



Materialized Covert Biases

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There is now an extensive philosophical literature on implicit biases and their underlying ideologies. Still, there is something missing, which we call "materialized covert biases." There is something paradoxical about materialized covert biases. They are not merely psychological or social, but instantiated in the concrete world. But because they are entrenched in material reality, they can be even more difficult to notice and combat than implicit biases. Indeed, we believe that materialized covert biases play a fundamental role in driving and sustaining problematic psychological biases and associated social ideologies.

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