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# What is the State?

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University of Cambridge

**Wednesday 31 October 2007 at 6.30pm**

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## Quentin Skinner

Régius Professor of Modern History, University of Cambridge  
Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, Queen Mary,  
University of London.

**Professor Skinner is chiefly interested in the intellectual history of early-modern Europe, and in the history of Renaissance moral and political thought.**



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Within this area he specialises in two related fields. One is the culture of the Renaissance, especially early Italian art and the evolution of humanist moral and political thought. The other is seventeenth-century political philosophy, in particular the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes, on which he has published two books and numerous articles.

He is also interested in a number of more purely philosophical issues, and has written on historical explanation, on the nature of interpretation more generally, and on several topics in contemporary political theory, in particular the concept of political liberty and the character of the State.

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