



Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise (1670–2020). Commemorating A Long-Forgotten Masterpiece

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Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise first appeared anonymously in 1670. Notwithstanding this benign neglect during the last three centuries, the TTP finally seems to emerge from the shadow of the Ethics. Recent studies of the TTP have focused on the context of the Dutch Republic. The field of the history of humanities has also led to a growing interest in Spinoza's philological scholarship displayed in the TTP. In a stricter philosophical approach of Spinoza's philosophy, scholars zoomed in on the passionate nature of humans and the first form of knowledge, the imagination, opening the way to reassessing positive religion, and attempts were made to link Ethics and the TTP.

This commemorative Special Issue will offer a style guide of the various recent approaches to the TTP and explore new directions, such as the reception of Spinoza in the modern Middle East and the relevance of Spinoza's political philosophy to understanding the role of religion in contemporary European forms of nationalism and authoritarianism.





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