Modern Political Thought

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The Organic Nature Of The State. There are many speculations regarding the nature of the State and the relation between the State and the individual. Political Change: Change is a natural phenomenon and in all ages change occurs, but the modern world is distinguished by the rapidity and extent of change. Change in the methods of communication, in economic, social and political life. What happens in New York, Cairo or Sydney can be witnessed instantaneously in London or New Delhi Thinking about the past can provide important insights of how we should live together. This course reviews some of the major figures in modern political thought from Hobbes to J. S. Mill. The course provides 1) an appreciation of how some political concepts and values such as authority, liberty, and equality were shaped during the XVII-XIX centuries, 2) a critical assessment of the arguments provided by these thinkers, 3) and a discussion about the methodological tools developed during the time.