From the Echo Chamber to a Place of Rage: Research as Resistance

How do we study religion in a multicultural and multifaith society? How can we best perform our academic role as critic and conscience of society beyond the academy?

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