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designed for undergraduate students a historical survey of the most important political philosophers in the western tradition this volume provides an unequalled introduction to the thought of chief contributors to the western tradition of political philosophy from classical greek antiquity to the twentieth century written by specialists on the various philosophers this third edition has been expanded significantly to include both new and revised essays this absorbing study invites you to climb inside the heads of the major political philosophers as it were and to see the world through their eyes beginning with socrates and concluding with post rawlsian theory alan haworth presents the key ideas and developments with clarity and depth each chapter provides a concentrated study of a given thinker or group of thinkers and together they constitute a broad account of the main arguments in political philosophy there are chapters on socrates plato aristotle hobbes locke rousseau the utilitarians marx rawls and post rawlsian developments this is a fascinating lively and engaging look at the topic and will be appropriate for any student taking a course in political philosophy or political thought an updated comprehensive and thematic introduction to political philosophy enabling readers to reflect critically on a variety of political issues 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 as we approach the end of the century and reflect on the large number of wars and political incidents that continue to rage throughout the world it is imperative to understand the background and implication of the political philosophies that instigate many of these conflicts hudelson s book is a brief introduction to the major topics and issues in political philosophy from the enlightenment to postmodernism within the scope of ten short chapters hudelson presents both the historical background of and a systematic discussion of contemporary issues relating to the major traditions within political philosophy making this the ideal introduction to the topic for students and interested readers this book offers a comprehensive overview of the key concepts and issues of contemporary political philosophy providing an essential reference work for scholars and advanced students it is structured in three parts covering methodological issues tools and argumentative strategies employed by political philosophy and concepts and topics key to the discipline expert authors from around the world have written twenty chapters in a consistent and engaging style each chapter is thoroughly cross referenced allowing students to appreciate how methodological issues relate to each other and how methodology and argumentative tools affect the way substantial issues are addressed the chapters are supplemented by further reading lists and selected bibliographies to aid further research the companion will be required reading for masters and post doctoral students providing them with the appropriate tools for approaching political philosophy in a more thoughtful way and showing how substantive topics are addressed within different perspectives and paradigms the companion also provides upper level undergraduates with a sophisticated introduction to the relevant problems and challenges political philosophy addresses this book is designed as an introduction to the major thinkers in political philosophy this is a representation of a wide range of philosophers from plato to nietzsche although it acquaints the reader with some of the key controversies in interpreting

each thinker and the socio cultural context in which they wrote this book focuses on the arguments developed in each of their key works discussing the intellectual cultural and social context for each philosopher this book is a collection of works which comprise the foundation of modern political philosophy div who ought to govern why should i obey the law how should conflict be controlled what is the proper education for a citizen and a statesman these questions probe some of the deepest and most enduring problems that every society confronts regardless of time and place today we ask the same crucial questions about law authority justice and freedom that plato aristotle machiavelli hobbes locke rousseau and tocqueville faced in previous centuries in this lively and enlightening book professor steven b smith introduces the wide terrain of political philosophy through the classic texts of the discipline works by the greatest thinkers illuminate the permanent problems of political life smith shows and while we may not accept all their conclusions it would be a mistake to overlook the relevance of their insights div this comprehensive 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 leo strauss is known primarily for reviving classical political philosophy through careful analyses of works by ancient thinkers as with his published writings strauss s seminars devoted to specific philosophers were notoriously dense accessible only to graduate students and scholars with a good command of the subject in 1965 however strauss offered an introductory course on political philosophy at the university of chicago using a conversational style he sought to make political philosophy as well as his own ideas and methods understandable to those with little background on the subject leo strauss on political philosophy brings together the lectures that comprise strauss s introduction to political philosophy strauss begins by emphasizing the importance of political philosophy in determining the common good of society and critically examining the two most powerful contemporary challenges to the possibility of using political theory to learn about and develop the best political order positivism and historicism in seeking the common good classical political philosophers like plato and aristotle did not distinguish between political philosophy and political science today however political philosophy must contend with the contemporary belief that it is impossible to know what the good society really is strauss emphasizes the need to study the history of political philosophy to see whether the changes in the understanding of nature and conceptions of justice that gradually led people to believe that it is not possible to determine what the best political society is are either necessary or valid in doing so he ranges across the entire history of political philosophy providing a valuable thematically coherent foundation including explications of many canonical thinkers such as auguste comte and immanuel kant about whom strauss did not write extensively in his published writings this comprehensive 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 the revised and updated edition of goodin and pettit s highly acclaimed contemporary political philosophy anthology bringing together the field s most important readings in a single volume unparalleled in the breadth and scope of its coverage this newly revised third edition traces the evolution of political

