

# Review of: "Carl Friedrich and the Cancellation of Pareto"

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Excellent article, original, well written and well argued. The argumentative structure is well constructed, and interestingly involves several theoretical levels: the reconstruction of Pareto's reception through Carl Friedrich on the background of the social and intellectual dynamics of Harvard University, a critique of this reception, and an attempt at apologetics and reappraisal of his thought.

Minimal formal changes are recommended:

In the incipit of the article, avoid the repetition of influential, influence, influence in the first sentence.

p. 5, line 13: not rather Ideologiekritik?

p. 6, line 21: space and comma between Friedrich and Tradition

The article is admissible in this form. I would however recommend adding a paragraph detailing more specifically Pareto's take on Machiavelli's theories and possibly a paragraph discussing the limits and possible criticism (also in view of the historical development after the First World War) of Friedrich's theory of the bureaucratisation of the state as a guarantee for the preservation of democracy.