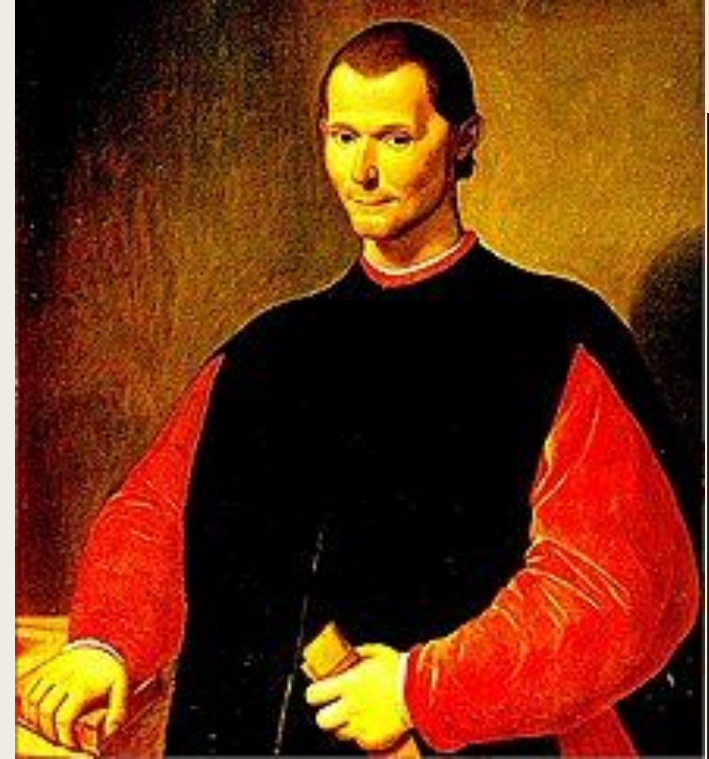


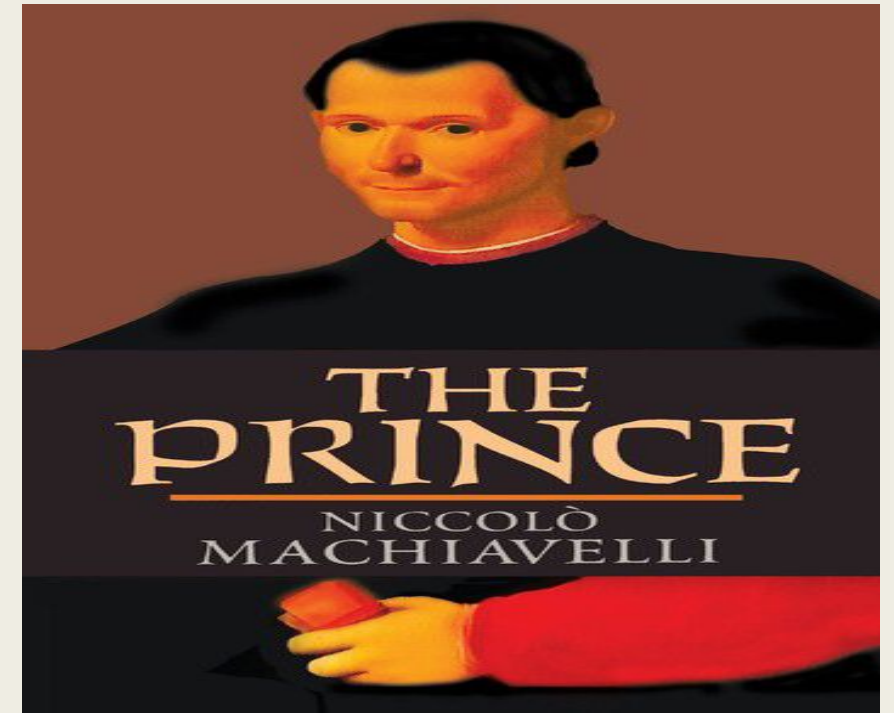
CLASSICAL REALISM: NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI



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Biography

- Full name: Niccolo di Bernardo dei Machiavelli
- Years of life; 3 May 1469 Florence – 21 June 1527 Florence
- Position: Senior official in the Florentine Republic
- Most notable work: The Prince (published in 1532)
- Era: Renaissance philosophy



Main political ideas



- 1. Foundational stones of policy conduct: power and deception;
- 2. The idea of virtue of the prince / the ruler;
- 3. The world is both dangerous and opportune place. For a ruler to benefit in it, he's supposed to always be aware of the dangers and take the necessary precautions;
- 4. Moral ethics are put aside;
- 5. It is better for a prince to be feared than to be loved;
- 6. The conduct of foreign policy is thus an instrumental activity based on the intelligent calculation of one's power and interests as against the power and interests of rivals and competitors;