

## ∞ The Political Thought of Machiavelli ∞

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### Required Books:

Niccolò Machiavelli. *The Prince*. Trans. Harvey C. Mansfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1998. ISBN: 0226500446

Niccolò Machiavelli. *Discourses on Livy*. Trans. Harvey C. Mansfield & Nathan Tarcov. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1998. ISBN: 0226500365

Niccolò Machiavelli. *Mandragola*. Trans. Mera J. Flaumenhaft. Prospect Heights: Waveland Press, 1981. ISBN: 0917974573

Livy. *The Early History of Rome*. Trans. Aubrey de Sélincourt. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 2002. ISBN: 0140448098

Livy. *Rome and Italy*. Trans. Betty Radice. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1982. ISBN: 0140443886

### Recommended Books:

Leo Strauss. *Thoughts on Machiavelli*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1995. ISBN: 0226777022

Vickie B. Sullivan. *Machiavelli's Three Romes: Religion, Human Liberty, & Politics Reformed*. De Kalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 1996. ISBN: 0875802133

These books are available at the campus bookstore. Please use these editions and bring them with you to class. Other readings will be distributed or posted on the course website (Blackboard).

Requirements:

Participation	20%
Short paper, presentation	20%
Weekly response papers	20%
Final research paper	40%

Please note that you have to pass each component in order to receive a passing grade for the course.

From the second week of the semester (29 January) onward, each week at least one seminar participant will be required to write a 5-7 page paper on the material to be discussed during that meeting and to open the meeting with a short (5-10 minute) presentation based on that paper. If two people sign up for the same week, each must write his/her own paper, although they may divide the material among themselves and collaborate on the presentation, if they wish to. Every other seminar participant will be required to write a short (not to exceed 2 pages) reaction to the week's readings. The short paper(s) and reactions will be due at the beginning of each session.

You will also be required to write a final, 15-20 page paper, on one of the topics from a list to be distributed on 29 January. The final paper will be due on 5 May. Beyond that date, papers will be penalized by one third of a grade per day for the first three days (e.g., A→A-). I will not accept papers more than three days late.

I will expect you to prepare for seminar meetings, attend them, and participate in the discussion, as well as submit all written work by the relevant deadline, except in cases of medical or family emergency. In the latter, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know what the problem is. Please note that if you miss more than three sessions during the semester, you will fail the course.

Abbreviations:

*P: The Prince*

*D: Discourses on Livy*

*M: Mandragola*

*L: Livy*

Schedule:

Monday, 22 January	Introduction
Monday, 29 January	<i>D</i> , I Preface, 1-10 <i>L</i> , I.1-16, 49-60, II.19-40, V.33, VI.11-20, IX.26
Monday, 5 February	<i>D</i> , I.11-24 <i>L</i> , I.17-35, II.1-5, 10-15, III.9-11, 15-20, V.13-22, 47, VI.20, VII.4-5, X.31, 38-42
Monday, 12 February	<i>D</i> , I.25-45 <i>L</i> , II.6-9, 16-18, 41-50, III.1-9, 30-59, 61, IV.1-6, V.8-12, 23-25, 32, VI.35-42, VIII.30-36.
Monday, 26 February	<i>D</i> , I.46-60, II Preface <i>L</i> , III.50-51, 64-69, IV.1-8, 23-26, 56-60, V.23-25, 32, VI.4, VII.26, 32
Monday, 5 March	<i>D</i> , II.1-15 <i>L</i> , I.30, II.9, V.1, 29-31, 33-34, VII.23-24, 29-31, VIII.1-11, IX, 14, 16-19, X.31
Monday, 12 March	<i>D</i> , II.16-25 <i>L</i> , II.20, 44-47, VII.38-41, VIII.1-14, 19-21, IX.1-12, 20-23

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Monday, 26 March	<i>D</i> , II.26-33, III.1-5 <i>L</i> , I.35, 39-42, 46-48, 56-60, II.1-5, 10-13, III.53, 56-58, IV.13-16, V.35-55, VI.1-2, 6-7, 11-20, 22, 38, 42, VII.1, 41, VIII.6-9, 22-26, 30-36, IX.35-36, X.28-29
Monday, 2 April	<i>D</i> , III.6-25 <i>L</i> , II.4, 39-41, 44, 47, 56-61, 64, III. 11-14, 19-21, 24-29, 70, IV.27-41, 48, V.19-23, 25-29, 32, VI.3, 11-20, VII.12-15, 38-41, IX.1
Monday, 9 April	<i>D</i> , III.26-49 <i>L</i> , I.57-59, III. 44-48, 58, IV.9-10, 13-16, V.39, VI.6-7, 21, 28-30, 40-42, VII.4-6, 9-11, 26, 32-37, 40-41, VIII.6-8, 10, 22-23, 25-26, 34, IX. 2-4, 8-12, 33-34, 37, 38, 46, X.4, 10, 16, 18, 21, 28-30
Monday, 23 April	<i>P</i> , I-XI
Monday, 30 April	<i>P</i> , XII-XIX
Thursday, 3 May	<i>P</i> , XX-XXVI <i>M</i>
Monday, 7 May	<b>Final Paper Due</b>