

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

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I enjoyed this very readable and informative paper. I thought it made a very valuable contribution to locating Pareto's thinking on elites within the broader debates around democracy that were occurring at the time he was writing. It also unpicked and very helpfully clarified the ambiguous relationship between, firstly, the practical existence of elites and the functioning of democracy; and secondly, elite theories and democratic theories (distinctions between theory and practice that are often muddled in the field). Despite having read a lot in this field, I also was not very aware of the writing of Friedrich on elites, and thought the author gave a very useful exposition and account of this work.