

The Establishment of the English School: The Life and Works of Martin Wight

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This article focuses on the “godfather” of the English school of international relations, Martin Wight (1913–1972), as the last one of my trilogy. His name is associated in the academic field of international relations with “the three Rs,” which means the three traditions in the history of international thought: Realism, Rationalism, and Revolutionism. In his most famous and important work *International Theory* (1991), these unique ideas are fully developed by his erudition. In spite of his current fame, M. Wight was an unprolific scholar. Interestingly, many significant books have been published posthumously due to his pupils and his wife. To understand his particular thought, it is essential that we clarify his public life for a start. Therefore, this article describes his whole life relating to his works and workplaces. In conclusion, it is considered that his background of a deep knowledge of history and experience of many different institutions exerted strong influence on his ideas. His paradigm now definitely holds an important position in the theory of international relations.