HISTORY PART II PAPER 6

STATES BETWEEN STATES: THE HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL THOUGHT FROM THE ROMAN EMPIRE TO THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY

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INTRODUCTION

What is the 'political' in the history of political thought? In his Politics, the Greek philosopher Aristotle understood ta politika – the 'political things', politics, of his title – to be those things that concern the *polis*, the city-state that was the central unit of (precisely) political organisation in ancient Greece. This covered everything from the motivation and rationale of the polis, its constitutional structure, who qualified for citizenship, the nature of its government, to political safety strategies on the one hand and musical education on the other. At its base it involved a narrative about human beings forming into a political community for ends that cannot otherwise be achieved. This narrative, in multiple permutations, has been central to the tradition of Western political thought, and its focus is primarily on the relationship of citizens to fellow-citizens, and citizens to government, within one political unit, what we call 'the state'. And yet, even in Aristotle's *Politics* it is clear that the *polis* does not exist in isolation. The lives of its citizens demand slaves, who need to be 'hunted' abroad. Thus the polis must stretch out into space beyond itself. And it needs goods, which means merchants living within it who are nevertheless not part of it, not citizens. Thus the outside comes in. These inside/outside relations impact on the very theorisation of the polis itself, as Aristotle defines the relationships and laws between citizens against both commercial treaties and military alliances: both of which might look uncomfortably like political relations, but which for Aristotle's purposes must, crucially, be excluded as such.

The 'global turn' in modern political thought, just as in history, has interested itself in both of these dimensions of inside/outside: how the state extends beyond itself into the space of others, and conversely how that extension impacts in turn back on the state itself. From a theoretical point of view, the concept of the 'political' itself is stretched and put in question. Both at the level of government and at the level of citizenship, new spaces of politics open up, spaces that we – for a want of vocabulary which is, precisely, part of our intellectual heritage – might call for convenience 'international', but which might better be labelled 'inter-political' or 'trans-political'. For the international is merely one, historically specific (and, for some, increasingly passé), way of constructing the space between states: a word with which by now we are familiar and comfortable, but which involves multiple assumptions and disguises dimensions of our political existence which might be less familiar, more exciting, but also less comfortable as well.

In this paper, then, we look historically at the different ways in which this 'international' space has been constructed. We begin in ancient Rome, with a word, *Imperium*, that of itself crosses the inside/out divide, being both a word for 'internal' rule and a word for the concrete, 'external' extension of rule – the 'empire'; and we end with intellectual challenges to European conceptions and practices of empire in the early nineteenth century. Importantly, however, the intellectual history of the 'inter-political' or 'international' is not simply the intellectual history of imperial formations. As the paper shows, this dimension of the history of political thought involves all sorts of 'inter-political' concepts, 'states between states': unions, federations, confederations, composite monarchies, leagues, alliances, friendly states, hostile states; as well as new spaces of 'inter-political' citizenship.

As historians of political thought in Cambridge have always insisted, awareness of the historical contingency of our political vocabularies is a fundamental resource in being able to think critically about the concepts of the present and imaginatively about possible concepts of the future. This is why Paper 5 looks both at the history of 20th century political thought and at present-day political thinking:

the two go together. Paper 6 is designed as a paper in the history of political thought, but a paper that intersects with some of the most exciting new developments in current political thinking and indeed in the current practice of history more generally.

TEACHING

This paper has been designed to be available to all third-year students in History, and as an option for third-year students in the 'Politics' stream in POLIS. For History students who have already taken history of political thought options in Part I, or are taking them in Part II, the paper has been designed to provide a further opportunity to explore a dimension of the history of political thought that figures only tangentially in the other papers. There is no substantial overlap and no questions will be 'starred' for those taking Papers 4 or 5 as well. It is also hoped, however, that third-year students who have not previously done any history of political thought may find this an attractive option: the paper does not demand any previous experience of the subject, and, just because of the nature of the 'international' arena, has a concrete, 'practice-textured' feel that students of the history of states and empires more generally may be able fruitfully to connect with their other studies. The paper will be taught through 16 lectures in the Michaelmas term followed by 8 related text classes in Lent term, which will provide training in the reading of texts as well as allowing students to deepen their engagement with the topics. They will also provide a forum in which to discuss issues with each other as well as with their supervisors and lecturers. Supervision will be centrally coordinated by the Convenor of the paper. At present it is envisaged that supervision will be given individually and that there is no cap on numbers taking the paper.

INTRODUCTORY READING

The political structure and geography of the European world

J.H. Elliott Spain, Europe and the Wider World 1500-1800 (New Haven and London,

2009), Chs 1-2

P.W. Schroeder The transformation of European politics 1763-1848 (Oxford 1994)

Brendan Simms Europe. The struggle for supremacy 1453 to the present (London: Penguin,

2014), Chs. 1-4

Derek McKay and H.M. Scott The rise of the great powers 1648-1815 (London, 1983)

The Short Oxford History of Europe:

E. Cameron (ed) The sixteenth century (Oxford, 2006), Chs 2 (Greengrass), 6 (Brading)

J. Bergin (ed) The seventeenth century (Oxford, 2001), Chs 3 (Upton), 4 (Parrott), 6

(Pagden)

T.C.W. Blanning (ed) The eighteenth century (Oxford, 2000) Chs 1 (Swann), 5 ((Lynn), 6

(Marshall), Conclusion (Blanning)

The New Cambridge Modern History Atlas, ed. H.C. Darby and H. Fullard, (Cambridge, 1970)

European empire in America and Asia

D.A. Brading The first America: The Spanish monarchy, Creole patriots and the liberal

state, 1492-1867 (Cambridge 1991)

J. Burbank and F. Cooper Empires in world history. Power and the politics of difference

(Princeton 2010)

J.H. Elliott Empires of the Atlantic world: Britain and Spain in America 1492-1830

(New Haven and London, 2006)

S. Subrahmanyam The Portuguese empire in Asia, 1500-1700 (London 1993)

International Political Thought

David Armitage Foundations of modern international thought (Cambridge, 2013), Part I

Jens Bartelson Visions of world community (Cambridge 2009)

Jordan Branch The cartographic state. Maps, territory and the origins of sovereignty

(Cambridge 2013)

Annabel Brett Changes of state. Nature and the limits of the city in early modern natural

law (Princeton and Oxford, 2011)

B. Fassbender and Anne Peters eds., The Oxford handbook of the history of international law (Oxford

2012)

Andrew Fitzmaurice Sovereignty, Property and Empire 1500-2000 (Cambridge, 2014)

Sankar Muthu ed. *Empire and modern political thought* (Cambridge 2012)

Stephen C. Neff Justice among nations. A History of International Law (Harvard 2014)

Anthony Padgen Lords of all the world. Ideologies of empire in Spain, Britain and France c.

1500 – c. 1800 (Yale, 1995)

Anthony Pagden The idea of Europe. From antiquity to the European Union (Cambridge

2002)

Anthony Pagden The burdens of empire, 1539 to the present (Cambridge 2015)

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

1 Roman imperium

Roman law and Roman social sensibilities lagged behind Rome's rise to hegemony over Greece, the rest of the Mediterranean and to the north of the Alps. Essentially, the constitutional arrangements of a city-state were applied to an empire. The rights of Roman citizenship were jealously guarded against allies, a conservative outlook which among other things prompted the Social War. The relationship of allied or 'federated' cities to Rome underwent a long degeneration to the disadvantage of the former; the new concept of 'free cities' or *civitates liberae* served Rome's interests better. The questions arising from citizenship and lesser conditions of relative advantage and disadvantage concerned the legal status of individuals and entire communities simultaneously because the two were usually

linked. This week's readings introduce the only full-scale treatment to survive from the late republic on citizenship in the shape of Cicero's oration on behalf of Balbo, his reflections on the cosmopolitan mission of the universal Roman city in *On the Commonwealth* and the implicit plaidoyer for that same inclusive policy by the second-century Greek provincial, Aelius Aristides, from Smyrna.

