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## **HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT OF POSSIBILITY AND REALITY CONCEPTS IN LEGAL PHILOSOPHY**

Problems of the categories of possibility and reality were analyzed by G. Hegel, K. Marx, F. Engels, I. Illyin, D.A. Kerimov and others in their works.

G. Hegel while determining the subject of legal philosophy – idea of law, its definition and implementation – involves the question of correlation between possibility and reality.

According to Hegel, everything that is real is intelligent and everything that is unintelligent is unreal, unauthentic and random. Nevertheless, the philosopher distinguished reality and simple existence that includes those random and unintelligent phenomena. Taking into consideration this statement, it has to be noted that existing system of law must be viewed from the point of view of its cognition and implementation.

F. Engels also noted one of the correlation aspects of possibility and reality concepts. When talking about the role of variability and diversity of correlating elements in the developing system, special attention was paid to importance of abili-

ty to distinguish real possibilities and abstract ones not only for particular events but also for the whole condition of the system including the condition of stable balance, harmony, and unity.

I. Illyin has also proposed an interesting aspect of correlation between these categories. He related the category of possibility to such notions as legal rights and legal authority.

D.A. Kerimov gave definitions of legal possibility and reality, considered correlation between possibility and reality in legal field, and pointed out the need of presence of certain conditions that would facilitate transformation of possibility into reality.

To our mind, all above conceptions have analyzed objective content of legal norms and objective view on the implementation process. However, another perspective of the process of legal possibilities implementation exists. It is related to the nature of intersubjective relations. Investigation of this issue is an outlook for further considerations in this field.