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history of political theory an introduction is an engaging introduction to the main figures in the history of western political theory and their most important works the second volume traces the origin and development of liberal political theory and so the foundations for contemporary views

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the philosophy of politics as an introduction to political theory and science this collection of writings by the great philosophers will be of close interest to general readers it also forms a basic textbook for students of government and political theory such fundamental concepts as democracy the rule of law justice natural rights sovereignty citizenship power the state revolution liberty reason materialism toleration and the place of religion in society are traced from their origins through their development and changing patterns to show how they guide political thinking and institutions today and new in this edition examinations of selected works by sophocles francois hotman and francisco suarez also new are a detailed table of contents and an up dated comprehensive bibliography each clear and concise for easy reference the second volume of professor curtis work also available in a discus edition includes the writings of the eighteenth nineteenth and twentieth century thinkers from burke rousseau and kant to modern times

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it is possible to present a brief summary of the subjects that the chapters in this book focus on ch 21 the beginnings of this century sets up the dilemma of more energy or betterment of the environment if energy is the capacity to do work as often said then it can be made profitable if protecting the ecology of earth is what the cop reunions of the un aim at then it is hardly a surprise that china and india reneged against the original formulation of phasing out coal power both countries use a lot of coal plants to get cheap energy for rapid economic development this is dismal fact for cop endeavours ch 22 one may approach the history of political thought through a variety of themes that various philosophers share but handle very differently i wish here to capture a few trends in political thought by analysis of the following two long lived themes namely naturalism against moralism as well as determinism versus voluntarism ch 23 max weber contributed to all the social sciences economic history politics sociology law and religion of special relevance to globalization studies is his theory about the basic difference between the west and the east the so called weber s thesis about modern capitalism based upon his profound inquiries into the world religions like the religions of india and china and his studies of the economic history of europe and the middle east his the protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism 1904 is the most discussed booklet in the social sciences endorsed rejected and falsified as well as confirmed i will show that the focus of his comparative studies viz modern capitalism is flawed as well as that his major idea in politics the type of modern legal rational authority is more suited for his east west civilization approach but it needs reformulation ch 24 the theory of chaos has hitherto been pursued in the natural sciences however it may illuminate some issues in the social sciences too ch 25 behind a political regime there is political theory in the world today the real world and not merely a possible world we have some 200 states but only a handful of regime types the essence of these few types is to be found in their political theories we ask what the regime meaning is with key theoreticians ch 26 world justice project wjp measures the respect for rule of law globally its 2021 report establishes a decline compared with earlier years for the us the ranking is really down what does it all mean ch 27 aleppo displays the two faces of the human race on the one hand it harbours an incredibly rich history of human civilisation dating back to the sumer origins of organised society and government on the other hand it is today the victim of the worst atrocities human beings and states can commit invoking religion ethnicity and reasons of state the destruction of syria and its people is not based upon rational behaviour because why would combatants keep fighting when there is no hope of an end on either side no zermelo point in the game today many people worry in the short run about the increase in the occurrence of political violence as well as fear more and more for the long run danger that is global warming a book with the title the end of history by fukuyama 1992 appears completely misplaced especially when the last man clause in this book cannot be ruled out from future projections for entirely different reason climate change the coming global consensus on democratic capitalism has been completely stuttered by events in the early 32nd century koranic terrorism the collapse of the middle east the provocations of north korea and the new brinkmanship of china in the south china sea only one

remedy to civil war and interstate confrontation exists i wish to say namely double rule of law this notion covers both domestic and foreign affairs and it belongs more to the domain of normativity than rational choice or self interest behaviour global rule of law is the only viable foundation for the mighty cop21 implementation process that now starts to prohibit that we arrive at the end of human societies ch 28 the political violence seems only to get worse and worse in aleppo where russian bombers target hospitals and employ deep striking missiles against the apartments of ordinary citizens state reasons or merely shortsighted cruelty those who theorize zero sum games with entities like state interests and geopolitical perspective should understand that it is merely a manner of speaking the principle of methodological individualism entails that only human beings can be actors as well as that they orientate in terms of what max weber called sinn or more complex sinnzusammenhaenge this is intentional analysis that focuses upon the mindset of the participants in violent games it is definitely not in the interests of neither the syrian people nor the russian people what assad putin is performing in aleppo ch 29 the turbulence and political instability in several key muslim countries have now global consequences as thousands of moslems leave their countries because they cannot live or even survive there this must constitute an enormous blame onto the islamic civilization harbouring more than 1 billion believers in the prophet mohammed western countries bomb indiscriminately in syria and iraq as a future protection against the new phenomenon of islamic terrorism it should be pointed out that the major co ordination bodies in the islamic civilisation the arab league and the muslim conference have done little to stop the on going civil wars and the horrific political violence similarly the rich gulf states offer no help for refugees as they turn instead to the eu with its protection for human rights how can we explain these civil wars within the koranic civilisation the ultimate reason is the rise of radical islamic fundamentalism within the sunni community during the 20th century and it is not going disappear soon could this civilisation implode from within in an unstoppable series of bombings suicide killings and civil wars ch 30 jurisprudence is a dogmatic science teaching various domains of law legal philosophy discusses the fundamental problems of dogmatic teaching namely what is law is jurisprudence an empirical science and does law exist being valid

