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Praise for Social Sciences: A Dying Fire

'The social sciences are caught in an internecine web of internal debates, making the enterprise largely irrelevant to the vast majority of human life. This fact is brilliantly captured in *A Dying Fire*, in which Professor Kléber Ghimire insightfully describes the causes and consequences of the social sciences' collective navelgazing. Yet he does so not as a radical, eclectic project, but as an attempt to generate critical thinking essential to ensure continued relevance of these fields of study. De-centering Europe and North America is a vital step toward re-centering the value of the social sciences.'

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