



### The Great Transformation

How Modern Thinkers Reimagined the Classical View of Justice

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**Explores how modern redefinitions of key concepts such as nature, freedom, and virtue have reshaped our understanding of justice and altered how states assess right and wrong**

This book examines the definitional differences between classical and modern political theory as they relate to the constituent parts of justice. Since the earliest days of political philosophy, justice has been understood as the goal of the state. And most thinkers have spent a considerable time addressing the components of justice—nature, happiness, freedom, equality, and virtue. This book looks at these terms using both the classical and modern conceptions and argues that modern thinkers’ redefinition of the terms has changed the way we conceive of justice and thus, transformed the ways states evaluate issues of right and wrong.

#### Key selling points

- Allows political science students to understand that the views they hold concerning the constituent parts of justice might need to be reconsidered
- Presents a ideal book for political science departments that only offer one course in political philosophy, as it deals with both subjects
- Offers a unique approach to reconsidering human nature and its relationship to justice
- Enables the reader to understand the classical and modern views of justice without a required knowledge-set.

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