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**>Theory of mind< at work:
cognition, cooperation and conflict in urban
Morocco**

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In this talk, I will, first, introduce my PhD project and elaborate on the theoretical and methodological background. Second, I will take the opportunity to discuss thematic and methodological issues I am grappling with at the moment. In my PhD project I explore questions of basic human sociality. My research is based on ethnographic fieldwork with an NGO-team in Rabat, Morocco. The focus of attention is on the practice of cooperation on the team, looking at communication, conflict and cognition (“theory of mind”) against the background of the current cultural and political environment.

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