philosophy as a contemporary practice and raises important questions about the impact of current political events fully updated to include 49 contemporary and classic selections from the most distinguished scholars in political philosophy offers expanded coverage of international affairs and political oppression includes essays which represent a diversity of political and ideological positions and features interdisciplinary voices in politics law and economics edited by two of the field's most highly respected scholars the ideal collection of primary readings to accompany the companion to contemporary political philosophy second edition wiley blackwell 2012 for coursework in political philosophy this collection of 24 essays written by eminent philosophers and political theorists brings together fresh debates on some of the most fundamental questions in contemporary political philosophy including human rights equality constitutionalism the value of democracy identity and political neutrality presents fresh debates on six of the fundamental questions in contemporary political philosophy each question is treated by a pair of opposing essays written by eminent scholars lively debate format sharply defines the issues invites the reader to participate in the exchange of arguments and paves the way for further discussion will serve as an accessible introduction to the major topics in political philosophy whilst also capturing the imagination of professional philosophers offers the unique opportunity to observe leading philosophers engaging in head to head debate despite the separation between classical and modern theories of government contributors to aristotle and modern politics find aristotle a useful interlocutor for assessing both possibilities and limitations in contemporary politics in this collection noted political scientists theologians and philosophers discuss the magnitude of aristotle's presence in contemporary debate and demonstrate some of the ways in which aristotle sheds new light on contemporary problems this engaging book also exhibits the persistence of political philosophy at a time when the pervasive influence of ideology and historicism lead many to deny its possibility although the authors of these essays differ on the nature of aristotle's contribution all are united by the conviction that he has something important to teach citizens of modern political societies if the fundamental principles of modern politics were drawn from critical reflections of reason over and against the imposition of authority under its various guises modern politics can best sustain itself by nurturing the critical attitude that initially brought it into being paradoxically serious engagement with the preliberal thought of aristotle can render contemporary debate more fruitful by bringing to light subtle limitations in the political discourse of any era including our own if the modern understanding of freedom is primarily freedom to speak and think for oneself the essays in aristotle and modern politics exhibit the persistence of political philosophy by thinking beyond limits often constricting contemporary paradigms this critical study of the influential political theorist dispels popular myths and reveals the inner logic of his varied and notoriously complex writings political theorist leo strauss was unexpectedly thrust into the media spotlight for his alleged influence on neoconservative politics with the truth about leo strauss michael and catherine zuckert challenged the many claims and speculations about this complex thinker now with leo strauss and the problem of political philosophy they offer a more comprehensive interpretation of strauss's thought using the many manifestations of the problem of political philosophy as their touchstone strauss they argue sought to restore political philosophy to its original socratic form this is demonstrated through his critique of positivism and historicism two intellectual currents that undermined his socratic project the authors also explore strauss's interpretation of both ancient and modern political philosophers including plato aristotle machiavelli and locke finally they examine strauss's thought in the context of the twentieth century when his chief interlocutors were schmitt husserl heidegger and nietzsche leo strauss and the problem of political philosophy is the most in depth treatment of this often misunderstood thinker examining his ideas across his long career it reveals strauss's overall intellectual project to decode how ancient and modern theory attempted to solve the problem of political philosophy and it shows why strauss considered the ancient solution both philosophically and politically superior pc or political correctness has received bad press according to

