

Quale ritorno della verità nella discussione pubblica?

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The Return of the Concept of Truth in the Public Debate

Abstract: The article discusses Antonella Besussi's *Disputandum est* (2012). Besussi builds an argument in order to defend the idea that contemporary secularism, in which she includes Rawlsian liberalism, needs to rethink its agnosticism towards comprehensive doctrines which claim that they have access to the truth of the matter. Such doctrines, in her view, are actually dealing with what concerns justice in the public debate. Donatelli elaborates various disagreements with the book, among which there is the question of what should count as the appropriate description of reality which enters the political debate. There are various descriptive styles: Besussi seems at times insensitive to the problem and at times inclines towards the idea that a religious view incorporates the appropriate descriptive attitude to reality.

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