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*Getting Rid of the West:
Critical Social Sciences in a Post-Colonial
and Post-Socialist Age*



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In the last quarter of a century, the critique of Eurocentric social sciences, a tradition largely invented in the United States, has become central. The current conversation is quite made of it. Paradoxically, this attitude seems to be more developed in the United States than elsewhere: the dialog between the Polish sociologist Piotr Sztompka, who defends universal value-free sociology and Michael Burawoy, who claims to be the voice of the voiceless non-Western social scientists, is a case in point. If the accumulated knowledge is not science but merely the ideology of the male, white, dominants, what should we do with it? How to acknowledge the emancipatory dimension of social critique without “taking a guilt trip” as Randall Collins puts it and without throwing universalism out with the bath water?

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