Profile

A Recognized Expert on Experts

Sociologist Gil Eyal probes what it means to be an expert in this day and age

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Gil Eyal, a native Israeli, has been busy moving from coast to coast, but what if we offered him an extended stay on a desert island for a change? What books and music would he like to have with him? Whom would he like to have as his conversational companion? What would he miss most and least about civilization?

For the Record

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In Print & On Air

Los Angeles Times report on a study led by David J. Rothman, president of Columbia's Institute on Medicine as a Profession, for ethical reform in medicine: "A group of leading physicians, including prominent doctors who don't accept drug samples, junkets or even ballpoint pens from pharmaceutical companies..." The recommendations mark the first major effort from within the medical profession to broadly limit financial entanglements between doctors and companies...

Jagdish Bhagwati, University of California, economics, debating the implications of Asia's new economic reality: "I expect he will continue to develop his interdisciplinary activities on campuses and, in the process, tighten our integration with the rest of Columbia.

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