Texts

Cicero 'In favour of Balbo' (Pro Balbo) in Cicero. Orations. Pro Caelio. De

Provinciis Consularibus. Pro Balbo (Loeb Classical Library vol. 447), trsl. R.

Gardiner

On the Commonwealth, in Cicero. On the Commonwealth and On the Laws,

ed. J.E.G. Zetzel (Cambridge 1999)

Aristides 'To Rome' in Oliver (below), 895-907

Secondary reading

Imperial Politics and Ideology

P. Brunt 'Lausimperii', in P.D.A. Garnsey and C.R. Whittaker eds., *Imperialism*

in the Ancient World (Cambridge 1978), also in Brunt, Roman Imperial

Themes (Oxford 1990)

A. Lintott 'What was the *Imperium Romanorum*?', *Greece and Rome*, 28 (1981),

53-67

J.H. Oliver The Ruling Power: a study of the Roman Empire in the second century

after Christ through the Roman oration of Aelius Aristides (Philadelphia

1953)

J. Richardson "The meaning of *imperium* in the last century BC and the first AD', in B.

Kingsbury and B. Straumann (eds), *The Roman Foundations of the Law of Nations. AlbericoGentili and the Justice of Empire* (Oxford 2010), 21-

29

Citizenship

H.F. Jolowicz and B. Nicholas Historical Introduction to the Study of Roman Law (3rd ed.,

Cambridge 1972), ch. 3

A.N. Sherwin-White The Roman Citizenship (2nd ed., Oxford1973), chs 4-7

2 Medieval imperium

In the patristic period the concept of empire was not just a geo-political concept: it possessed immense theological significance as well. St Jerome saw in the Roman Empire the fulfilment of the last part of the prophecy of Daniel. The Roman Empire remained central to Western European identity in the early middle ages and entered a new phase of its long life thanks to Charlemagne's coronation on Christmas Day 800 by Pope Leo III. The papal dependence on Carolingian military

might created a tight but tense nexus between this western, Catholic, version of the Roman Empire and the papacy. The forged *Donation of Constantine* is a papal attempt to shape this relationship. Twelfth-century scholars and statesmen in the entourage of Emperor Frederick I ('Barbarossa') sculpted an entire scheme of universal history around the Roman Empire, even as canon lawyers loyal to the papacy began to assert the Church's power to 'translate' or transfer the Roman Empire from race to race and dynasty to dynasty. This story was affirmed and contested by theologians and lawyers for the rest of the middle ages. This week's readings exemplify the historicising, theological and legalistic amalgam which resulted from medieval reflection on the concept of Empire.

Texts

St Jerome Commentary on the Book of Daniel, bk 2 vv. 31-40 (trsl to be

provided)

The Donation of Constantine The Crisis of Church and State 1050-1300 (Toronto/London 1960),

21-22

Standard Gloss to Gratian's *Decretum*, D. 96 c. 13 (trsl to be provided)

Otto of Freising The Two Cities: a Chronicle of Universal History to the Year 1146 A.D.

by Otto, Bishop of Freising; trsl. C. C. Mierow (New York 2002), bk V,

prologue.

Innocent III Decretal *Venerabilem* (trsl to be provided)

Thirteenth-century glosses on *Venerabilem* (trsl to be provided)

Excerpts from Fourteenth-century Roman-law Commentaries on the Transfer of Empire -Cinus of

Pistoia, Johannes Faber, Bartolus of Sassoferrato, Baldus de Ubaldis, Paulus

de Castro (trsl to be provided)

Landolfo Colonna On the Translation of Empire (trsl. to be provided)

William of Ockham A Short Discourse on Tyrannical Government (ed. A.S.McGrade, trsl. J.

Kilcullen; Cambridge 1992), chaps4-5

Secondary reading

The Early-Medieval Background

R. Folz The Concept of Empire in Western Europe from the Fifth to the Fourteenth

Century (London 1969)

James Muldoon Empire and Order. The Concept of Empire 800-1800 (Basingstoke, 1999),

ch. 5

B. Tierney The Crisis of Church of State, 16-23

Otto of Freising and the Twelfth-Century Empire

P. Classen 'Res gestae, Universal History, Apocalypse', in R.L. Benson and G.

Constable (eds), Renaissance and Renewal in the Twelfth Century

(Harvard/Oxford 1982), 387-417

H.A. Myers 'Kingship in "The Book of Emperors", *Traditio* 27 (1971), 205-36

Late-Medieval Papal Theory and its Opponents

J.A. Watt 'Spiritual and Temporal Powers', in J.H. Burns (ed.), *The Cambridge History*

of Medieval Political Thought c.350-c.1450 (Cambridge 1988), ch. 14

The Theory of Papal Monarchy in the Thirteenth Century. The contribution

of the canonists (London 1965)

Roman-Law Theory

J.A. Canning The Political Thought of Baldus de Ubaldis (Cambridge 1987), cah. 1

M.J. Ryan 'Political Thought', in D. Johnston (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to*

Roman Law (Cambridge 2014)

3 Spanish empire in America: Ideology, critique and jurisdiction

In 1516 the Habsburg Charles, Duke of Burgundy, succeeded, in however contested a fashion, to the thrones of Aragon and Castile. With his election as Holy Roman Emperor in 1519, Charles V ruled over lands that stretched from east to west of Europe and across the Atlantic to Spanish possessions in America. A circle of Spanish humanists and jurists celebrated their new prince as *Dominus Mundi*, 'lord of all the world', directly reviving Roman imperial ideology and also continuing the medieval tradition. However, this understanding of the position of Charles V did not go unchallenged: theologians and jurists at the University of Salamanca argued the impossibility of anyone being 'lord of all the world', since 'the world' was not a political unit. Rather, if anything, the empire had to be understood for what it in fact was, a union of different kingdoms under one crown. In this week's lecture we look at the theoretical debate before turning to how the contractual understanding of jurisdiction involved in the anti-imperialist arguments was translated to the understanding of Spanish jurisdiction in the New World. Although the topic is centred on the reign of Charles V, by way of a coda we take a brief look forward to the reign of Philip III in the work of Guaman Poma de Ayala.

Texts

Antonio de Guevara Libro aureo del emperador Marco Aurelio con relox de príncipes (1529), tr.

Thomas North, The diall of princes (1557) [EEBO (use 1568 edn.)],

Bk I Chh. 32-34; Bk III Chh. 1-5

Pedro Mexía The imperial historie: Or, the lives of the emperours, from Julius Caesar, the

first founder of the Roman Monarchy (1547), tr.W.T. (London, 1623), Lives of Julius Caesar, Constantine the Great, Charlemagne, Charles V [EEBO]

Miguel de Ulzurrun De regimine mundi ('On the government of the world') [excerpts on

CamTools]

Francisco de Vitoria On the American Indians (1539)in A. Pagden and J. Lawrance eds., Vitoria:

Political writings (Cambridge: CUP 1992)

Domingo de Soto Is any man lord of all the world?', from *On justice and right* (1556)

[CamTools]

Alonso de la Vera Relectio on the text 'Render to Caesar...', tr. E.J. Burrus as Defense of the

Cruz Indians: Their rights, in id. ed., The writings of Alonso de la Vera Cruz, Vol.

