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## Leviathans Ratsel: Lucas-Preis 2013 (Hardback)

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Mohr Siebeck, Germany, 2014. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 180 x 114 mm. Language: German . Brand New Book. English summary: The essence of Western politics lies in the distinction between mere life, meaning the natural existence of man, and his legal and political existence. Since in order to define itself, legal and political life must produce natural life and exclude it as an exception of itself. As part of his acceptance speech at the award ceremony for the Leopold Lucas Award in 2013, Giorgio Agamben illustrates this key thesis of his political philosophy in a passionate interpretation of the emblematic cover image of the first edition of Thomas Hobbes Leviathan, perhaps the most significant philosophical work on the origins and principles of the state. In this context it is also revealed that Hobbes foresees an eschatological resolution of the contradictions which are unavoidable in the establishment of political rule. German description: Das Wesen der abendlandischen Politik besteht in der Trennung zwischen dem nackten Leben, das heisst dem natuerlichen Dasein des Menschen, und seiner rechtlich-politischen Existenz. Denn um sich zu konstituieren, muss das rechtlich-politische Leben das nackte Leben produzieren und als Ausnahme von sich selbst ausschliessen. Diese zentrale These seiner politischen...



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