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## Interpreting *The Prince*:

A Debate Commemorating the 500th  
Anniversary of Machiavelli's Classic Text

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**Harvey C. Mansfield** is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Government at Harvard University. He was Chairman of the Government Department from 1973-1977, has held Guggenheim and NEH Fellowships, and has been a Fellow at the National Humanities Center. He won the Joseph R. Levenson award for his teaching at Harvard, received the Sidney Hook Memorial award from the National Association of Scholars, and in 2004 accepted a National Humanities Medal from the President. In 2007, he delivered the National Endowment for the Humanities' Jefferson Lecture. Mansfield examines both contemporary politics and their historical origins. His fourteen books delve into the words of past thinkers such as Edmund Burke and Machiavelli, where he finds answers to puzzles such as why we believe today that political parties are respectable or desirable. He has published fourteen books, including *Machiavelli's Virtue* (University of Chicago Press, 1998), *Machiavelli's New Modes and Orders: A Study of the Discourse on Livy* (University of Chicago Press, 2001), three translations of Machiavelli, and a translation of Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, which he co-translated with his late wife Delba Winthrop. Articles and political analysis by Mansfield frequently appear in periodicals such as the *Weekly Standard*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New Republic*, the *National Review*, and the *Times Literary Supplement*. Mansfield's numerous awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship and a National Humanities Medal. He has served as a member of the Council of the American Political Science Association and the National Council on the Humanities, as a fellow of the National Humanities Center, and as president of the New England Historical Association. He received his A.B. and Ph.D. from Harvard University.

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