Machiavelli

- Background
  - Italy internally divided and corrupted
    - Two swords
      - Pope
      - Emperor
  - 1469-1527
  - Religion divides & nationalism unites
    - European secularism
    - Political realism
    - Greatest of Patriots
  - Diplomat of Florence to France
    - Experience
- The Prince
  - Advice to any enterprising person who wants to come to power
  - Inspired by Julius Caesar
    - And bourgeoisie
  - Difference
    - Plato
      - Philosophy of governance
        - Soul craft
    - Machiavelli
      - Art of governance
        - State craft
- Advices
  - On nature of politics
    - As field of profession
    - It is not a profession of goodness
    - World of Ideas vs reality
      - National interest is reality
    - Politics
      - Autonomous
        - Not linked with religion or ethics
        - Own standard of morality
    - Sabine's criticism
      - Narrowly dated and narrowly located
      - Pessimistic, based on prevailing situation
      - But Kautilya centuries back
  - On Human Nature
    - Man is by nature selfish, ungrateful, deceitful, coward, fickle minded and avaricious.
    - Self regarding and self interested
      - Not a sin
    - By observation, from history, by analysing psychologically
    - Constant
      - Universal Egoism
        - Doesn't trust each other
          - Importance to own interest
    - Better to be feared than be loved
      - Fear
        - Will of king
          - Fear of loss of things
            - Prince only can provide security
        - Hobbes - Fear is the basis of authority
      - Love
        - Will of people
    - Importance to property
      - Nature of greed
      - Emerging bourgeoisie class
      - To execute rather than confiscate
    - Prince should have
      - Fox
        - Intelligence
          - Appeal self interest of others
            - Manipulation
              - Remain depend on Prince
      - Lion
        - Force/defence
          - Unless absolute necessary
      - Power
        - Attraction
          - If not
            - Coercion
        - Cold blooded logic
          - Completely destroying
            - Not in a position to take revenge
- End justifies Means
  - Separation of ethics and politics
  - In politics
  - Dual morality
    - Ordinary man sacrifice for his principles
    - Prince doesn't have to
  - Gandhi
    - Hind Swaraj
      - Rose flower and babool seed
  - But context
    - National interest
      - Nothing is superior than NI
    - When there is a dilemma
- Religion
  - Utilitarian approach
    - Useful as disciplinary force
  - If god didn't exist, it would be necessary to invent him
    - Voltaire
- Other Advices
  - Act in magnificent manner
    - Pump and show
      - Showman
  - Trust common man than nobles and feudal
    - Bcs ambitions
  - Army only of nationals
  - Expansionist
    - Land and material for welfare
    - Same culture
      - Direct rule
    - Different culture
      - Through lieutenants
  - Punishment through subordinate
- Role of fortune
  - Bad luck
    - Even if Prince has all qualities
    - Need prior arrangement
    - Courage make fortune in his favour
- Book - The Discourses
  - The discourses
    - Republicanism for virtuous and civic society
  - The Prince
    - Authoritarian for corrupted society
  - Whenever necessary monarchy, whenever possible republic
    - but in no situation oligarchy or aristocracy
- Realism
  - Dunning
    - Machiavelli is unfortunate as he was criticised for telling the truth
  - Legacy
    - Realistic tradition in IP
      - Hans Morgenthau
    - USA foreign policy
    - Behavioural school
    - Mao
    - Real Politik
- As a child of renaissance
  - Reformation
    - Secularism
  - Renaissance
    - Nationalism, enlightenment, materialism, industrial revolution
  - First modern/transitional thinker
    - Medieval
      - Empires, confederation
        - Religion
          - Feudalism/ House of Lords
    - Modern
      - National state
        - Science
          - Capitalism
            - House of Commons
- Idealism in Machiavelli
  - Prince to forget self interest for national interest

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