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**L'interprétation de la réalité dans le débat public.
Un exemple: la question nationale et le débat sur
la laïcité au Québec**

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An example: the national question and the debate on
secularism in Quebec**

Abstract: In addition to expressing a position, interventions in public debates are presented as interpretations of reality. The analysis of this factual dimension is conducted by taking the example of the disagreement between two philosophers, Michel Seymour and Jocelyn Maclure, about a link between the national question and the debate on secularism in Quebec. After exposure of their views, are highlighted the factual aspects they involve. They are then characterized as part of an interpretation of social reality.

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