



POLITICAL THEORY FOR MORTALS

Shades of Justice, Images of Death



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Political Theory for Mortals John E. Seery, 2018-10-18 Despite an abundance of violence occurring in political contexts no liberal political theorist since Thomas Hobbes has talked directly and coherently about death John E Seery does He contends that liberalism desperately needs a theoretical framework in which to discuss pressing matters of human mortality Among the contemporary political issues that cry out for theoretical articulation Seery suggests are abortion politics ethnic cleansing suicide assistance national reparations environmental degradation and capital punishment Seery offers a new conception of social contract theory as a framework for confronting death issues He urges us to look to an older tradition of descent into an underworld wherein classic theorists consulted poetically with the dead and acquired from them political insight and direction In this lively book Seery excavates the infernal tradition by rereading the politics of death in Platonism early Christianity and contemporary feminism Building on those traditions he proposes a new constructive image of death that can serve democratic theory productively Reconsidered from the land of the shades social contractarian theory is sufficiently altered that for example a pro life Christian and a pro choice secularist might be able to strike common ground upon which to discuss abortion politics

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The Odyssey of Political Theory Patrick J. Deneen, 2003-04-14 This important book offers readers original insights into The Odyssey and it provides a new understanding of the classic works of Plato Rousseau Vico Horkheimer and Adorno

The Politics of Being Mortal Alfred G. Killilea, 2021-09-15 While much has been written in recent years on death and dying there has been little treatment of how people cope with death in the absence of religious belief and virtually no examination of the potential political repercussions of a wider acceptance of mortality in American society Alfred Killilea s strikingly original book revolves around a central irony though the subject of death has been largely shunned in American culture lest it rob life of meaning and contentment confronting death may be crucial to enable us as individuals and as a society to affirm life even to survive in this nuclear age Killilea argues that the denial of death has fostered a disavowal of limits in general and that a greater awareness of our mortality would provide a much needed catalyst for change in our political response to narcissism and nuclearism He traces how from John Locke to the present a politics and an economics based on growth for the sake of growth have required an avoidance of human vulnerability Our confrontation with mortality Killilea argues would goad us to question our roles as mere acquirers and to take more seriously the need for equality and community in our society In charting how we can come to terms with death and how profoundly our attitudes toward death affect our attitudes toward politics Killilea vides lucid and authoritative commentaries on such provocative thinkers as Earnest Becker Robert Jay Lifton Michael Novak Daniel Bell Christopher Lasch and Jonathan Schell Scholars in many fields as well as interested lay readers will find the treatment of

these issues and thinkers compelling This easily accessible book is an urgent reminder that the most valuable spur to the examined life extolled by Socrates is the knowledge that we will die *Mortal Gods* Ted H. Miller, 2015-06-13 According to the commonly accepted view Thomas Hobbes began his intellectual career as a humanist but his discovery in midlife of the wonders of geometry initiated a critical transition from humanism to the scientific study of politics In *Mortal Gods* Ted Miller radically revises this view arguing that Hobbes never ceased to be a humanist While previous scholars have made the case for Hobbes as humanist by looking to his use of rhetoric Miller rejects the humanism mathematics dichotomy altogether and shows us the humanist face of Hobbes's affinity for mathematical learning and practice He thus reconnects Hobbes with the humanists who admired and cultivated mathematical learning and with the material fruits of Great Britain's mathematical practitioners The result is a fundamental recasting of Hobbes's project a recontextualization of his thought within early modern humanist pedagogy and the court culture of the Stuart regimes *Mortal Gods* stands as a new challenge to contemporary political theory and its settled narratives concerning politics rationality and violence *Mortal Goods* Ephraim Radner, 2024-03-19 This book by one of today's leading theologians examines how Christians might more faithfully and realistically imagine their political vocation Ephraim Radner explains that our Christian calling is to limit our political concerns to the boundaries of our created lives our birth parents siblings families brief persistence in life raising of children relations decline and death He shows that a Christian approach to politics is aimed at tending and protecting these mortal goods and argues for a more constrained view of our mortal life and our political duty than is common in both progressive and conservative Christian perspectives Radner encourages us to take seriously what is most valuable in our lives and allow this to shape our social posture Our vocation is to offer our limited life to God give thanks for it and glorify God by living our lives as a gift Radner also shows how catastrophe reveals our time to be fragile bounded and easily overturned And he exposes betterment which lies behind most modern politics as a false motive for human life The book concludes with a vision of the good life articulated in the form of a letter to his adult children *'The Mortal God'* Milinda Banerjee, 2018-04-19 This work explores how colonial India imagined human and divine figures to battle the nature and locus of sovereignty **The Tragedy of Political Theory** J. Peter Euben, 2020-09-01 In this book J Peter Euben argues that Greek tragedy was the context for classical political theory and that such theory read in terms of tragedy provides a ground for contemporary theorizing alert to the concerns of post modernism such as normalization the dominance of humanism and the status of theory Euben shows how ancient Greek theater offered a place and occasion for reflection on the democratic culture it helped constitute in part by confronting the audience with the otherwise unacknowledged principles of social exclusion that sustained its community Euben makes his argument through a series of comparisons between three dramas Aeschylus *Oresteia* Sophocles *Oedipus Tyrannos* and Euripides *Bacchae* and three works of classical political theory Thucydides *History* and Plato's *Apology of Socrates* and *Republic* on the issues of justice identity and corruption He brings his discussion to a

