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"GROUNDING NORMATIVE THEORIZING IN CONCRETE JUSTICE-SEEKING STRUGGLES"

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A growing number of philosophers and political theorists who seek not only to accurately describe, but to help *transform*, structural injustices center their research on justice-seeking social movements. My talk takes a closer look at one such approach to doing politically engaged, practical philosophy: that of grounded normative theorizing [GNT]. GNT theorists center their research on the knowledge and claims of people engaged in struggles for social justice, sometimes working in collaboration and solidarity with activist groups. I discuss how GNT-type research is especially important if normative theory is to become more relevant to efforts to reduce injustices that are widely ignored and normalized. Addressing the example of the exploitation of migrant workers in Canada, I ask how our understanding of structural exploitation — what it is, and what can remedy it — shifts in important ways when we put the perspectives and knowledge of migrant workers front and center.

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