

# The State Is Wrong

*Why there is no good argument in the philosophical tradition for state authority*

A Lecture by Crispin Sartwell

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Crispin Sartwell will be talking about the immorality of government power and a vision of a freer future. *Against the State* examines all the famous arguments for the state in the Western tradition, including those of Plato, Hobbes, Locke, Hume, Hegel, Habermas, and Rawls, and concludes that they are not only unconvincing but embarrassing: shockingly fallacious. At Wooden Shoe, Crispin will discuss these arguments, and then talk about a characteristically American anti-authoritarianism based on American abolitionism, feminism, and the works of Emerson and Thoreau.