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# About and Beyond Racial Segregation in European Cities

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**Abstract:** Based on and expanding from my decade-long ethnographic and historical work on segregated urban areas variously stigmatized as "Gypsy areas" across Europe, in this talk I offer some ethnographic and theoretical insights to reflect on the social sciences' public and critical roles in the early 2020s. I aim to establish a conversation between debates on English-language "global" knowledge production, a number of ethnographic observations from my fieldworks, and streams of established critical thought. One of the main lines connecting these three poles concerns the role of nuance in assembling social sciences' analyses and especially syntheses, and the need to keep alive discussions about what nuance may be and what it may be for.

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