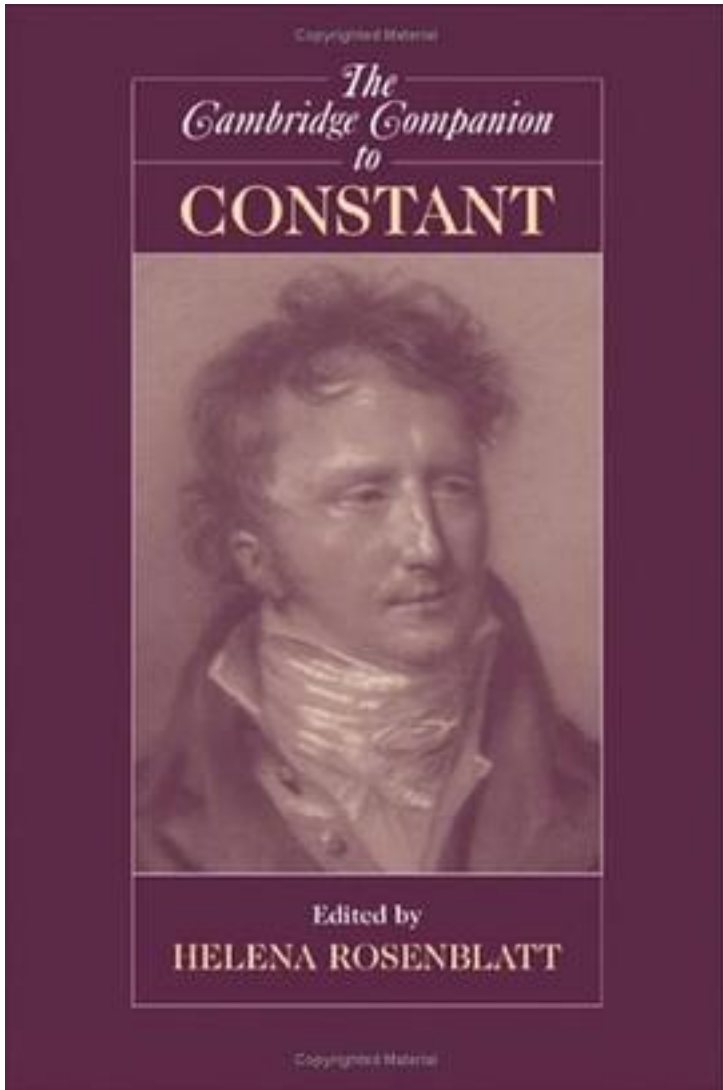


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Benjamin Constant is widely regarded as a founding father of modern liberalism. The Cambridge Companion to Constant presents a collection of interpretive essays on the major aspects of his life and work by a panel of international scholars, offering a necessary overview for anyone who wants to better understand this important thinker. Separate sections are devoted to Constant as a political theorist and actor, his work as a social analyst and literary critic, and his accomplishments as a historian of religion. Themes covered range from Constant's views on modern liberty, progress, terror, and individualism, to his ideas on slavery and empire, literature, women, and the nature and importance of religion. The Cambridge Companion to Constant is a convenient and accessible guide to Constant and the most up-to-date scholarship on him.

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由罗森布拉特教授主持编写的这部《剑桥贡斯当指南》涵盖了政治思想，社会思想，宗教理论与文学艺术理论的方方面面。除了读者熟知的贡斯当关于古代人的自由与现代人的自由之区分，宪政主义以及征服精神的批判之外，这本书还提供了很多有趣的观点，如贡斯当对告密政治的反感。最令我印象深刻的是三篇关于贡斯当宗教理论的论文，尤其是第二篇。贡斯当已经研究出在希腊世界的某些哲学家，如苏格拉底和柏拉图已经把宗教从天上带到人间，使宗教变成了一种反对以荷马为代表的诗人的伦理性宗教。作者认识到贡斯当的思想中存在着将人视为某种中间性的存在，这样就呼应了沃格林的很多理论。另外，贡斯当在美国的接受史是一个有趣的现象。不同于法国读者，很多美国读者充分发掘了贡斯当思想中的对人灵魂的完善的强调。甚至用贡斯当来解释美国的宪法与自由传统。

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