

Hobbes's *On the Citizen*

This is the first book-length study in English of Thomas Hobbes's *On the Citizen*. It aims to show that *On the Citizen* is a valuable and distinctive philosophical work in its own right, and not merely a stepping-stone toward the more famous *Leviathan*. The volume comprises twelve original essays, written by leading Hobbes scholars, which explore the most important themes of the text: Hobbes's accounts of human nature, moral motivation, and political obligation; his theories of property, sovereignty, and the state; and, finally, his ideas on the relation between secular and ecclesiastical authority, and the politics behind his religious ideas. Taken together, the essays bring to light many distinctive aspects of Hobbes's thought that are often concealed by the prevailing focus on *Leviathan*, making for a richer and more nuanced picture of his moral, legal, and political philosophy.

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used for frequently cited works of Hobbes:

- AW *Thomas White's De Mundo Examined*, trans. Harold Whitmore Jones. London: Bradford University Press, 1976.
- B *Behemoth, or The Long Parliament*, ed. Paul Seaward. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2010.
- C *The Correspondence*, 2 vols, ed. Noel Malcolm. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994.
- DCo "De Corpore," in *Th. Hobbes: Opera Philosophica quae Latine scripsit*, vol. 1, ed. William Molesworth. London: John Bohn, 1839.
- DCv *De Cive: The Latin Version*, ed. Howard Warrender. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1983.
- DH *De Homine*, trans. in *Man and Citizen*, ed. Bernard Gert. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1991.
- DPS "A Dialogue between a Philosopher and a Student, of the Common Laws of England," in *Writings on Common Law and Hereditary Right*, ed. Alan Cromartie and Quentin Skinner. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2005.
- EL *The Elements of Law, Natural and Politic: Part I, Human Nature, Part II, De Corpore Politico*, ed. J. C. A. Gaskin. Oxford University Press, 1994.
- EW *The English Works of Thomas Hobbes of Malmesbury*, 11 vols, ed. William Molesworth. London: John Bohn, 1839–45.
- L *Leviathan: The English and Latin Texts*, ed. Noel Malcolm. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2012.
- LL Latin *Leviathan*, in *Leviathan*, ed. Malcolm.
- OC *De Cive*, trans. as *On the Citizen*, ed. Richard Tuck and Michael Silverthorne. Cambridge University Press, 1998.

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- PL “The Prose Life,” in *The Elements of Law*, ed. Gaskin, pp. 245–53.
- TSO “Third Set of Objections,” in *The Philosophical Writings of Descartes*, vol. 2., ed. and trans. John Cottingham, Anthony Kenny, Dugald Murdoch, and Robert Stoothoff. Cambridge University Press, 1984, pp. 121–37.
- VL “The Verse Life,” in *The Elements of Law*, ed. Gaskin, pp. 254–64.

References to AW, DCv, DH, EL, and OC are given by chapter and section numbers. References to EW are given by volume and page numbers. References to L and LL are given by chapter, paragraph, and page numbers in the Clarendon edition. For other works, references are given by page number to the edition cited.

Unless otherwise stated, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation generally follow the conventions in the editions cited, although rounded and pointed forms of “u” and “v” have been modernized. Chapter contributors have been given the freedom to decide whether to follow seventeenth-century conventions of referring to “man” and use the male pronoun, or to update such language into gender neutral terms.