

Pluralismo, democrazia limitata e democrazia costituzionale

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Abstract: My short remarks on the book *Viaggi in Italia* will focus on two main issues (or, rectius, net of issues): (i) the notion of *limited democracy* and namely the view and the role of fundamental rights within Engelhardt's proposal about limited democracy; (ii) the theoretical premises and the consequences of the notion of *difference* that lies at the basis of Engelhardt's view of moral pluralism. Which is the relationship between Engelhardt's notion of limited democracy and the model of constitutional democracy? Which differences deserve attention within a limited democracy? Is the notion of difference that is embraced by Engelhardt suitable to guarantee – as it is supposed to do – the coexistence among “moral strangers” within a political community? Would not limited democracy imply some kind of public reason? Is it to be understood as a *modus vivendi*? These are the main questions which are here addressed.

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