

# Between Activism and Academia Research Justice in Unequal Cities

Public Lecture and Panel Discussion

Tuesday, 11 October 2022, 17.30, ETH Zurich Main Building, HG E 7

Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zürich, followed by an Apéro

Echo Park Lake, Los Angeles, August 7, 2022.  
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Talk

Ananya Roy, UCLA  
with

Christian Schmid, ETH Zurich  
Joanna Kusiak, Univ. of Cambridge

Introduction

Hanna Hilbrandt, Univ. of Zurich

Moderation

Lindsay Howe, Univ. of Liechtenstein  
David Kaufmann, ETH Zurich

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Powerful universities in unequal cities have a long history of extractive modes of research. They are also often agents of gentrification. In this talk, Ananya Roy lays out a politics of refusal and further, develops the concept of research justice, which includes principles of accountability and reciprocity. Subsequently, Christian Schmid will discuss his experiences and lessons that can be learned from the 1980s movements in Zurich. Joanna Kusiak will critically reflect on the tensions of combining her activist and academic work with and about Deutsche Wohnen & Co. enteignen.