

L'uomo e le sue norme.

Per un'antropologia delle regole costitutive

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Man and his Norms. Towards an Anthropology of Constitutive Rules

Abstract: On again reading Gaetano Carcaterra's book *Le norme costitutive*, published in 2014, forty years after its first provisional edition in 1974, the author proposes a new key to the reading of the book. The new key focuses on the anthropology, on the image of man, presupposed by Carcaterra's theory of normativity. A twofold image of man emerges: (i) man as a "nomic animal", i.e. an animal with the capacity to act in light of rules, and (ii) man as a "symbolic animal", i.e. an animal with the capacity to make something symbolize (or mean) something beyond itself.

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