

# POLITICAL THOUGHT OF NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI( 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 1469- 21 JUNE 1527 )

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- Machiavelli was a father of modern political science
- Born **in Italy** at the city state **of Florence**
- Three books :
- **The Prince (1532)**
- **The Art of War (1521)**
- **The Discourses on Livy (1531)**
- **1<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Prince he describe to the nature of state**
- ❖ **STATE : 1. Republic , 2. Principality/ Monarchy**

- **Human Nature : egoistic, fickle, fond of fighting, selfish etc.**

**Structure of society : 1.**

**Nobility 2. common people**

1. Virtue

2. Fortuna

3. Theory of power

4. Separation from politics to religion and morality

5. Qualities of the Prince.

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