

SIGNE ET MONDE: QU'EST-CE QU'IL Y A AU-DELÀ
DU SIGNE LOGIQUE?
– UN DÉBAT EN DEUX FACETTES: RUSSELL ET CARNAP –

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Abstract. Sign and World: What Is There Beneath the Sign? – Two Hypostases of the Same Debate: Russell and Carnap. Our mind does not operate with objects, but with signs of objects, and this even when those objects are just products of our imagination. The most complex constructions of our mind get into a concrete form in a combination of signs: modern mathematics and Carnap's "new logic" are good examples of that. And yet, the quest of new knowledge makes us go back to the origin: what is there beneath the sign? From the long-term effort to find an answer to this question a research domain has come into existence: *semantics*. We try to analyze the issue, keeping our approach limited to the *logical sign*, and to two important names of the logic of the 20th century: Bertrand Russell and Rudolf Carnap. An applied analysis of the foundational texts of these two, an investigation of the critical confrontations their ideas had with the most recent and up-to-date concepts of the domain, a few remarks on the essential articulations of the thoughts of the two authors, as well as their influence on the development of the contemporary language philosophy, are the substance of our attempt below.