

# **La dimensione simbolica del diritto**

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## **Alcune riflessioni sul rapporto necessario fra simbolo e diritto**

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*Some Reflections on the Necessary Relationship between Symbol and Law*

*Abstract:* This essay deals with the multiple dimensions of the symbol in the juridical realm. The symbol is not only a tool that can be used for rhetorical purposes because of its capacity to grasp a universal concept within a representation, but it refers to a broad semantic field made of forms of expression and interpretive dimensions. It is understood as a function (and not just as a tool) and it depicts a relationship between law and language. Both the “absence” and the “surplus” characterizing the symbolic are necessary for the adaptation of legal terms to changing contexts.

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