

PREFACE

When my father passed away on March 7, 1926, this work was found in almost complete condition. The manuscript had been written and completed three times. On the author's death a fourth writing was found to be broken off on p. 248 (at the mark †).

A part of the investigations and conclusions contained in the book was laid before the public in a series of lectures on "Modern Theories of the State and Social Life", which were delivered in the University of Copenhagen in the spring of 1924.

The "Carlsberg Fond" has readily contributed its valuable aid towards the publication of the Danish edition, and Professor Victor Kuhr, of the University of Copenhagen, has assisted in the publication by giving valuable advice and also by the reading of proofs. The arrangement and publication of the Danish edition has otherwise been undertaken by the undersigned.

The "Rask-Ørsted Foundation" (the international scientific fund of Denmark) has made the necessary pecuniary grant for the translation of the book into English and the publication, for which my mother begs me to tender her best thanks.

The translation of the book into English has been undertaken by Miss Anne Friis, M.A., for which I thank her kindly.

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