

## La politique du hérisson

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*Abstract:* The study analyzes, from the perspective of its political component, the award-winning novel *L'élégance du hérisson*, written by the contemporary French author Muriel Barbery, and eventually shows the unexpected implications of the mythical thinking that acts from within the stratum of depth of this ironical and at the same time melodramatic narrative.

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