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Over the last generation the study of the history of political thought, especially that of early modern Europe, has been transforming. Yet, because of habits of mind and institutional barriers, relatively little attention has been paid to the Shakespearean corpus, how it might be a part of such histories and what problems there might be in understanding Shakespeare in new contexts of intellectual history. The enterprise is timely in as much as also over the last generation there has been a distinct historical turn in Shakespeare studies. Our aim is to bring together converging interests across disciplines and institutional structures by exploring the place that Shakespeare can have in the history of early modern political theory. Sponsorship will allow some financial support for post-graduate students working on relevant topics to attend the seminar.

The HRC conference constitutes the first stage in a longer term project; it will comprise a small range of invited speakers whose presentations will be drafts of potential chapters for the first collective volume on *Shakespeare & Political Thought*.

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