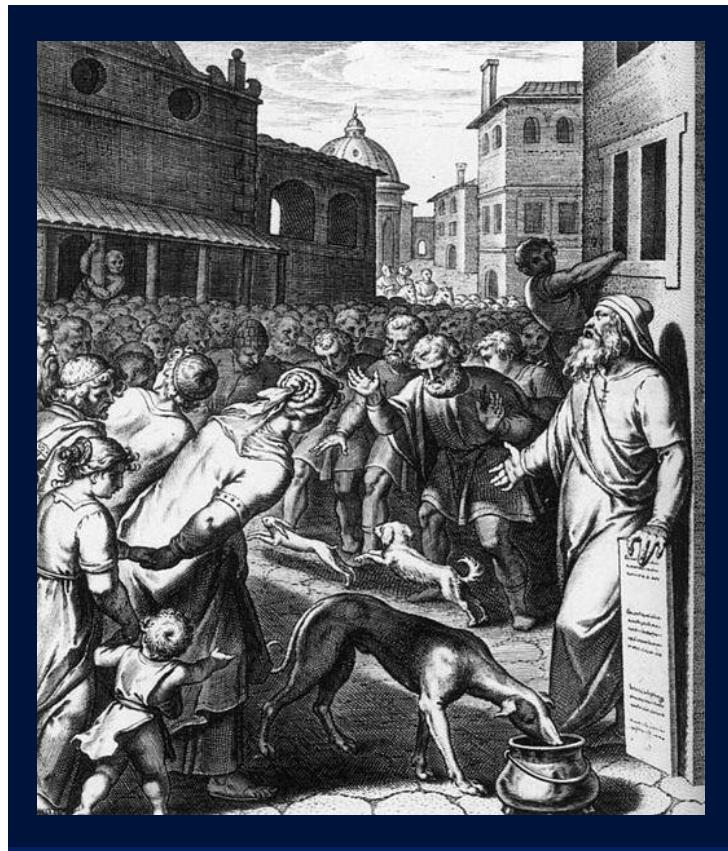


## **Senhoria do(s) Comum(s) e Aristocracia para todos**

**A proposta de um Serviço Nacional da Educação para o Reino Unido,  
na obra de Melissa Benn**

(Recensão a *Life Lessons*, Verso Books, London/New York, 2018)



**Otto van Veen, *Licymenus demonstrans scilicet ratione et industria, quoniam non solum homines sed etiam canes et cetera animalia, ad litteras et scientias apti sunt***  
(Gravura, 1607)

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## ***Lordship of the Common[er)s] and ‘aristocracy for all’<sup>1</sup>***

***The Proposal of a National Education Service for the UK,  
in the work of Melissa Benn<sup>2</sup>***

(Extended Review of Melissa Benn, *Life Lessons: The Case for a National Education Service*,  
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## ***Seigneurie (du) commun [/des communs] et aristocratie pour tous***

***La proposition d'un service éducatif national pour le Royaume-Uni,  
dans le travail de Melissa Benn.***

(Recension approfondi de Melissa Benn, *Life Lessons: The Case for a National Education Service*,  
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<sup>1</sup> The expression reproduces one notable *definition of socialism* once offered in conversation by the portuguese poet SOPHIA DE MELLO BREYNER ANDRESEN, according to her fellow poet MANUEL ALEGRE. Curiously enough, Juan J. Moreso has recently used the expression *aristocracy for all* in a very interesting study about Roberto Gargarella’s *egalitarian constitutionalism*. He draws his inspiration directly from Rawls, quoting a sentence I have also detected in Rawls’ *Lectures (on the History of Moral Philosophy)*, but whose meaning is not exactly or entirely the same («*The capacity for a good will defines the aristocracy of all*») – cf. J. J. MORESO, “Una aristocracia para todos: Gargarella o el constitucionalismo de la igualdad”, in *Revista Lationamericana de Filosofia Politica*, Vol. VI Nº 2 (2017), pp. 1-31.

<sup>2</sup> An opportunity to remember and rend tribute to (Sir) ANTHONY BENN (the father of the reviewed author), famous Labour Minister, MP, activist, and writer (mainly as a diarista) who fought to renounce his inherited title (of Viscount Stansgatein) in order to remain in the House of Commons.



Henry Jules Jean Geoffroy, *Une leçon de dessin à l'école primaire* (1895)

- *Signoria (del) comune (/dei comuni) e aristocrazia per tutti. La proposta di un servizio educativo nazionale per il Regno Unito, nel lavoro di Melissa Benn* (Recensione estesa Melissa Benn, *Life Lessons: The Case for a National Education Service*, Verso Books, Londres et New York, 2018)
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- *Władza powszechna i arystokracja dla wszystkich. Propozycja krajowej usługi edukacyjnej dla Wielkiej Brytanii, w twórczości Melissy Benn* (Rozszerzony przegląd Melissa Benn, *Life Lessons: The Case for a National Education Service*, Verso Books, Londres et New York, 2018).