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## Bentham

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## Michael Quinn: Bentham

Jeremy Bentham was among the most influential figures of the early nineteenth century, and the approach he pioneered – utilitarianism – remains central to the modern world. Michael Quinn examines how Bentham adopted utility as the critical standard for the development and evaluation of government and public policy, and explains how he sought to apply this principle to a range of areas, from penal law to democratic reform, before concluding with an assessment of his contemporary relevance. He argues that Bentham simultaneously sought both to facilitate the implementation of governmental will and to expose misrule by rendering all exercises of public power transparent to the public on whose behalf it was exercised.

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