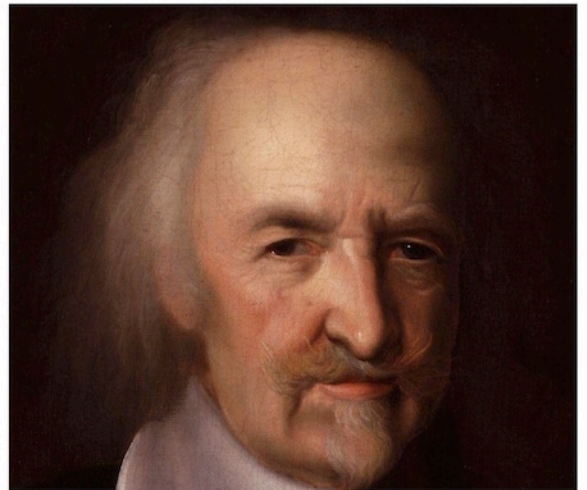


SEMINAR: FORBIDDEN TALES



MACHIAVELLI

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SPINOZA

SESSIONS: MARCH 12TH, 19TH, APRIL 9TH, 16TH, 23TH, MAY 7TH, 14TH, 21ST / PLACE: FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY "A" BUILDING, SEM 25, UCM (FROM 10:30 TO 12:30)

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SEMINAR DESCRIPTION: This seminar focuses on early modern political philosophy, specifically on Machiavelli, Hobbes' and Spinoza's view about power, sovereign, passion and ethics in Machiavelli's *Prince*, Hobbes' *Leviathan* and Spinoza's *Political-Theological Treatise and Political Treatise*. The goal is to analyse the concepts mentioned above and the implicit and explicit idea of political science in each of those authors

SEMINAR MATERIALS: Machiavelli's *Prince*, Hobbes' *Leviathan* and Spinoza's *Political-Theological Treatise*. The secondary bibliography should be given during the first session of the seminar.

SEMINAR POLICIES: Regular attendance and participation in class are mandatory

SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

SESSION I
(March 12th 10:30/12:30) Political science in Early Modern Philosophy: Power, laws and passions.

SESSION II (March 19th 10:30/12:30) Thinking on Machiavelli: Power, sovereign and the 'anti-aristotelical' political standpoint: A new art of politics for a new Prince

SESSION III
(April 9th 10:30/12:30) Machiavelli's political thought in *The Prince* and the *Discourse*

SESSION IV
(April 16th 10:30/12:30) Hobbes' *Leviathan*: Body, Imagination and power. Why men should be always prepared for war?

SESSION V
(April 23th 10:30/12:30) Contractualism, laws and Justice: Limits and possibilities of the new 'Prince'.

SESSION VI
(May 7th 10:30/12:30) Passion and knowledge: The link between Spinoza's *Ethics*, the *Political-Theological Treatise* and the *Political Treatise*.

SESSION VII (May 14th 10:30/12:30) Multitude, freedom and the fundaments of democracy in Spinoza's *Political-Theological Treatise*.

SESSION VIII (May 21th 10:30/12:30) Conclusion: What can be called political science in Early Modern Philosophy?