

## **Philosophy Group report for June 2022 by Wallace Anderson**

We started this month's meeting with a discussion of the first Chapter of David Millers book-A Very Short introduction to Political Philosophy

Miller states that Political Philosophy is concerned with the nature, causes and effects of good and bad government. His starting point is an assumption, which most would accept, that good and bad government profoundly affects the quality of human lives. The second idea is that the form of government is not predetermined. We have a choice. Some philosophers (e.g. Karl Mark) dispute this. The third idea (assuming we have a choice) is that we can trace the effects of different forms of government and learn what qualities go to make up the best form of government.

As we move on we will try and identify some of the fundamentals and examine what philosophers have said about these issues over the years and whether there are any values which transcend time.

Next month (26<sup>th</sup> July) we will look at Democracy and after that (23<sup>rd</sup> August, 27<sup>th</sup> September) Freedom and the Limits of Government.

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10am currently at Enterprise House. Please contact Ruth Sansom 01325 401850 for details. All welcome. We are not experts!