II (St. Louis-Rome 1968), Doubt VII (compare Doubt IX on the pope)

Petition of the Tlaxcalans to Philip II (1562), in R. Jovita Baber, 'Law, land and legal rhetoric in

colonial New Spain', in Belmessous ed., Native claims, as below (translation

on CamTools)

Bartolomé de las Casas Doce dudas (1564) ed. J. P. Lassegue, in Obras Completas Vol. 11.2 (Madrid

1992) (excerpts on CamTools)

translated by David Frye (Hackett 2006): Introduction and 'Conclusions'

Secondary reading

Context

D.A. Brading The first America: The Spanish monarchy, Creole patriots and the

liberal state, 1492-1867 (Cambridge 1991)

J.H. Elliott 'The mental world of Hernán Cortes', TRHS 17 (1967)

J.H. Elliott 'A Europe of composite monarchies', *Past and Present*, 137 (1992),

48-71; and reprinted in:

J.H. Elliott Spain, Europe and the Wider World 1500-1800 (New Haven and

London, 2009), Chs 1-2

J.H. Elliott Empires of the Atlantic world. Britain and Spain 1482-1830 (Yale

2006), Ch. 3

Revival of empire

D. Armitage ed. *Theories of empire, 1450-1800* (Ashgate 1998), Chh. 1, 3, 5-7

T.J. Dandelet The renaissance of empire in early modern Europe (Cambridge

2014)

J. R. Jones Antonio de Guevara (Boston 1975)

R. Kagan Clio and the crown: The politics of history in medieval and early

modern Spain (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins 2009)

Anthony Pagden Lords of all the World: Ideologies of Empire in Spain, Britain and

France c. 1500-1800 (New Haven and London, 1995), chs 1-2

D. Perry 'Catholicum opus imperial regiminis mundi. An early sixteenth-

century restatement of empire', HPT 2 (1981) (on Ulzurrun)

J.G.A. Pocock Barbarism and religion, vol. III (Cambridge 2003), Ch. 2 (Pedro

Mexía)

M. Tanner The last descendant of Aeneas. The Habsburgs and the mythic image

of the emperor (New Haven: Yale 1993)

F. Yates Astraea. The imperial theme in the sixteenth century (London 1975),

I. 'Charles V and the idea of empire'

Scholastic critique and alternative vision of the world

A. Brett Liberty, right and nature (Cambridge 1997), Ch. 4

A. Brett 'Scholastic political thought', in A. Brett and J. Tully eds.,

Rethinking the foundations of modern political thought (Cambridge

2006) (second half)

A. Brett Changes of state. Nature and the limits of the city in early modern

natural law (Princeton 2011), Ch. 1, 3 (second half), 8 (all on law of

nations)

D. Lupher Romans in a new world: Classical models in sixteenth-century

Spanish America (Ann Arbor 2003)

A. Pagden The fall of natural man (Cambridge 1982)

Jurisdiction and empire in Spanish America

R. Adorno The polemics of possession in South American narrative

(Yale 2007)

S. Belmessous ed. Native claims. Indigenous law against empire, 1500-1920

(Oxford 2012), Introduction and Chs. 1-3

L. Benton Law and colonial cultures. Legal regimes in world history, 1400-

1900 (Cambridge 2002)

L. Benton and R. Ross eds., Legal pluralism and empires, 1500-1850, Chs. 1 and 5

L. Clayton Bartolomé de las Casas: A biography (Cambridge 2012)

M. Koskenniemi 'Empire and international law: the real Spanish contribution',

University of Toronto Law Journal 61, (2011)

4 Universal Monarchy: the ideal and its critics

Modern historians now understand the political map of early Modern Europe to have been dominated by composite monarchies, not independent nation states. Among these composite states were the Holy Roman Empire, and the Spanish, French and British monarchies. This topic investigates the range of concepts which contemporaries used to understand these monarchies. We shall see that the concept of empire, *imperium*, was not easily adapted for the purpose. Only one European ruler was entitled to call himself Emperor, and while other kingdoms characterised themselves as 'imperial', the concept did not denote a particular form of state. Instead, monarchic ambition was characterised by the terms *dominus mundi* and 'Universal monarchy'. After Charles V, both Phillip II of Spain and Louis XIV of France had moments of opportunity when attainment of 'universal monarchy' seemed possible: texts by Botero, Campanella and Bacon address the conditions under which such great monarchies might enlarge and then secure their territories. Critics of universal monarchy are represented by Sully, Lisola and Andrew Fletcher. As the Habsburgs' publicists emphasised, however, alternative models for peace in Europe, such as Sully's 'Grand Design', could easily be taken for but another form of hegemony.

Texts

Giovanni Botero, The Reason of State (1589), translated by P.J. and D.P. Whaley

(London, 1956): Book I, chs 1 – 8; V chs 1, 7; VIII chs 1 – 8, 13, 14

Tommaso Campanella A discourse touching the Spanish Monarchy (c. 1600-1), trans. E.

Chilmead, (London, 1654, repr. 1660) [UL, EEBO]: Translator to the

Reader; Author's Preface; chs 1 – 10. [pdf on Camtools]

Francis Bacon 'Of the true Greatnesse of Kingdoms and Estates', in *The Works of*

Francis Bacon, ed. J. Spedding, R.L. Ellis and D.N. Heath, (London,

1857-74), Vol VI, pp. 444-52; and other editions

Duc de Sully Grand Design of Henry IV, from the memoirs of Maximilien de

Béthune, Duc de Sully, ed. D.Ogg (London, 1921): Grotius Society

Publications.

Franz von Lisola The buckler of state and justice against the design manifestly

discovered of the universal monarchy (London, 1667) [UL, EEBO]:

Preface, Articles I, VI [pdf on Camtools]

Andrew Fletcher 'A Discourse concerning the affairs of Spain' (1698), in *Andrew*

Fletcher: Political Works, ed. J. Robertson (Cambridge, 1997), 83-117; also contains A Speech upon the state of the nation in April

1701, pp. 118-28.

Secondary reading

Context

J.H. Elliott Spain, Europe and the Wider World 1500-1800 (New Haven and

London, 2009), Chs1-2, 5-11

Brendan Simms Europe. The Struggle for Supremacy 1453 to the Present (London:

Penguin, 2014), Chs 1 - 2

Geoffrey Parker 'David or Goliath? Philip II and his world in the 1580s', in R.L.

Kagan and G. Parker (eds), Spain, Europe and the Atlantic World:

Essays in honour of J.H. Elliott (Cambridge, 1995), 245-66

Frances Yates Astraea. The Imperial Theme in the Sixteenth Century (London

1975), Part III: 'The French Monarchy'

Noel Malcolm Reason of State, Propaganda, and the Thirty Years' War. An

unknown translation by Thomas Hobbes (Oxford, 2007)

Peter Burke The Fabrication of Louis XIV (New Haven and London, 1992)

The debate

Franz Bosbach 'The European debate on universal monarchy', in D. Armitage (ed),

Theories of Empire 1450-1800 (Aldershot, 1998), 81-98

James Muldoon Empire and Order. The Concept of Empire 800-1800 (Basingstoke,

1999), Ch 6 and Conclusion.

