, and positive political theory A philosophical introduction to

rational choice theory in the social sciences

An Introduction to Political Philosophy Routledge

This book reads Jean-Jacques Rousseau with a view toward deepening our understanding of

many political issues alive today, including the place of women in society, the viability of

traditional family structures, the role of religion and religious freedom in nations that are

becoming ever more secular, and the proper conduct of American constitutional government. Rousseau has been

among the most influential modern philosophers, and among the most misunderstood.

The first great philosophic critic of the Enlightenment, he sought to revive political philosophy as

it was practiced by Plato, and to make it useful in the modern world. His understanding of

politics rests on deep and often prescient reflections about the nature of the human soul and the

relationship between our animal origins and the achievements of civilization. This book

demonstrates that the implications Rousseau drew from those reflections continue

to deserve serious attention. A Beginners' Guide for Students and Politicians Bloomsbury

Academic First published in 1953, this seminal introduction to political philosophy is intended for both the

student of political theory and for the general reader. After an introduction which explains the nature and purpose of philosophy,

Dr Murray provides a critical examination of the principle theories advanced by political philosophers from Plato to Marx,

paying special attention to contemporary issues. The book also makes an attempt to define the

essential issues of philosophical significance in contemporary politics, with special reference to the conflict between political

authority and individual rights, and to show how the different moral assumptions underlying

authoritarian and democratic systems of government are ultimately based upon different theories of logic.

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Introduction to Political  
Philosophy Bloomsbury  
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Politics is hugely complex. Some try to reduce its complexity by examining it through an ideological worldview, a one-size-fits-all prescriptive formula or a quantitative examination of as many 'facts' as possible. Yet politics cannot be adequately handled as if it were made of cells and particles: ideological views are oversimplifying and sometimes dangerous. Politics is not simply a moral matter, nor political philosophy a subdivision of moral philosophy. This book is devised as a basic conceptual lexicon for all those who want to understand what politics is, how it works and how it changes or fails to change. Key concepts such as power, conflict, legitimacy and order are clearly defined and their interplay in the state, interstate and global level explored. Principles such as liberty, equality, justice and solidarity are discussed in the context of the political choices confronting us. This compact and systematic introduction to the categories needed to grasp the fundamentals of politics will appeal to readers who want to gain a firmer grasp on the workings of politics, as well as to scholars and students of philosophy, political science and history.