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Politics about Intellectual Conservatism today – the Case of Sir Roger Scruton

Although conservatism is famous for its hostile relationship with philosophy, intellectuals have long been hanging around the conservative party. It only took some time for the Tories to realize that they are also in need of intellectual support. Yet the relationship of conservative public intellectuals and the party has always been one-sided and disharmonic. Although conservative politics always felt flattered when intellectuals tried to approach them, they were not too careful about them.

It is therefore quite astonishing to see that by now the late Sir Roger Scruton became a constant reference point among conservative political protagonists in the Anglo sphere as well as in Europe and even further away. This introduction reveals some of the symptoms of this newly born interest of politics in conservative thought.

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