

the "constructive scepticism" of Mersenne and Gas-sendi, but also in the ancient atomism and philosophy of Grosseteste.

- [66] PACCHI, Arrigo, 'Ruggero Bacone e Roberto Grossatesta in un inedito hobbesiano del 1634', *Rivista critica di storia della filosofia* (1965), 499–503.

Brief presentation and transcription of H.'s manuscript classified 'E1' in the archive of Chatsworth. In Pacchi's opinion, this manuscript constitutes an important document towards confirming the well-known thesis of A. C. Crombie (*Robert Grosseteste and the Origins of Experimental Science 1100–1700*, Oxford, 1962) about the bonds of continuity existing on one side between Roger Bacon and Robert Grosseteste and on the other between H. and the other seventeenth century founders of modern science (p. 500).

- [67] PASINI, Dino, *Il problema della sovranità in Hobbes*. In his: *Riflessioni in tema di sovranità* (Giuffrè, Milano, 1965), pp. 61–79.

The author points out that, unlike Bodin, H. does not

recognise any legal or ethical limits to the authority of the State (pp. 68–69), and moreover that, attributing exclusive power to the sovereign in determining and distinguishing just from unjust, he denies dignity and liberty to man (p. 77).

- [68] TONELLI, Giorgio, review of L. Strauss, *The Political Philosophy of Hobbes. Its Basis and its Genesis*. Translated from the German manuscript by Elsa M. Sinclair (Phoenix Books, Chicago, 1936); *Filosofia* (1965), 697.

Tonelli praises Strauss's acute historical analysis and affirms that his book represents the sole scientifically reliable attempt to establish the historical significance of H.'s political thought.

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