

**«THE LAW OF THERMIDOR»: TRADITIONS AND INNOVATIONS**

This article is devoted to the study of political-philosophical importance of the phenomenon of Thermidor. Thermidor is considered one of the concepts of modern political lexicon, which covers additional semantic layers and ideological aspects. Emerged as a concept in the course of the French revolution of the late 18th century, the term beyond its concrete historical content acquired a pronounced additional meanings, which is regularly updated in the modern political realities. The analysis is carried out by reference to the historical context of the formation and evolution of the concept of «Thermidor», and also to the maintenance of permanent arising in the historiographical circles scientific debate on the subject, which demonstrates both the complexity and multidimensionality of this concept, but also latent prospects of its possible implementation.

The author considers modern vision of the essence of Thermidor not as historical incarnation of reaction and counter-revolution, but as a significant attempts pragmatic search for ways to end the revolution able to become instrumental useful from the point of view of modern political strategies. However, the conclusion is that this concept is updated and filled specific meaning depending on what forces and interests in any introduce it to its political lexicon, thereby demonstrating the vulnerability and substantial fragility of all historical analogies.

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