choi and murphy indeed the body of ideas and concepts embodied in pc have been trivialized by conservatives seeking to defend their own positions and by a press catering to a public put off by philosophical discussions choi and murphy seek to analyze the key facets of the debate over pc starting with an examination of the key concepts of pc choi and murphy review the essentials of neo conservative social philosophy and the postmodern alternative as well as neo conservative critiques of postmodernism by providing a comprehensive examination of pc from its historical and philosophical underpinnings choi and murphy show what is at stake in the controversy this book is an important synthesis for researchers and students of contemporary philosophy and social policy the most recent addition to the fundamentals of philosophy series political philosophy is a concise yet thorough and highly engaging introduction to the essential problems and arguments at the heart of the discipline organized topically and presented in a straightforward manner by an eminent political philosopher a john simmons it investigates the nature of political society and political philosophy purported justifications of the modern state the problems of state legitimacy and political obligation the nature of social justice the case for democratic government and issues in international political philosophy each chapter focuses on a central problem considers how it has been and could be addressed and outlines the various philosophical positions surrounding it the book offers an in depth survey of the arguments advanced by major historical figures while also reflecting the author s views and contributions incorporating both historical and contemporary work it demonstrates how past and present perspectives fit together and constitute a continuous concern with the same problems accessible to novices yet also useful for advanced students political philosophy presents a unified and thought provoking portrait of the issues that have been puzzling political philosophers for years book jacket intended for use in courses on political philosophy or the history of political philosophy on the history of political philosophy provides a critical account of western political philosophy from classical greece to modern times demonstrating the continued relevance of historical ideas to today s problems the author traces ongoing discussions about justice power and human nature by examining the ideas of key political theorists first published in 1993 this is a systematic introduction to the thought of one of the most important political philosophers of the twentieth century the author uncovers the concepts of modernity action judgement and citizenship that underpin her work is the way in which political philosophy is conducted today too ahistorical does such ahistoricism render political philosophy too abstract is political philosophy thus incapable of dealing with the realities of political life this volume brings together some of the world s leading political philosophers to address these crucial questions the contributors focus especially on political philosophy s pretensions to universality and on its strained relationship with the world of real politics some chapters argue that political philosophers should not be cowed by the accusations levied against them from outside of their own field others insist that these accusations require a dramatic reshaping of normative political thought the volume will spark controversy across political philosophy and beyond 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 a political theory political

philosophy book which focuses on the works of the major thinkers the text has a thematic unity which is provided by an analysis of modernity's emergence from the classical and christian traditions political philosophy perhaps even more than other branches of philosophy calls for constant renewal to reflect not just re readings of the tradition but also the demands of current events in this lively and readable survey jean hampton has created a text for our time that does justice both to the great traditions of the field and to the newest developments in a marvelous feat of synthesis she links the classical tradition the giants of the modern period the dominant topics of the twentieth century and the new questions and concerns that are just beginning to rewrite contemporary political philosophy hampton presents these traditions in an engaging and accessible manner adding to them her own views and encouraging readers to critically examine a range of ideas and to reach their own conclusions of particular interest are the discussions of the contemporary liberalism communitarianism debates the revival of interest in issues of citizenship and nationality and the way in which feminist concerns are integrated into all these discussions political philosophy is the most modern text on the topic now available the ideal guide to what is going on in the field it will be welcomed by scholars and students in philosophy and political science and it will serve as an introduction for readers from outside these fields politicians invoke grand ideas social justice democracy community liberty equality but what do these ideas really mean how can politicians across the political spectrum appeal to the same values this fourth edition of adam swift's highly readable introduction to political philosophy answers these important questions and includes new material on issues such as nationalism immigration and multiculturalism as well as updated guides to further reading this lively and accessible book is ideal for students but it also brings the insights of the world's leading political philosophers to a wide general audience using plenty of examples it equips readers to think for themselves about the ideas that shape political life democracy works best when both politicians and voters move beyond rhetoric to think clearly and carefully about the values and principles that should govern their society but clear thinking is difficult in an age when established orthodoxies have fallen by the wayside and political debate is becoming increasingly tribal and raucous bringing political philosophy out of the ivory tower and within the reach of all this book provides us with tools to cut through the complexities and penetrate the smokescreens of modern politics in so doing it makes a valuable contribution to the democratic process and this new edition will continue to be essential reading for students of political philosophy and theory bringing political philosophy out of the ivory tower and within the reach of all this book provides us with the tools to cut through the complexity of modern politics this volume includes 22 new pieces by leading political philosophers on traditional issues such as authority and equality and emerging issues such as race and money in politics the pieces are clear and accessible will interest both students and scholars working in philosophy political science law economics and more 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 first published in 1982 this volume is a collection of original essays by young british philosophers reflecting the state of political philosophy for many years contemporary political philosophy could with justice have been accused of triviality and sterility but by the early 1980s the substantive and normative questions were firmly back at the centre of debate as this volume demonstrates it falls into three parts in the first the

