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Rhetoric, Politics and Popularity in Pre-Revolutionary England provides a completely new account of the political thought and culture of Elizabethan and early-Stuart England. It examines the centrality of humanist rhetoric in the pre-revolutionary educational system and its vital contribution to the political culture of the period. Humanism, Markku Peltonen argues, was crucial to the development of the participatory character of English politics as schoolboys were taught how to speak about taxation and foreign policy, liberty and tyranny. A series of case studies illustrates how pre-revolutionary Englishmen used the rhetorical tools their schoolmasters had taught them in political and parliamentary debates. The common people and the multitude were the orator's chief audience and eloquence was often seen as a popular art. But there were also those who followed these developments with growing dismay and Peltonen examines further the ways in which populist elements in political rhetoric were questioned in pre-revolutionary England.

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BL	British Library
<i>BRL1</i>	<i>British rhetoricians and logicians, 1500–1660</i> , first series (2001), ed. Edward A. Malone, Detroit, MI
<i>BRL2</i>	<i>British rhetoricians and logicians, 1500–1660</i> , second series (2003), ed. Edward A. Malone, Detroit, MI
<i>CD1621</i>	<i>Commons debates, 1621</i> (1935), ed. Wallace Notestein, Frances Helen Relf and Hartley Simpson, 7 vols., New Haven, CT
<i>CD1629</i>	<i>Commons debates for 1629</i> (1921), ed. Wallace Notestein and Frances Helen Relf, Minneapolis
<i>CH</i>	<i>Church History</i>
<i>CJ</i>	<i>Commons Journal</i>
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>ELH</i>	<i>English Literary History</i>
Folger	Folger Shakespeare Library
HEH	Huntington Library
<i>HJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
<i>HR</i>	<i>Historical Research</i>
<i>HLQ</i>	<i>Huntington Library Quarterly</i>
<i>IJCT</i>	<i>International Journal of the Classical Tradition</i>
<i>JBS</i>	<i>Journal of British Studies</i>
<i>JHI</i>	<i>Journal of the History of Ideas</i>
<i>JMEMS</i>	<i>Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies</i>
<i>JMH</i>	<i>Journal of Modern History</i>
<i>LJ</i>	<i>Lords Journal</i>
<i>ODNB</i>	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> (2004), ed. H. C. G. Matthew and Brian Harrison, 61 vols., Oxford
<i>PD1610</i>	<i>Parliamentary debates in 1610</i> (1861), ed. Samuel Rawson Gardiner, London
<i>PH</i>	<i>Parliamentary History</i>

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<i>PP</i>	<i>Past & Present</i>
<i>PP1610</i>	<i>Proceedings in parliament, 1610</i> (1966), ed. Elizabeth Read Foster, 2 vols., New Haven, CT
<i>PP1614</i>	<i>Proceedings in parliament, 1614 (House of Commons)</i> (1988), ed. Maija Jansson, Philadelphia
<i>PP1625</i>	<i>Proceedings in parliament, 1625</i> (1987), ed. Maija Jansson and William B. Bidwell, New Haven, CT
<i>PP1626</i>	<i>Proceedings in parliament, 1626</i> (1991–2), ed. William B. Bidwell and Maija Jansson, 4 vols., New Haven, CT
<i>PP1628</i>	<i>Proceedings in parliament, 1628</i> (1977–83), ed. Mary Frear Keeler, Maija Jansson Cole and William B. Bidwell, 6 vols., New Haven, CT
<i>PPEI</i>	<i>Proceedings in the parliaments of Elizabeth I</i> (1981–95), ed. T. E. Hartley, 3 vols., London
<i>PT</i>	<i>Political Theory</i>
<i>QJS</i>	<i>Quarterly Journal of Speech</i>
<i>SCJ</i>	<i>Sixteenth Century Journal</i>
<i>TBS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Bibliographical Society</i>
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>