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Political Theory, Political Science and Public Policy: an Interdisciplinary Approach. A Conversation with Robert Goodin

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Abstract: In this interview, Robert Goodin discusses some of the main issues he has tackled in his work, with a particular focus on the relation between political theory and political science, and the challenges and benefits of an interdisciplinary approach for political philosophers.

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Robert Goodin is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and of Social and Political Theory in the Research School of Social Sciences of the Australian National University in Canberra. He obtained a D.Phil in Politics at Oxford in 1975, and taught Government at the University of Essex. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy. His co-authored book *Discretionary Time* won the 2009 Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research, awarded by the International Social Science Council.

Goodin is founding Editor of *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, having previously served as Co-editor of the *British Journal of Political Science*, and as an Associate Editor of *Ethics*. He was General Editor of the eleven-volume series of *Oxford Handbooks of Political Science* for Oxford University Press.

Goodin's work focuses on political theory and political science. His books in print include: *Political Theory & Public Policy* (University of Chicago Press, 1982); *Protecting the Vulnerable* (University of Chicago Press, 1985); *Reasons for Welfare* (Princeton University Press, 1988); *No Smoking: Ethical Issues* (University of Chicago Press, 1989); *Motivating Political Morality* (Blackwell, 1992); *Green Political Theory*

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