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I have included material in my profile. Here it is:

In 2016 I completed a PhD examining the influence of Jeremy Bentham and his followers on the development of Australian institutions and constitutions between 1830 and 1860.

I am interested in the influence of Epicurean ideas on the development of the West.

We are shifting into an age where Epicurean happiness has more relevance than systems in which virtue is primary. It can easily be demonstrated that happiness has been a key theme in political development at least since the 1700s - one need only look at the American Declaration of Independence and Jefferson's interest in Epicurean philosophy. Later, the British colonies of Canada, New Zealand, and Australia were heavily influenced by Bentham and his followers, with their ideas of political formation being grounded in the happiness principle.

Of course, a second stream of Epicurean influence is on the development of science, with Epicurus's atomic theory and his preference for evidence of the senses.