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'Jean Bodin, oeconomics and politics'

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The Paper:

Jean Bodin's thought has been mainly analysed as an answer to protestant consitutionalism. This paper argues that Bodin's work can also be seen in the context of humanist Aristotelianism and especially its discourse on 'oeconomics'. This discussion on the relationship of the domestic with the civic has implications on our understanding of the idea of politics and its language in sixteenth century France, and shows that politics has not always been constructed in opposition to the private sphere.