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A Note from the Editor

The present issue updates Hobbes studies in two areas with nineteenth-century roots. The first section of the issue is a Research Symposium on Political Economy in which Hobbes's economic ideas are shorn of C. B. Macpherson's Marxist lens. Macpherson's message about the centrality of economic relationships in Hobbes's account of the Leviathan-state is seconded by David Lay Williams. But Williams drops the Marxist basis of Macpherson's interpretation and shows how wealth, poverty, and economic inequality figure importantly in Hobbes's own arguments. Focusing on discussions of property, Laurens van Apeldoorn uncovers an inherent tension between the principle of unlimited sovereign right and the protections for property required by a stable legal system. The analysis points to a general question about the coherence of Hobbes's vision of absolute government combined with a stable legal regime.

In the second section of the issue, we have updates on their progress from the editors of three forthcoming volumes in the Clarendon series—*Elements of Law*, *De Corpore*, and *De Homine*. Johann Sommerville (*Elements of Law*), Stephen Clucas and Timothy Raylor (*De Corpore*), and Elaine Condouris Stroud (*De Homine*) discuss the history of editions of the texts; lay out problems they face as editors, and indicate their solutions. These updates preview the scholarship to be presented in the forthcoming editions.

The fall 2021 issue is well underway. Look for it to include articles with new information about Hobbes's life and influences on his thinking. Articles and reviews on other subjects will be included but, I anticipate, in the main it will be an issue about his biography, personal and intellectual.

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