

According to the researcher T. Leshkevich, in creating the image of **the philosophy of science** one should distinguish between the two meanings of this term:

1) as a direction of the philosophy presented by a variety of concepts that offer one or another model of the development of the science which originated in the second half of the XIX-th century;

2) as a discipline that emerged during the second half of the XX-th century in response to the need to understand the socio-cultural function of science in the scientific and technological revolution. Its subjects are the general patterns and trends of the scientific cognition as a special activity for the production of the scientific knowledge taken in its historical development and considered in the changing social and cultural context