

# Neutralità degli effetti e della giustificazione tra teoria e pratica

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*Neutrality of Effect and Neutrality of Justification in Theory and Practice*

**Abstract:** In this paper I analyze Corrado Del Bò's most recent contribution to the debate about neutrality (*La neutralità necessaria*, ETS, 2014). In particular I focus on two issues: first, Del Bò's claim that neutrality of effect is the genuine meaning of neutrality and, second, his analysis of the relation between neutrality and *laïcité* in Italy. Del Bò argues that neutrality of effect is prior to neutrality of justification because the former can make sense of the fundamental idea that neutrality means state forbearance from intervening in a certain issue. However, neutrality of justification may come into play when neutrality of effect cannot appropriately tackle certain minority claims. With respect to the second issue, Del Bò argues that unlike the standard interpretation of the Italian Constitutional Court *laïcité* can be understood as a form of neutrality applied to religion.

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