

Republicanism and Egalitarianism: A Historical Perspective

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The paper:

This paper has two main goals. First, it highlights that early-modern republicanism was an egalitarian tradition; i.e., that their commitment to freedom as nondomination led republican thinkers to argue for social equality. Harringtonian republicans in particular were explicit about this commitment, even though their arguments for egalitarianism have been strangely neglected or misrepresented in the existing historiography of republicanism. Second, the paper shows why Harringtonian egalitarianism should be of interest to contemporary political philosophers, in particular to neorepublicans and to relational egalitarians.