Anthony Pagden 'Instruments of empire. Tommaso Campanella and the universal

monarchy of Spain', in his *Spanish Imperialism and the Political Imagination 1513-1830* (New Haven and London, 1990), 37-63

John Headley Tommaso Campanella and the Transformation of the World

(Princeton, 1997), Ch 6

'The demise of universal monarchy as a meaningful political idea', in

F. Bosbach and H. Hiery (eds), *Imperium, Empire, Reich. Ein Konzept politischer Herrschaft in deutsch-britischen Vergleich*,

Prince Albert Studies, 16, (Munich 1999), 41-58

Noel Malcolm 'The Crescent and the City of the Sun: Islam and the Renaissance

Utopia of Tommaso Campanella', Proceedings of the British

Academy, 125 (2004), 41-67

Richard Tuck Philosophy and Government 1572-1651 (Cambridge, 1993), pp 65-

82: Spain and Spanish Italy, 88-94: France

Markku Peltonen 'Politics and science: Francis Bacon and the greatness of states',

Historical Journal, 35 (1992)

Steven Pincus 'The English debate over universal monarchy', in J. Robertson (ed),

A Union for Empire. Political Thought and the Union of 1707

(Cambridge, 1995), 37-62

John Robertson The Case for the Enlightenment. Scotland and Naples 1680-1760

(Cambridge, 2005), esp. pp. 147-51, 161-7 (on Fletcher)

5 Concepts of Union: the example of the Anglo-Scottish Union Debates

The great majority of European states were not only composite, they were also more or less formal unions. Two monarchies which were formally constituted unions were the Polish-Lithuanian

Commonwealth (by the Union of Lublin in1569), and, after a century of debate and conflict following dynastic union under the Stuarts, Great Britain (in 1707). Both of these were 'incorporating' unions. By contrast, the city-states of the northern Netherlands and the Swiss Cantons formed themselves into equal, 'confederal' unions, respectively the United Provinces (or 'States') of the Netherlands, and the Helvetic League. But the most persistent and thorough-going attempt to explore and test the available concepts of union occurred in Britain in the course of the century between James VI of Scotland's accession to the English crown in 1603 and the achievement of incorporating parliamentary union in 1707. The reading for this topic includes selections from the most conceptually sophisticated contributions to the ensuing debate, by James I himself, by Francis Bacon and Henry Savile, and by the Scottish jurist Thomas Craig and the independent republican Andrew Fletcher. A feature of this debate was its comparative perspective: it opens a window onto unions throughout Europe.

Texts

James I 'Speeches', 19 March 1604, 31 March 1607, in *Political Writings*,

ed. J.P. Sommerville (Cambridge, 1994),132-46, 159-78; or in C.H. McIlwain (ed), *The Political Works of James I* (Harvard, 1918, repr.

1965), 269-80, 290-305

Thomas Craig A Treatise on the Union of the British Realms, translation of De

Unione Regnorum Britanniae Tractatus (1605), ed. C.S. Terry (Edinburgh, Scottish History Society, 1909), Chs 5, 6, 11

Francis Bacon A Brief Discourse touching the Happy Union of the Kingdoms of

England and Scotland (1603), in Works of Francis Bacon, X, 89-99

Anon (Scottish) 'A Treatise about the Union of England and Scotland'

Henry Savile 'Historicall Collections'

Both in *The Jacobean Union. Six Tracts of 1604*, ed. B.R. Galloway

and B.P. Levack, Scottish History Society, 4th Series, Vol. 21

(Edinburgh, 1985), pp. 39-74, 185-239

Andrew Fletcher Speeches by a Member of Parliament (1703), Speeches I - XII; An

Account of a Conversation concerning a Right Regulation of Governments for the common Good of Mankind (1703), in Andrew

Fletcher: Political Works, ed. Robertson, 129-57, 175-215

William Seton Scotland's Great Advantages by an Union with England (1706) [pdf

on Camtools]

Secondary

General

Jon Arrieta (ed) Forms of Union: the British and Spanish Monarchies in the

Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, Riev (Basque Studies Society,

2009) Pdfs of the following articles on Camtools:

Arrieta: 'Forms of Union: a comparative analysis'

Robertson: 'The conceptual framework of Anglo-Scottish Union'

Colin Kidd Union and Unionisms. Political Thought in Scotland 1500-2000

(Cambridge, 2008)

J.G.A. Pocock The Discovery of Islands. Essays in British History (Cambridge,

2005), Parts I – II (Chs 1–10)

John Robertson 'Empire and union: two concepts of the early modern European

political order', in Robertson (ed), *A Union for Empire. Political Thought and the Union of 1707* (Cambridge, 1995), 3-36; also in D. Armitage (ed), *Theories of Empire 1450-1800* (Aldershot, 1998), 11-

44

The Polish-Lithuanian Union

H.E. Dembkowski The Union of Lublin. Polish Federalism in the Golden Age (Boulder

and New York, 1982)

Robert Frost 'Union as process: confused sovereignty and the Polish-Lithuanian

Commonwealth 1385-1796', in Mackillop and ÓSiochrú (eds),

Forging the State, 69-92 [PDF on Camtools]

The Union of the Crowns 1603-1608

David Armitage The Ideological Origins of the British Empire (Cambridge, 2000),

chs 1-5

Bruce Galloway The Union of England and Scotland 1603-1608 (Edinburgh, 1986)

Brian Levack The Formation of the British State. England, Scotland and the Union

1603-1608 (Oxford, 1987)

Roger Mason (ed) Scots and Britons. Scottish Political Thought and the Union of 1603

(Cambridge, 1994), esp. Parts I, III, I

<u>Incorporating Union 1707</u>

William Ferguson 'Imperial Crowns. A neglected facet of the background to the Treaty

of Union', Scottish Historical Review53, (1974), 22-44

Clare Jackson 'Union Historiographies', in T. Devine and J. Wormald (eds), *The*

Oxford Handbook of Modern Scottish History (Oxford, 2012)

Clare Jackson 'Conceptions of nationhood in the Anglo-Scottish Union debates of

1707', Scottish Historical Review, 87, Supplement (2008)

John Robertson (ed) A Union for Empire. Political Thought and the Union of 1707

(Cambridge, 1995), Chs. 4, 7, 8, 10

John Robertson 'The Union of 1707: the scope for a comparative perspective', in A.

Mackillop and M. ÓSiochrú (eds), Forging the State. European State Formation and the Anglo-Scottish Union of 1707 (Dundee, 2009),

49-67 [PDF on Camtools]

The politics and economics of the Union

Allan I. Macinnes Union and Empire. The making of the United Kingdom in

1707(Cambridge, 2007)

C. Whatley with D.J. Patrick *The Scots and the Union* (Edinburgh, 2006)

6 Free cities, confederation, feudal dependence

The polities of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Europe were so varied in their separate histories and legal structures that alert observers found it difficult to decide which were properly commonwealths and which were not; this confusion could have political consequences and was open to exploitation. Loose confederation could become statehood; citizenship and subjection inevitably became unstable where the existence of an independent polity itself was in question. Jean Bodin, the greatest theorist of sovereignty of the sixteenth century, famously denied that the Swiss cantons constituted a commonwealth. The boundary between internal and external political relations was similarly blurred: when did an alliance become a protectorate? This had been a legal grey zone for centuries and a particularly fertile one for French policies of aggrandizement. Classical Roman models of equal and unequal federation between *prima facie* independent powers provided one touchstone, the feudal relations of the ruler of one territory with the ruler of another as vassal to lord prompted further questions.

