Parties, Public Reasons, Common Good. An Ideal Account of Political Participation

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Abstract: In this comment to Bonotti's book I focus on few issues I consider extremely relevant. In Bonotti's view, political parties play an indisputable role in accommodating diversities, even the deep ones, e.g. religious and cultural claims. Bonotti's view is strongly 'normative' since political participation through parties – thanks to their presumed mediation role – seems accessible only to reasonable people, that is, to those citizens who are actually concerned about common good.

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