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On the factors of social and historical development

From a standpoint of social philosophy and philosophy of history it is given an analysis of main factors of social-historical development, especially of the sources (causes) and driving forces. The emphasis is made on the concepts of "social needs", "hero and crowd", "power and property", "class-conflict approach", "creative elite". The contradictory character of social and historical development is emphasized. Dialectical categories "general", "special" and "single" are correlated with the concepts of "masses", "elite" and "great personality".

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