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## **A Political Philosophy of Conservatism: Prudence, Moderation and Tradition** Ferenc Hörcher

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This is a rigorous survey of the concept of prudence, and an analysis of its relationship to practical wisdom and political conservatism. Starting with Aristotelian principles, Hörcher traces prudence from the Roman and Christian traditions to early modern thought. He takes us from Cicero, Augustine, Aquinas, and the Florentine humanists to Gadamer, Ricoeur, and Geuss. Hörcher is in the best tradition of Hungarian thought — as represented by Molnar, Kekes, and Kolnai — and this is an important contribution to current thinking about European conservatism.