Texts

Jean Bodin Of the lawes and customes of a common-wealth [etc.], trsl. Richard

Knolles (2nd ed., 1606), bk 1, chaps 6-7; available at Early English

Books Online, images 30-41 (pages 46-69)

Alberico Gentili De iure belli libri tres, trsl. J. Rolfe (2 vols, Oxford 1933), vol. 2, bk

II ch. 13; bk III chaps 14-18

Traiano Boccalini I Ragguagli di Parnaso, or Advertisements from Parnassus, in Two

Centuries; with the Politick Touchstone, translated Henry, earl of Monmouth (London, 1657, also 1669, 1674): Advertisement VI: 'All the monarchies of the world affrighted at the over-great power and successfull proceedings of the German Commonwealths' (pp. 138-

146 of the 1674 edition)

The Politick Touchstone: 'The Spanish Monarchy comes to Parnassus, and desires of Apollo to be cured of an issue, but is

dismist by the politick physitians', and

'The Spanish Monarchy goes to the Oracle of Delphos, to know whether she shall ever obtain the Universal Monarchy of the whole world, and receives a negative answer (pp. 256-62 of the 1674

edition)

Secondary reading

Bodin and Gentili

A.S. Brett Changes of State.Nature and the Limits of the City in Early Modern

Natural Law (Princeton 2011), ch. 7

P. Schröder 'Vitoria, Gentili, Bodin: Sovereignty and the Law of Nations', in B.

Kingsbury and B. Straumann (eds), *The Roman Foundations of the Law of Nations. Alberico Gentili and the Justice of Empire* (Oxford

2010), 163-86

B. Straumann 'The *Corpus iuris* as a Source of Law Between Sovereigns in

Alberico Gentili's Thought', in Kingsbury and Straumann, 101-23

R. Tuck *Philosophy and government* (Cambridge 1992)

Boccalini

R. Tuck *Philosophy and government*, pp. 101-3

Feudal Allegiance

W.F. Church Constitutional Thought in Sixteenth-Century France. A Study in the

Evolution of Ideas (Harvard 1941), 179-94

K. Davis Periodization and Sovereignty. How Ideas of Feudalism and

Secularization Govern the Politics of Time (Pennsylvania 2008), ch.

1

D. Kelley 'De origine feudorum: The Beginnings of an Historical Problem',

Speculum vol. 39 no. 2, 1964, 207-28

7 The United Provinces, commercial empire and the high seas as a space of sovereignty

In 1603, the seizure by the Dutch East India Company (VOC) of the Portuguese carrack the *Sta. Catarina* off the coast of Johor (in present-day Malaysia) provoked intense examination of conscience among VOC shareholders. Could the seizure be justified? The young Hugo Grotius was commissioned to write a defence of the actions of the Dutch captain, a task which he chose to fulfil by arguing from first principles of natural law in his *De iure praedae* (*On the law of prize*). Part of that defence was the doctrine of the 'freedom of the seas', published separately as the pamphlet *Mare liberum* (*The free sea*) in 1609. This argument, that no state can claim individual sovereignty or jurisdiction over the high seas, was fiercely opposed by the Portuguese Serafim de Freitas. In this week's readings we examine that debate, looking at the sea as a contested space of sovereignty and at how this space entered into the construction of sovereignty over land and peoples. We also look at other issues of sovereignty raised by the Dutch action, for example the status of the Dutch captain as a private or a public actor, the juridical status of privateering, and other elements of jurisdiction over and on board ships addressed in the lawyer Alberico Gentili's contemporaneous practice at the Courts of Admiralty.

Texts

Hugo Grotius De iure praedae, ed. M. van Ittersum (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund 2006), esp.

Chh. 2, 12, 13

Hugo Grotius The free sea, ed. D. Armitage (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund 2004) (this is

Ch.12 of *De iure praedae*, modified for publication, tr. Richard Hakluyt)

Serafim de Freitas De iusto imperio Lusitanorum Asiatico (1625), short excerpts from Chh. 1-2,

10-11, 13-14, 17 [translations on Camtools]

Alberico Gentili Hispanicae Advocationis Libri II (New York: Oxford University Press 1921),

Vol. II: Translation, Bk I, Ch. 8

Secondary reading

L. Benton A search for sovereignty. Law and geography in European empires, 1450-

1800 (Cambridge 2010), Chh. 1, 3

M. Brito Vieira 'Mare liberum vs. mare clausum: Grotius, Freitas and Selden's debate on

dominion over the seas', JHI 64 (2003)

H. Blom ed. Property, piracy and punishment: Hugo Grotius on war and booty in De iure

praedae (Leiden: Brill 2009) (originally published as Volumes 26 (2005), 27

(2006) and 28 (2007) of Brill's journal *Grotiana*, available online)

P. Borschberg 'The seizure of the Sta. Catarina revisited: The Portuguese empire in Asia,

VOC politics and the origin of the Dutch-Johor alliance', JSEAsianS 33

(2002)

P. Borschberg Hugo Grotius, the Portuguese, and free trade in the East Indies (National

University of Singapore 2011)

P. Borschberg 'From self-defence to an instrument of war: Dutch privateering around the

Malay peninsula', JEMH 17 (2013)

A. Brett Changes of state. Nature and the limits of the city in early modern

natural law (Princeton 2011), Ch. 8

M. van Ittersum Profit and principle. Hugo Grotius, natural rights theories and the rise of

Dutch power in the East Indies (Brill 2006)

I. Porras 'Constructing international law in the East Indian seas: Property, sovereignty,

commerce and war in Hugo Grotius's De iure praedae,' Brooklyn Journal of

International Law 31 (2006), 741-80

R. Tuck Philosophy and government, 1572-1651 (Cambridge 1993), Ch. 5

R. Tuck The rights of war and peace (Oxford 1999), Ch. 3

R. Tuck 'Alliances with infidels in the European imperial expansion', in S. Muthu ed.,

Empire and modern political thought (Cambridge 2012)

The German empire; before and after Westphalia

8

The German Empire looked like a confederation, a monarchy, a mixture of monarchy and aristocracy, or – in the phrase of Samuel von Pufendorf – like a monster. Sovereignty seemed to be everywhere, in that the constituent states of the Empire appeared to possess it in the form usually described in German as *Landeshoheit*, or it seemed to reside solely with the emperor – a ruler widely seen to be incapable of ruling beyond his ancestral lands. The Peace of Westphalia (1648) established, for better or for worse, the legal relationship between these states. For centuries it has been regarded as the charter of inter-state sovereignty in Europe, but more recent scholarship has pointed to the informal, surprisingly un-theorized status of several organizations in Imperial territory even after Westphalia, including the Swiss Confederation.

Texts

Samuel von Pufendorf The Present State of Germany (1696), translated by EdmuncBohun

(published 1690), ed. M.J. Seidler (Indianapolis 2007; available

online at http://oll.libertyfund.org/), chaps 5-7

Of the Law of Nature and Nations in C.L. Carr and M.J. Seidler (ed.

and trsl.), The political writings of Samuel Pufendorf (New

York/Oxford 1994), 261-4

Secondary reading

Historical Background

M. Hughes Early Modern Germany 1477-1806 (Pennsylvania 1992), ch. 6

Constitutional Analysis

J.H. Franklin 'Sovereignty and the Mixed Constitution', in J.H. Burns (ed.), *The*

Cambridge History of Political Thought 1450-1700 (Cambridge 1991), 298-

328

H. Gross Empire and Sovereignty. A History of the Public Law Literature in

the Holy Roman Empire (Chicago 1973)

J.H. Salmon The Legacy of Jean Bodin: Absolutism, Populism, or

Constitutionalism?', History of Political Thought vol. 17, 1996, 506-14

The Peace of Westphalia

D. Croxton 'The Peace of Westphalia of 1648 and the Origins of Sovereignty', *The*

International History Review, vol. 21 no. 3, 1999, 569-92

T. Maissen 'Inventing the Sovereign Republic: Imperial Structures, French Challenges,

Dutch Models and the Early Modern Swiss Confederation', in A. Holenstein, T. Maissen, M. Prak (eds), *The Republican Alternative. The Netherlands and*

Switzerland Compared (Amsterdam 2008), 125-49

A. Osiander The States System of Europe, 1640-1990: Peacemaking and the Conditions

of International Stability (Oxford 1994), ch. 2

'Sovereignty, International Relations, and the Westphalian Myth',

International Organization, vol. 55 no. 2, 2001, 251-87

A. Würgler "The League of the Discordant Members" or How the Old Swiss

Confederation Operated and How it Managed to Survive for so Long', in

Holenstein, Maissen and Prak, 29-50

Pufendorf

Peter Schröder, 'The Constitution of the Holy Roman Empire after 1648: Samuel Pufendorf's

Assessment in his Monzambano', Historical Journal 42 (1999), 961-83.