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Classics of Moral and Political Theory Michael L.

Morgan, 2011-09-15 The fifth edition of Michael L. Morgan's *Classics of Moral and Political Theory* broadens the scope and increases the versatility of this landmark anthology by offering new selections from Aristotle's *Politics*, Aquinas' *Disputed Questions on Virtue* and *Treatise on Law* as well as the entirety of Locke's *Letter Concerning Toleration*, Kant's *To Perpetual Peace* and Nietzsche's *On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life*

Political Theory Arnold

Brecht, 2015-12-08 In this distinguished work Arnold Brecht who served under more than a dozen German Chancellors and whose work in defense of democracy received recognition by the Adenauer government in 1953 surveys the philosophical and scientific foundations of political theory in the twentieth century His wide ranging treatise sweeps over the entire scope of this century's contributions including the philosophical, juridical, scientific, sociological, methodological and historical The book is a pioneering effort toward an integrated presentation a first attempt to offer a comprehensive modern political theory The aim is both a systematic presentation and a full description of the recent genesis of thought The pertinent teachings of representative writers some from the past from Hume and Kant to Darwin, Mill and Marx and most of the present century from Peirce, James, Simmel and Weber to Husserl, Dewey, Lasswell, Northrop and Fuller are analyzed Dr Brecht incorporates chapter by chapter his own contributions Social scientists, philosophers, lawyers and students of religion will find it a challenging guide written with penetrating clarity and rich in fruitful suggestions Originally published in 1959 The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905

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Anxieties Mario Feit, 2011-03-15 Democratic Anxieties Same Sex Marriage Death and Citizenship proceeds from the surprising parallels between straight and gay opponents of same sex marriage With their apocalyptic rhetoric they inadvertently point to a frequently neglected existential dimension of democratic citizenship Democratic Anxieties argues that we must pay attention to the existential significance of democratic citizenship because otherwise we end up with anxious democracy a democracy that cannot fully embrace pluralism especially when the connections between sex death and citizenship are at stake This book pursues a less anxious conception of democratic citizenship in chapters on Jean Jacques Rousseau Hannah Arendt and Friedrich Nietzsche Feit reveals how Rousseau diminishes democratic citizenship by linking it to existential consolation via sexual reproduction He interprets Arendt as a queer theorist because she rejects the heteronormative pursuit of reproductive immortality Yet the hope for immortality persists within Arendt's conception of political action which delimits its democratic potential Feit argues that Nietzsche resists both Rousseau's political idealization of heterosexuality and Arendt's anxious alternative Calling for an affirmation of death Nietzsche creatively reimagines sexual as well as cultural reproduction that is pluralizes democratic citizenship The resulting more existentially aware democratic politics not only contributes to lesbian and gay equality but is also critical in a post September 11 world

