

Andrea Porciello e la filosofia dell'ambiente tra scienza e metaetica

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Abstract: Andrea Porciello's proposal represents a rare endeavor to confront Environmental Ethics with metaethical questions. In this essay, the adequacy of his ontology of nature and of his metaethical conception are scrutinised. Despite his premise of a scientifically informed understanding of nature grounded on post-Darwinian sciences, contemporary ecological insights reveal shortcomings in his idealized portrayal of nature as perfectly balanced and teleologically oriented towards the welfare of the system. Moreover, Porciello claims to have overcome moral objectivism through a fusion of subjectivism and moral objectivism. His embrace of Robert Elliot's "sophisticated subjectivism" is analysed and questioned, revealing a departure from any form of subjectivism.

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