J. Whaley Germany and the Holy Roman Empire: Volume II: The Peace of

Westphalia to the Dissolution of the Reich 1648-1806 (Oxford 2012), ch. 11

9 Friends and enemies, war and peace: the law of war in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries

War was both the limit and at the heart of inter-state relations in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The capacity to declare and to make war defined a state; for some writers, it defined (along with the capacity to legislate) a public rather than a private actor. And yet the dividing line between public and private was not always so clear, and, for some theorist, private warfare was also a legitimate activity. In this week's readings we look at the law of war as a central mode in which state sovereignty and the international arena were theoretically constructed, looking both at general doctrines of legitimacy and at the more specific casuistry of making war and making peace.

Texts

Francisco de Vitoria On the law of war, in A. Pagden and J. Lawrance eds., Vitoria: Political

writings (Cambridge: CUP 1992)

Balthasar Ayala De iure et officiis bellicis et disciplina militari libri III (Washington:

Carnegie Institute 1912), Vol. II: Translation, Bk I Chh. 2, 5, 6, 9, II Chh. 5-9

Alberico Gentili De iure belli (Oxford: Clarendon 1933), Vol. II: Translation, Bk I chh 1-16;

Bk II chh. 1-2, 14-18; Bk III chh. 1-5, 8-10, 12, 15-19, 22-24

Hugo Grotius De iure belli ac pacis (Oxford: Clarendon 1925), Vol. II: Translation, or ed.

R. Tuck (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund), Bk I Ch. 1, Bk III [selected passages]

Samuel Pufendorf De jure naturae et gentium libri VIII (Oxford: Clarendon 1934), Vol. II:

Translation, Bk VIII, chh. 2, 6-9

Note: Vitoria's *relectio* 'On the law of war is short', but the others are major texts. If you want to handle this topic by homing in on a detailed analysis of one particular text, then you are welcome to do so and the exam question will allow for this, although it will expect you to set your consideration

of the particular author you have chosen within a broader analysis that shows some knowledge of the other texts.

Secondary reading

Abbreviations:

Asbach and Schröder = *War, the state and international law in seventeenth-century Europe* (Aldershot: Ashgate 2010)

Kingsbury and Straumann = B. Kingsbury and B. Straumann eds. *The Roman foundations of the law of nations* (Oxford: OUP 2011)

Background

Asbach and Schröder Part II (on war and state-formation, including taxation)

S. Neff War and the law of nations. A general history (Cambridge 2005)

Theory and law of war

D. Armitage	'Hobbes and the foundations of modern international thought', in A. Brett
D. I Hillinge	Thouses and the roundations of modern international modern , in 71. Diete

and J. Tully eds., Rethinking the foundations of modern political thought

(Cambridge 2006)

L. Foisneau 'Security as a norm in Hobbes's theory of war: A critique of Schmitt's

Interpretation of Hobbes's approach to international relations', in

Asbach and Schröder

N. Malcolm 'Hobbes's theory of international relations', in id., *Aspects of Hobbes* (2002)

'Alberico Gentili and the Ottomans', in Kingsbury and Straumann

D. Panizza 'Alberico Gentili's *De armis romanis*: The Roman model of a just empire', in

Kingsbury and Straumann

P. Piirimae 'Just war in theory and practice: The legitimacy of Swedish intervention in

the 30 years' war', HJ (2002)

'Russia, the Turks and Europe: Legitimations of war and the formation of

European identity in the early modern period', JEMH 11 (2007)

'The Westphalian myth and the idea of external sovereignty', in Q. Skinner and M. Koskenniemi eds., *Sovereignty in fragments* (Cambridge 2010)

'Alberico Gentili's doctrine of defensive war and its impact on 17th-century

normative views', in Kingsbury and Straumann

S. Recchia ed. Just and and unjust military intervention. European thinkers from Vitoria to

Mill (Cambridge 2013), Chh, 2-4

D. Saunders 'Hegemon history: Pufendorf's shifting perspectives on France and French

Power', in Asbach and Schröder

P. Schröder 'Taming the fox and the lion: Some aspects of the 16th century's debate on

inter-state relations', in Asbach and Schröder

'Vitoria, Gentili, Bodin: Sovereignty and the law of nations', in Kingsbury

and Straumann

R. Tuck The rights of war and peace (Oxford 1999), Chh. 1-5

Practice and casuistry of peace

C. Kampmann 'Peace impossible? The Holy Roman Empire and the European state system

in the seventeenth century', in Asbach and Schröder

R. Lesaffer 'Alberico Gentili's ius post bellum and early modern peace treaties', in

Kingsbury and Straumann

R. Lesaffer ed. Peace treaties and international law in European history. From the middle

ages to world war one (Cambridge 2004), Chh. 2, 5, 9-10

A. Alimento ed. War, trade and neutrality. Europe and the Mediterranean in the 17th and 18th

centuries (Milan: FrancoAngeli 2011), chh. by Alimento, Stapelbroek

10 The law of nations and the international order in the eighteenth century

This topic looks at the developed 'state system' of eighteenth-century Europe as articulated in the work of two major theoreticians of the 'law of nations', Christian Wolff and Emer de Vattel. It looks at how that international world was both legitimated in juridical and political theory, but also intellectually constructed through the practices of diplomatic mediation and negotiation as well as of war, treading a fine line between vocabularies of the 'lawful' and non-legal vocabularies of *raison d'état*.

Texts

Christian Wolff The Law of Nations According to the Scientific Method [1749], trans. Joseph

Horace Drake (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1934), Ep. Ded., Preface,

Prolegomena, Chh. 1-2, 6

Emer de Vattel The Law of Nations [1758], trans. Charles G. Fenwick (Washington: Carnegie

Institution, 1916), or ed. B. Kapossy and R. Whatmore (Indianapolis:

Liberty Fund 2008), Preliminaries; Bk I Chh. 1-4, 8, 11, 14, 18, 23; Bk II Chh. 1-

4, 9; Bk III Chh. 1, 3, 6-7, 11-12; Bk IV Ch. 1 (available online)

