

Science Meets Politics: Machiavelli's Influence and the Birth of Political Science

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Machiavelli's early influence was more penetrating than has ever been believed, and this book explains why. The surprising answer leads the reader into the depths of the history of science, connecting Machiavelli's thought to new ways of thinking about experience, history, nature, and politics. This book argues that Machiavelli's works resonated with readers not merely because of the political and moral questions they raised and answered, but equally because of the ways in which Machiavelli engaged with these questions. His method reinforced the readers' own belief in the importance of an inductive and comparative approach, which relied on facts and numbers drawn from history and experience.