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The authors of the papers present their approaches in three groups. The first entitled "Political thought" concerns issues of an individual and their world in Thomas Hobbes' approach, issues connected with troublesome human nature in the context of political power in David Hume's approach and the role of utopia in political thinking. The part entitled "Political systems" consists of papers presenting theoretical aspects of local development, issues connected with nomenclature as institutionalised political elite of Polish Peoples' Republic and issued concerning partnership of women and men in political life.

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The final part of the collection consists of selected literary volumes' reviews.