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## UKRAINIAN REVOLUTION 1917-1921 IN HISTORICAL AND LEGAL STUDIES: TERM, ESSENCE OF THE PHENOMENON, CHRONOLOGICAL LIMITS

The article deals with a comparative analysis of scientific achievements of Soviet, foreign and Ukrainian lawyers concerning the interpretation of the term «Ukrainian Revolution 1917-1921», nature of the event, its chronological limits. It is claimed, that in addition to the term «Ukrainian Revolution», researchers also used terms «liberation movement», «national liberation movement», «state-building» for the characterization of state and law-making processes during the revolutionary period 1917-1921, but most researchers consider these terms to be not correct. It is noted that M.Shapoval and F.Kolomyichenko used term «Ukrainian Revolution» for the first time in July 1917 and it became popular among scholars of diaspora. The term «Ukrainian Revolution» was also used by Soviet researchers in 1920s. Russian historians and legal scholars (V.Buldakov, I.Mykhaylov and other) don't wish to «accept» the term «Ukrainian Revolution», considering that it had no specific features and developed entirely in the mainstream with Russian revolution. Skeptical attitude to this term has some modern historians such as O.Mykhailiuk

and historian of law O.Myronenko. According to latter, severe political mistakes of the Central Council, rushing from socialist orientation to monarchism with the help of German bayonets during Hetmanat of P.Skoropadskyi, further clumsy actions of Directory, political fluctuations of the «authorized dictatorship» in West Ukrainian People's Republic make it hard to argue about Ukrainian revolution 1917-1920 as a separate socio-political phenomenon. That's why there is no reason in theoretical sense to talk about the phenomenon of «Ukrainian revolution». The majority of modern historians of law, including A.Zakharchuk, I.Zarits'ka, H.Hrabovs'ka, A.Ivanova, O.Kopylenko, Yu.Shemshuchenko actively use the term «Ukrainian Revolution» in their publications, because they consider that there was difference in the content of social processes in Ukraine and Russia. To their mind Ukrainian movement had two principles – national liberation and social liberation. Author emphasized that today the term «Ukrainian Revolution» can be regarded as established, and is widely used both by scientists and politicians.