

# Simboli e immagini nella letteratura italiana contemporanea sul lavoro

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*Abstract*

*Symbols and Images in Contemporary Italian Literature on Work*

*The paper analyses Italian representations of working environments during the past two decades to identify recurring symbols and metaphors and to observe the potential establishment of a collective imagination on this topic. As comprehensive a range of literary genres as possible was included to achieve an extended mapping. The paper explores three main environments: that of land animals, that of aquatic life, and that of the game field, which includes all the meanings of the Latin term ludus and its decline into gamification.*

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