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The Case for Epistemic Reparation in Genocide Recognition

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Genocide entails what Lynne Tirrell (2013) calls serious recognition harms that undermine an agent's sense of having a legitimate claim to moral status. In this talk, I focus particularly on the epistemic recognition harms involved in genocide and argue that survivors and descendants are entitled to epistemic repair in its aftermath. This calls for epistemically substantive genocide recognition: recognition of the genocidal epistemology and the ignorances thereby generated, based on which perpetration was enabled, justified and even prescribed. Such genocide recognition re-asserts survivors and descendants epistemic status. It provides them with epistemic recognition that has been systematically withdrawn from them, making epistemic reparation a crucial element of restorative justice. In light of this, I argue that the right to know functions as epistemic corrective against the pernicious ignorances that persist in the aftermath of genocide.



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