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Michael Oakeshott and the Idea of Totalitarianism

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Biography

On the 1st October 2014 Professor Andrew Gamble joined the University of Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute and the Department of Politics as Professorial Fellow.

Professor Gamble worked at the University of Sheffield from 1973 to 2007, variously as Professor of Politics and Head of the Department of Politics, Director of the Political Economy Research Centre (PERC) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor. He then moved to the University of Cambridge where he was Professor of Politics and Head of the new Department of Politics and International Studies. He is a joint editor of *New Political Economy* and *The Political Quarterly*, and a Fellow of the British Academy and the Academy of Social Sciences. He was awarded a Major Research Fellowship from the Leverhulme Trust in 2004, and in 2005 received the Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize for Lifetime Contribution to Political Studies from the UK Political Studies Association.

His research has had three main strands. The first is the application of a political economy approach to the study of British politics in four linked books: *The Conservative Nation* (1974), *Britain in Decline: Economic Policy, Political Strategy, and the British State* (1981), *The Free Economy and the Strong State: The Politics of Thatcherism* (1988) and *Between Europe and America: The Future of British Politics* (2003). These books, together with associated papers in journals and edited collections, have attempted to understand the shifting agendas, issues, outcomes and debates in British politics through an analysis of the political economy of the British state, exploring the historical, institutionalist, and ideological contexts which have shaped it. A second strand, in political theory and political ideology, which has run parallel to this work, has analysed the main doctrines of political economy and their relationship to the ideologies of the modern era. He published a preliminary version of this in *An Introduction to Modern Social and Political Thought* (1981), and has developed it further in *Hayek: The Iron Cage of Liberty* (1996), as well as in papers on neo-liberalism, neo-conservatism and socialism. A third strand has explored a number of theoretical and applied issues in political economy - including ownership, stakeholding, corporate governance, and assets and human capital.

Key publications

Crisis without End?: The Unravelling of Western Prosperity (2014).

'Hayek and liberty', *Critical Review: A Journal of Politics and Society* Volume 25, Issue 3-4, Special Issue: Symposium on F.A. Hayek (2013).

'Oakeshott's ideological politics', in E.Podoksik (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Oakeshott* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), 153-176.

The Spectre at the Feast: capitalist crisis and the politics of recession (London: Palgrave 2009).

Between Europe and America: The Future of British Politics (London: Palgrave, 2005).

Politics and Fate (Cambridge: Polity, 2000).

Hayek: The Iron Cage of Liberty (Cambridge: Polity, 1996).