Secondary reading

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- G. Cavallar 'Vitoria, Grotius, Pufendorf, Wolff and Vattel: Accomplices of European colonialism and exploitation or true cosmopolitans?', *Journal of the History of International law* 10 (2008)
- Ian Hunter 'Kant and Vattel in context: Cosmopolitan philosophy and diplomatic casuistry', History of European Ideas 39 (2012)
- E. Jouannet Emer de Vattel et l'émergence doctrinale du droit international classique (Paris 1998)
- M. Koskenniemi 'International law and raison d'etat' in Kingsbury and Straumann eds., Roman foundations of the law of nations
- M. Koskenniemi "International community" from Dante to Vattel', in Chetail and Haggenmacher
- J.C. Laursen ed. *New essays on the political thought of the Huguenots of the Refuge* (Leiden: Brill 1995), Ch. 2 (for Barbeyrac, Burlamaqui and Vattel)
- R. Lesaffer 'A schoolmaster abolishing homework? Vattel on peacemaking and peace treaties', in Chetail and Haggenmacher
- I. Nakhimovsky 'Vattel's theory of the international order', *History of European Ideas* 33 (2007)
- I. Nakhimovsky 'Carl Schmitt's Vattel and the 'Law of Nations' between Enlightenment and Revolution', *Grotiana* 31 (2010)
- N. Onuf, *The republican legacy in international thought* (Cambridge: CUP 1998), esp. Ch. 3 for Wolff
- J. Pitts 'Intervention and sovereign equality: Legacies of Vattel', in S. Recchia ed., *Just and and unjust military intervention. European thinkers from Vitoria to Mill* (Cambridge 2013)
- W. Rech Enemies of mankind. Vattel's theory of collective security (Leiden: Brill 2012)

11 Universal Monarchy and Commerce in the Eighteenth Century

In the eighteenth-century the debate over universal monarchy was transformed by a new appreciation of the potential of commerce to re-shape relations between states. Optimists, led by Montesquieu, believed that 'doux commerce' had laid the bogey of universal monarchy for good; by contrast, the harder-headed Scots David Hume and Adam Smith feared that commerce was creating new incentives for conflict – and public indebtedness. Even as the threat of universal monarchy was discounted, however, the example of ancient Rome remained pertinent – and disputed: while the historian Gibbon believed that the Roman Empire would never be replicated, Adam Ferguson maintained that military

despotism was the likeliest fate of commercial monarchies which did not uphold civic virtue – a prognosis that the French Revolution would be taken to vindicate.

Texts

Montesquieu Considerations on the Causes of the Greatness of the Romans and their

Decline, trans and ed. D. Lowenthal (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1999) [18C

translations on ECCO]

The Spirit of the Laws, eds. A. Cohler, B. Miller and H. Stone (Cambridge,

1989), Books IX-X, XIX, XX. XXI

David Hume 'Balance of Trade', 'Jealousy of Trade', 'Balance of Power', 'Public Credit',

in Essays Moral, Political and Literary, ed. E.F. Miller (Indianapolis, 1985);

or in Political Essays, ed. K. Haakonssen (Cambridge, 1994)

Adam Smith An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations, eds. T.

Campbell, A. S. Skinner and W. Todd, 2 vols (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1976,

reprinted Indianapolis, 1981): Book III

Adam Ferguson An Essay on the History of Civil Society, ed. F. Oz-Salzberger (Cambridge,

1995), pp. 194-264: Parts V and VI

Edward Gibbon 'General Observations on the Fall of the Roman Empire in the West', in *The*

History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, ed. D. Womersley

(London, 1995), Vol II pp. 508-16

Secondary

General

Istvan Hont Jealousy of Trade. International Competition and the Nation State in

Historical Perspective (Cambridge, Mass., 2005), pp. 1-156: Introduction; and pp. 185-266: 'Free trade and the economic limits to national politics'

Antoine Lilti & Céline Spector (eds) Penser l'Europe au XVIIIe siècle. Commerce, civilisation,

empire (Oxford: Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment, 2014): esp. Spector, 'Civilisation et empire : la dialectique negative de l'Europe au siècle

des Lumières'

Anthony Pagden Lords of all the World: Ideologies of Empire in Spain, Britain and France c.

1500-1800 (New Haven and London, 1995), chs 5-6

Montesquieu

D.W. Carrithers, M.A. Mosher and P.A. Rahe (eds), Montesquieu's Science of Politics:

Essays on the Spirit of the Laws, (Lanham MD, 2001)

P. Cheney Revolutionary Commerce: Globalization and the French Monarchy

(Cambridge MA, 2010), chapter 2, pp. 52-86: 'Montesquieu's Science of

Commerce'.

A. O. Hirschman The Passions and the Interests. Political arguments for capitalism before its

triumph (Princeton, 1977)

S. Mason 'Montesquieu's Vision of Europe and its European Context', *Studies on Voltaire*

and the Eighteenth Century, 341 (1996), 61-87

Paul A. Rahe 'The book that never was: Montesquieu's Considerations on the Romans in

historical context', History of Political Thought, 26 (2005), 43-89

Michael Sonenscher Before the Deluge: Public Debt, Inequality, and the Intellectual

Origins of the French Revolution (Princeton, 2007), chs 2-3

<u>Hume</u>

Istvan jHont Jealousy of Trade, pp. 325-53: 'The Rhapsody of Public Debt: David Hume

and Voluntary Bankruptcy'

J.G.A. Pocock 'Hume and the American Revolution: The Dying Thoughts of a North Briton, in

Pocock, Virtue, Commerce and History: Essays on Political Thought and

History (Cambridge, 1985), 125-141

John Robertson 'Universal monarchy and the liberties of Europe: David Hume's critique of

an English Whig doctrine', in N. Phillipson and Q. Skinner (eds), *Political Discourse in Early Modern Britain*, (Cambridge, 1993), pp. 349-73.

Adam Smith

Istvan Hont Jealousy of Trade (Cambridge, MA., 2005): 354-88: 'Adam Smith and

the Political Economy of the "Unnatural and Retrograde Order"

And 'Adam Smith's History of Law and Government as political theory', in R.

Bourke and R. Geuss (eds), Political Judgement: Essays for John Dunn

(Cambridge, 2009), pp. 131-171.

Ferguson

Iain McDaniel Adam Ferguson in the Scottish Enlightenment: The Roman Past and

Europe's Future (Harvard, MA, 2013)

'Ferguson, Roman History and the Threat of Military Government in Modern Europe', in E. Heath and V. Merolle(eds), *Adam Ferguson: History, Progress*

and Human Nature (London, 2007), pp. 115-130.

<u>Gibbon</u>

John G.A. Pocock Barbarism and Religion III The First Decline and Fall (Cambridge, 2003)

John Robertson 'Gibbon's Roman Empire as a Universal Monarchy. The *Decline and Fall*

and the imperial idea in early modern Europe', in R. McKitterick& R. Quinault (eds), *Gibbon and Empire* (Cambridge, 1996), 247-270

Hugh Trevor-Roper History and the Enlightenment (New Haven and London, 2012), 129-43:

'The idea of the Decline and fall of the Roman Empire'

12 Confederation, federation and perpetual peace in the Eighteenth Century

The new focus on commerce likewise transformed the discussion of the alternatives to imperial monarchy, revitalising the idea of confederation, or federations of states, as the basis for projects of European peace. A fresh starting-point for the discussion was provided by the Abbé de Saint-Pierre's sprawling *Project for perpetual peace*, whose arguments were influentially summarised and criticised by Rousseau. Across the Atlantic, debate over a new constitution for the United States led Hamilton and Madison to undertake a sustained historical critique of confederations, before framing a new and strikingly original conceptual distinction between confederal and federal union. Faced with the French Revolution, however, Kant stopped short of offering a similar federal union as the basis for his celebrated plan for perpetual peace, proposing instead a new version of equal, confederal union. This in turn provoked a series of responses from J.G. Fichte. Fearing the consequences of French domination of Europe, Fichte drew still further back, arguing that Germany should become a 'closed commercial state': only a union based on economic self-sufficiency would secure its states' independence of the new imperialism of France and Britain.

