

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

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I'm not able to give a very credible opinion, as far as I'm not knowledgeable enough on those topics. Maybe it might be useful to specify the context of the discussion of Pareto's theory at Harvard, and why at that time it was discussed so much. Parsons for example refers to Pareto. In other words: how Pareto's reception in US reflects at that time major controversies on the nature of power in modern democracies. Hence the reader could better understand why Friedrich's thought (the kantian one, defending common man) is typical of a kind of some intellectual trend, and how it is located in the field of social sciences. Especially since at the same time there are authors widely criticizing bureaucracies and their harmful effects (Merton, Gouldner...).

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