

Classical Political Philosophy

By *Classical Political Philosophy*, I mean the Greek and Roman political thinkers and experiences. This tradition is the one in which most of the formal ideas and disciplines were initially established. They have a claim to universality and seek to engage all other political experience in the consideration of the bases of human political living and the grounds for it. -- James V. Schall S.J.

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