Texts

Rousseau

'Fragments on War', and 'Extract' and 'Judgement' of Saint-Pierre's Project for Perpetual Peace' (1756), in: S. Hoffman and D.P Fidler (eds), *Rousseau on International Relations* (Oxford, 1991), pp. 48-100 [scan on Camtools]

'The state of war' is also in V. Gourevitch (ed), *The Social Contract and other later Political Writings* (Cambridge, 1997), pp. 162-176.

Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay *The Federalist Papers*, ed. I Shapiro, (New Haven and London, 2009) (and other editions), Numbers 1, 9, 14-23

Kant 'Perpetual Peace: a philosophical sketch', in *Kant: Political Writings*, ed. H.

Reiss (Cambridge, 1991), 93-130

J.G. Fichte 'Review of Immanuel Kant, *Perpetual Peace*' (1796), translated D.

Breazeale, The Philosophical Forum, 32, 4 (2001), 311-21

'Outline of the right of nations and cosmopolitan right: Second Appendix to the Doctrine of Natural Right, in F. Neuhouser (ed), *Foundations of Natural*

Right (Cambridge, 2000), pp. 320-334

J.G. Fichte The Closed Commercial State, translated by A. C. Adler (Albany, NY,

2012), pp. 73-88: prefatory material; 135-60: Second Book

Secondary

Saint-Pierre and Rousseau

Nick Childs A Political Academy in Paris, 1724-1731: the Entresol and its members,

SVEC 2000:10 (Oxford: Voltaire Foundation, 2000), Part II: The political

thought of the Entresol

Stella Ghervas 'La paix par le droit, ciment de la civilisation en Europe? La perspective du

siècle des Lumières', in A. Lilti & C. Spector, Penser l'Europe en XVIIIe

siècle (Oxford: Voltaire Foundation, 2014), pp. 47-69

Bela Kapossy Iselin contra Rousseau (Basle, 2006), chapter 3, pp. 173-245

Patrick Riley 'Rousseau as a theorist of national and international federalism', *Publius*, 3

(1973), 5-17

Elizabeth V. Souleyman The Vision of World Peace in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century

France (New York, 1941)

Richard Tuck The Rights of War and Peace: Political Thought and the International

Order from Grotius to Kant (Oxford, 1999), 197-207: The Hobbesianism of

Rousseau.

America

Terence Ball and J. G. A. Pocock, eds. *Conceptual Change and the Constitution* (Lawrence, 1988):

chs by Onuf, Pocock

Eliga H. Gould Among the powers of the earth (Cambridge, Mass., 2012)

H.G. Koenigsberger 'Composite states, representative institutions and the American Revolution',

Historical Research, 62 (1989), 135-153

Alison L. LaCroix The Ideological Origins of American Federalism (Cambridge, MA, 2010)

Peter S. and Nicolas G Onuf Federal Union, Modern World. The law of nations in an age of

revolutions 1776-1814 (Madison, 1993)

Anthony Pagden Lords of all the world: Ideologies of Empire in Spain, Britain and France c.

1500-1800 (New Haven and London, 1995), ch 7

John G.A. Pocock 'Empire, State and Confederation: the War of American Independence as a

Crisis in Multiple Monarchy', in John Robertson, (ed), A Union for Empire:

Political Thought and the Union of 1707 (Cambridge, 1995), 318–48

Kant

J. Bohman and M. Lutz-Bachmann Perpetual Peace: Essays on Kant's Cosmopolitan Ideal

(Cambridge, MA, 1997)

Pauline Kleigeld Kant and Cosmopolitanism (Cambridge, 2011)

SankarMuthu Enlightenment against Empire (Princeton, 2003), Ch. 5: Kant's anti-

imperialism

Richard Tuck The Rights of War and Peace, pp. 207-225: 'The Hobbesianism of

Kant'

<u>Fichte</u>

Isaac Nakhimovsky The Closed Commercial State: Perpetual Peace and Commercial Society

from Rousseau to Fichte (Princeton, 2011)

Also

R. Whatmore Against War & Empire. Geneva, Britain and France in the Eighteenth

Century (New Haven and London, 2012)

13 Beyond the Sovereign's Reach? Companies & Convicts

Imperial 'sovereigns' were never fully sovereign. Rather, in the course of building and maintaining empires metropolitan authorities not only incorporated and recognized the rights of certain pre-existing political bodies, they repeatedly went so far as to constitute and consecrate new bodies that then went on to challenge the center's oversight and control. Two of the most striking eighteenth-century examples were monopoly joint-stock trading companies and penal colonies, each of which posed a distinctive challenge to metropolitan authority and a puzzle concerning the legitimate interaction of legislative and executive powers projected across vast space.

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- Edmund Burke, 'Speech on Fox's India Bill' and 'Speech on Opening of Impeachment', in *Empire and Community: Edmund Burke's Writings and Speeches on International Relations*, ed. David P. Fidler and Jennifer M. Welsh (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1999), 169-234.
- Jeremy Bentham, 'Plea for the Constitution: Shewing The Enormities Committed, to the Oppression of British Subjects, Innocent as Well as Guilty; in Breach of the Magna Charta, the Petition of Right, the Habeus Corpus Act, and the Bill of Rights, as Likewise of the Several Transportation Acts, in and by the Design, Foundation, and Government of the Penal Colony of New South Wales: Including an Inquiry into the Right of the Crown to Legislate Without Parliament in Trinidad, and Other British Colonies', in *The Works of Jeremy Bentham*, vol. 4, ed. John Bowring (Edinburgh, 1843).

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- Emma Rothschild, 'Global Commerce and the Question of Sovereignty in the Eighteenth-Century Provinces', *Modern Intellectual History* 1, no. 1 (2004): 3-25.

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14 Empire and Confederation in Napoleon's Europe

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15 The Constitution of Cádiz and Spanish American Independence

When Napoleon overturned Spain's Bourbon monarchy in 1808 to install his brother on the throne, he unleashed a chain of events that led to the collapse of the Spanish American empire. The liberal 1812 Constitution of Cádiz offered colonies representation in the Spanish Cortes, but the peninsular power proved incapable of stifling rebellions after Ferdinand VII's restoration in 1814, and itself fell to revolution in 1820. This is not a story of fully-formed nations wresting their independence from foreign tyrants, but of the opening of a vacuum of final authority that invited players on the ground in the Americas to fashion new forms of sovereignty wherever and however they could manage. We consider the range of forms, from trans-Atlantic representative assemblies to confederations of independent townships, that were explored before borders finally settled through war, as well as the ways that enlightenment and revolutionary ideals drawn both from French and English examples and from the Spanish Enlightenment were recombined and redeployed for new ends in a changed political context.

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16 Slavery and Independence in Political Thought in the Age of Revolutions

Issues of slavery, citizenship and independence were nowhere more tightly intertwined than in the West Indies; we focus on this region, rather than the more familiar North American case, including the spectacular revolution in Haiti that saw a slave revolt defeat the armies of Napoleon's Empire. It is widely known that arguments over abolition often turned on appeals to economic efficiency, sentiment, or religion, but our interest is in what these debates revealed about the contested nature of imperial citizenship and sovereignty at the turn of the nineteenth century. In Haiti rebels proclaimed fidelity to French revolutionary values as they won their right to found their own Empire separate from Napoleon's. And in the British West Indies planters and metropolitan officials struggled over the question of whether or not the Empire had the right to free its subjects' slaves. In both cases the relationship between 'empire' and 'independence' was complex and itself an object of political struggle.

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