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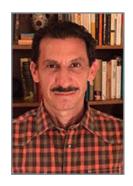
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## Protest, Silencing, and Epistemic Activism

Mi., 27. 10. 2021, 18.00 Uhr s.t., eLecture - online https://webconference.uibk.ac.at/b/joh-ycc-1sf

Focusing on Black Lives Matter, this talk will analyze the expressive power of street protests, the different ways in which such protests are silenced, and ways of resisting silencing through what I call epistemic activism. Elucidating the proper or improper uptake that publics give to street protests, the talk will discuss the kind of solidarity that publics owe to social justice movements so as to disrupt their complicity with injustice. The talk will also discuss the communicative obligations that institutions and the general public have to listen to protest movements and to become accountable to them.

**José Medina** is Walter Dill Scott Professor of Philosophy at Northwestern University. His work focuses on ignorance, insensitivity, epistemic and communicative injustice, epistemic oppression and epistemic resistance. His primary fields of expertise are critical race theory, communication theory, applied philosophy of language, social epistemology, and political philosophy. His books include The Epistemology of



Resistance: Gender and Racial Oppression, Epistemic Injustice, and Resistant Imaginations (Oxford University Press; recipient of the 2013 North-American Society for Social Philosophy Book Award), and Speaking from Elsewhere (SUNY Press, 2006). He is finishing a new monograph in social epistemology and the philosophy of social movements entitled The Epistemology of Protest, which examines the communicative structure and dynamics of public protest and the obstacles that protesting publics face to be heard and to receive proper uptake.