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The Epistemic Injustice of Genocide Denialism

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This book rethinks the relationship between dignity, truth and memory in relation to genocide denial by adopting the framework of epistemic injustice. This framework performs two functions. First, it introduces normative vocabulary into genocide scholarship through which we can gain a better understanding of the normative impacts of genocide denial when it is institutionalized and systematic. Second, it enriches current scholarship on epistemic injustice with a further, underexplored case study. By focusing on the case of Turkey's denialism of the Armenian genocide, the book shows the consequences of this kind of epistemic injustice for the victim group and society as a whole.

"The wrong of genocidal violence extends for generations after the attacks have stopped, particularly when the harm is compounded by deniers and state-sponsored denialism. Drawing on the experience of generations of Armenians, Altanian reflects on what it is to remember, to bear witness, and to know, showing how denial attacks survivors' and descendants' moral value, their social existence, and their epistemological standing as those who know." **Anne O'Byrne, Stony Brook University, USA**

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