



Politics as a Vocation (Paperback)

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Macat International Limited, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. German sociologist Max Weber's 1919 lecture *Politics as a Vocation* is widely regarded as a masterpiece of political theory and sociology. Its central strength lies in Weber's deployment of masterful interpretative skills to power his discussion of modern politics.

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