Reappraising Political Theory Terence Ball, 1994-11-24 Machiavelli Hobbes Rousseau Mill and Marx and Foucault what really links these and other classic political theorists Not argues Terence Ball their common status as dead white European males but instead the exciting and compelling way in which they can speak to us today Professor Ball begins by setting out his liberating view of the way we should approach classic texts Using an approach that is both problem driven and methodologically pluralist Ball offers new readings and reappraisals of key authors and classic works in political theory Throughout he argues that the importance of the great texts lies in their repeated reinterpretation in the light of problems that arise for present day readers This tour de force always entertaining and eclectic focuses on the core problems surrounding many of the major thinkers Was Machiavelli really amoral Why did language matter so much to Hobbes and why should it matter to us Are the roots of the totalitarian state to be found in Rousseau Were the utilitarians sexist in their view of the franchise Written in lively and accessible style the book will provoke debate among students and scholars alike Throughout Terence Ball shows just how exciting and important political theory can be *The Political Theory of*

Aristophanes Jeremy J. Mhire, Bryan-Paul Frost, 2014-04-01 Examines the political dimensions of Aristophanes comic poetry This original and wide ranging collection of essays offers for the first time a comprehensive examination of the political dimensions of that madcap comic poet Aristophanes Rejecting the claim that Aristophanes is little more than a mere comedian the contributors to this fascinating volume demonstrate that Aristophanes deserves to be placed in the ranks of the greatest Greek political thinkers As these essays reveal all of Aristophanes plays treat issues of fundamental political importance from war and peace poverty and wealth the relation between the sexes demagoguery and democracy to the role of philosophy and poetry in political society Accessible to students as well as scholars The Political Theory of Aristophanes can be utilized easily in the classroom but at the same time serve as a valuable source for those conducting more advanced research Whether the field is political philosophy classical studies history or literary criticism this work will make it necessary to reconceptualize how we understand this great Athenian poet and force us to recognize the political ramifications and underpinnings of his uproarious comedies

History of Political Theory: An Introduction George Klosko, 2012-10-05 History of Political Theory An Introduction is an engaging introduction to the main figures in the history of Western Political Theory and their most important works Volume I traces the development of political theory from the beginning in ancient Greece through the Reformation Main subjects examined include the Classical political theory of the Greek polis the Hellenistic period the rise of Christian political theory political theory of the middle ages and the Reformation Major figures examined include Socrates Plato Aristotle St Augustine St Thomas Marsilius of Padua and Martin Luther Throughout the great theorists are closely examined in their historical contexts with extensive quotations allowing them to speak for themselves Central concepts employed in their works are carefully examined with special attention to how these fit together to form coherent theories The works of the great theorists are further considered in regard to how they bear on issues of contemporary concern such as constitutionalism natural law and resistance to unjust authority The result is not only an exploration of the great works of political theory but a demonstration of their continuing relevance

Political Theory and Architecture Duncan Bell, Bernardo Zacka, 2020-02-20 What can political theory teach us about architecture and what can it learn from paying closer attention to architecture The essays assembled in this volume begin from a common postulate that architecture is not merely a backdrop to political life but a political force in its own right Each in their own way they aim to give countenance to that claim and to show how our thinking about politics can be enriched by reflecting on the built environment The collection advances four lines of inquiry probing the connection between architecture and political regimes examining how architecture can be constitutive of the ethical and political realm uncovering how architecture is enmeshed in logics of governmentality and in the political economy of the city and asking to what extent we can think of architecture tributary as it is to the flows of capital as a partially autonomous social force Taken together the essays demonstrate the salience of a range of political theoretical approaches for the analysis of architecture and show that architecture deserves a

place as an object of study in political theory alongside institutions laws norms practices imaginaries and discourses

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Reviews, 1997 *Political Theory on Death and Dying* Erin A. Dolgoy, Kimberly Hurd Hale, Bruce Peabody, 2021-09-14 *Political Theory on Death and Dying* provides a comprehensive encyclopedic review that compiles and curates the latest scholarship research and debates on the political and social implications of death and dying Adopting an easy to follow chronological and multi disciplinary approach on 45 canonical figures and thinkers leading scholars from a diverse range of fields including political science philosophy and English discuss each thinker's ethical and philosophical accounts on mortality and death Each chapter focuses on a single established figure in political philosophy as well as religious and literary thinkers covering classical to contemporary thought on death Through this approach the chapters are designed to stand alone allowing the reader to study every entry in isolation and with greater depth as well as trace how thinkers are influenced by their predecessors A key contribution to the field *Political Theory on Death and Dying* provides an excellent overview for students and researchers who study philosophy of death the history of political thought and political philosophy

Comptes Rendus Philosophiques, 1997

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