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launched a fascinating theory about moral naturalism and ethical determinism much debated by other great philosophers however he also has two political texts one on religion and another on political regime they are much more reader friendly and the arguments are simple following from the foundations in ethics at least spinoza so believed this paper presents systematically the political theory in tractatus politicus which has received too little attention ch 13 the established theory of corruption needs to be re examined as it has a few flaws it attributes a major role to corruption pretending that it weighs extremely heavily upon social economic and political outcomes the lack of comparative data is troubling for vindicating such hypotheses and it is barely compensated for by the resort to experts views around the globe which in the form of the well known transparency index cpi gives a probably inflated picture of the occurrence of corruption especially in third world countries in a new approach one would make crucial distinctions between various concepts of illegal behavior reserving corruption for bribery as well as separating between petty corruption and big corruption ch 14 what comes below is merely a minor note on nietzsche s great work so original in thought and spectacular in style the entry on him in the stanford encyclopedia of philosophy shows that post modernism has been conducive to a fundamental re evaluation of his multifaceted messages as the literature on nietzsche grows every year his anticipation of social science subjectivism epistemological perspectivism and strong endorsement of secularism constitutes more and more a centre of comments and research in humanities and the social sciences ch 15 the emergence of post modernism in social theory changed nietzsche s evaluation will now its demise lead to a new appreciation of the master in engadin switzerland his major theory of social stratification is completely out of date humanitarianism will replace its inhuman brutality backed by flawed concepts from oriental mysticism that danish genius kierkegaard made obsolete in his new choice theory ch 16 in his book explanation and understanding 1973 von wright a well known professor of philosophy analyses two basic modes of explanation nomothetic and teleological the former employs hempal s law like generalizing while the latter points at motive and intention this distinction between galilean model and aristotelian model is developed by means of von wright s insights into deontic logic the logic of norms or what one ought to do how then does von wright s theory relate to theories of rational action in the social sciences ch 17 around 1900 german philosophy of science had a zenith with different schools one topic that invited debate and publishing concerned the separation between the natural sciences and the humanities with the social sciences does this distinction about methodology or subject matter meaning was underlined in the analysis of human affairs ch 18 it is now a commonplace to renounce rational action in the social sciences it is claimed that rationality as the maximization of self interest is impossible as well as that it is unethical yet rational choice remains a most important paradigm for understanding human behaviour d kahneman has contributed to the analysis of human action criticising the two end points namely perfect individual rationality on the one hand and group or collective decision making on the other hand the first suffers from bias and the second from noise thus there is somewhat of a contradiction here somewhere as group rationality

could not cancel out individual deficiencies ch 19 the killings of george floyd and rayshard brooks raise the highly pertinent question what is law in these cases the more one reflects on the nature of the legal order in a well ordered society the closer one arrives at justice holmes statement the prophecies of what the courts will do in fact and nothing more pretentious are what i mean by the law a similar approach to the question above was delivered by dane alf ross 1899 1979 who expounded in a succinct form so called scandinavian law realism ch 20 witnessing the actual trump presidency one searches for conceptual tools to document us decline the world justice project wjp comes to mind attempting to measure rule of law rl comparatively the wjp presents interesting findings for 2017 2020 canada ranks higher than usa venezuela is bottom 128 country rationale of rule of law

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critique of the weber thesis is essential with available information a hundred years later than weber i wish to argue that weber made a mistake in focusing upon modern capitalism as well as that his concept of legal rational authority is ambiguous what distinguishes the civilisations of the world now is the enforcement of the rule of law ch 7 a book so overall critical as the idea of justice by a sen requires a popper inspired examination the results are that his rejection of rawls is flawed and that he entirely lacks meta ethics the continental weberian approach to normative enquiry has been severely neglected by many scholars in the anglo saxon tradition trying in vain to identify the true nature of justice ch 8 the theory of separation of powers in the state by montesquieu 1748 is the longest serving theory in real politics maintaining its relevance for more than 200 hundred years most constitutions in written form follow his paradigm at least from a formal point of view constitutional democracies certainly apply or enforce montesquieu s ideal type for rule of law and political stability how does this great political theory fit with the major schools in jurisprudence about what is law and the role of judges in adjudication this question has never been raised but it is as essential to montesquieu s paradigm as the changing relations between executive and legislature in for instance parliamentarism and presidentialism ch 9 reading the newspapers and listening to the media news channels for the last decade one makes the observation that cheating has increased or at least accusations of such behaviour this is commonly called corruption but there are several kinds of cheating to be distinguished and analysed apart two approaches to cheating are conceivable first the micro approach attempts to account for why individual persons cheat the reason and their calculation of benefits and costs here we can now draw upon new results in game theory second in the macro approach one tries to explain or understand why cheating seems to augment over the entire society in both the public and private sectors this paper looks at one form of cheating more closely namely corruption as well as suggests a few hypotheses about the increase in so called affairs in several capitalist economies ch 10 norwegian macro oriented social scientist stein rokke often argued for the relevance of comparative historical inquiry what can comparative longitudinal analyses of the state teach the term state is core in politics when do states appear on the real stage my assessment is that fukuyama s the origins of political order fukuyama 2014 attempts to demolish the established perspective i believe that he is incorrect

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