

Aristotle's legacy and the modern political ideas

Bogdan Bogdanov: With Aristotle we have first political anthropology, second - practical anthropology, which is close to the political practice, and third – something which is as if missing in the modern political thinking, but is present in the mood of the one who makes political ratiocination – the idea of ideal constitution. The great difference between Aristotle and the modern political scientist is that nowadays the political scientist has in his head the idea of ideal constitution and most often considers it “the democracy” and calls it “democracy”, but the ideal is taken for understood in its main points and it is not being considered. And Aristotle has got a more developed idea of the ideal constitution – he is at least trying to develop it and therefore questions it: the ideal is being debated. We have got a lucky case of two comparable areas that we can only gain from: both from the Aristotle's view of politics and from the modern directions in the political thinking.