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## When We Help Outsiders: A Bigger Picture, and Some Subtle Mechanisms

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This talk addresses the ways in which people can be motivated to help others, especially others that we may be least likely to help, such as members of out-groups. It consists of three parts. In the first part I address the brighter side by discussing social mindfulness, a new concept that focuses on seeing *and* acting upon opportunities to enact low-cost cooperative behaviour. I report on the origins of the concept of social mindfulness, along with a program of research that focuses on the role of social class. Are people behaving more mindfully toward others from lower or higher social classes? I will discuss predictions derived from the perspectives focusing on status, similarity, and fairness. In the second part, I discuss differences between countries in terms of social mindfulness and punishment of free-riders in social dilemmas. These lines of research highlight the importance of cross-societal differences in trust and prosocial orientation. I will also discuss some intriguing differences between the