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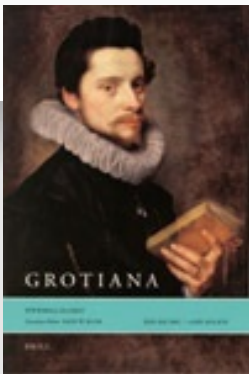
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An important aspect of any constitutional theory is the state's power to punish transgressions of the law, or the *ius puniendi*. Grotius, who formulated a complete, comprehensive constitutional theory, traces of such a theory can be found in many of his works on constitutional law. Punishment even plays an important role in his books on war (and peace), since to punish transgressions is among the just causes of war.

Given the fact that a state may punish transgressions of the law – transgressions by individuals within and even by the state itself – Grotius argues that the power to punish is a necessary part of the state's authority.

transgressions of the law by other states – the question may arise concerning the origin of such a right to punish. I not give the same answer to this question in his various works. As the right to punish is concerned, we find a theory of one of John Locke in the *De iure praedae* (around 1605), one akin to the theories of the Spanish late-scholastics in (around 1615), and a theory coming close to what Thomas Hobbes had said on the ruler's right to punish in the *De*

Of course, Grotius can only have been familiar with the theory of the Spanish late-scholastics, since those of Locke were written by the time Grotius had passed away.



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