essays examine aspects of the conception of human nature that must underlie political beliefs in particular the vital notions of interest and personhood in part ii they evaluate different and supposedly conflicting political ideals liberty and equality individual rights and socialism and in part iii explore the bases of acceptable forms of political organisation where political obedience does not reduce to moral obligation and where genuine freedom of expression is possible the essays do not stem from a single political standpoint although all are written from within the analytical tradition they go to the roots of these perennial issues with arguments that are clear and forthright and as a collection they will serve as both an important addition and a bracing introduction to the subject the individual and the political order examines major theoretical perspectives both historical and contemporary in major issues in social and political philosophy it combines accessibility with appreciation of philosophical complexity and discusses applied issues such as morality and war as well as theoretical approaches to justice rights and democratic liberal thought this historical survey of political philosophy explores the theme of how political philosophy relates to the nature of man it illustrates how great political thinkers have always grounded their political thought in what the author terms a normative anthropology which typically has not only ethical but also metaphysical or theological components anthology of essays on social and political thought with a focus on modern western political thought a history of political philosophy from thucydides to locke is an engaged and lucid account of the major political theorists and philosophers of the ancient greek roman medieval renaissance and early modern periods the author demonstrates the continuing significance of some political debates and problems that originated in the history of western political thought recurring themes include discussions concerning human nature different views of justice the origin of government and law the rise and development of various forms of government idealism and realism in international relations the distinction between just and unjust war and the sources of public authority and the nature of legitimate sovereignty the organizing principle of the book is the idea that the great political thinkers were searching for the best political order and a criterion for human conduct in both domestic and international politics the book presupposes no previous knowledge of the subject it is therefore a valuable introductory book for students of philosophy politics and international relations as it opens eyes to the perceptions that historical knowledge may convey it is also an illuminating and engaging reading for a general reader a reissue of the 1975 edition of strauss views regarding the nature of political philosophy stephen salkever shows that reading aristotle is a starting point for discussing contemporary political problems in new ways that avoid the opposition between liberal individualism and republican communitarianism between the politics of rights and the politics of virtues originally published in 1990 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 each chapter in christianity and political philosophy addresses a philosophical problem generated by history frederick d wilhelmsen discusses the limits of natural law cicero and the politics of the public orthodoxy the problem of political power and the forces of darkness sir john fortescue and the english tradition donoso cortes and the meaning of political power the natural law tradition and the american political experience eric voegelin and the christian tradition and jaffa the school of strauss and the christian tradition wilhelmsen is convinced that mainstream philosophy's suppression of the christian experience or its reduction of christianity to myths deprives both christianity and philosophy he argues that christianity opened up an entirely new range of philosophical questions and speculation that today are part and parcel of the intellectual tradition of the west wilhelmsen remains relevant because political philosophy in america today is following the historic cycle of political philosophy's

importance as things get worse for the nation because it is internally riven by ideological and spiritual conflicts there is a greater need for the political philosopher to raise and explore profound questions and reassert forgotten truths about man and society the soul and god and good and evil as well as the ground of political order this is the latest book in transaction s esteemed library of conservative thought series 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 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 this book demonstrates the variety of ways political philosophers understand wittgenstein s importance to their discipline and apply wittgensteinian methods to their own projects this volume provides an outstanding survey of the major political philosophers of the twentieth century

History of Political Philosophy 2012-06-15

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An Introduction to Political Philosophy 2019-04-25

an updated comprehensive and thematic introduction to political philosophy enabling readers to reflect critically on a variety of political issues

An Introduction to Political Philosophy (Routledge Revivals) 2010-01-14

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

Modern Political Philosophy 1999

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A Companion to Political Philosophy. Methods, Tools, Topics 2012-09-01

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Political Philosophy 1997

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Aristotle and Modern Politics 2002

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Leo Strauss and the Problem of Political Philosophy

2014-06-30

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The Politics and Philosophy of Political Correctness 1992-11-24

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Political Philosophy 2008

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On the History of Political Philosophy 2015-07-14

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The Political Philosophy of Hannah Arendt 2002-01-04

first published in 1993 this is a systematic introduction to the thought of one of the most important political philosophers of the twentieth century the author uncovers the concepts of modernity action judgement and citizenship that underpin her work

Political Philosophy versus History? 2011-08-04

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