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I am presenting two papers:

(1) Sponsoring Division: 5
Session Type: Symposium
Session Title: Ethical and Political Dimensions of Research Methodologies
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I will make the argument that epistemological and methodological problems are questions about “doing justice” to the subjectmatter (person, topic, problem, etc.) and that different answers depend on one’s concept of justice. I am not suggesting that “normal” scientists always think about how they do justice to a subjectmatter because they are socialized into taken-for-granted assumptions and habituated practices. I suggest that we need to debate what constitutes “doing justice” in psychological methodology, which is an ethico-epistemological reflection.

(2) Sponsoring Division: 24
Session Type: Symposium
Session Title: On the Shoulders of Activist Scholars---Building Healthy Environments for Immigrants and Refugees
Your Role: Participant/1stAuthor
Presentation Title: Caring for Generalizability: Subhumans and Humans in the Migration Debate
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I suggest that current debates about immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers around the world is explicitly or implicitly engendered by a concept of the subhuman, a term that was used in early 20th century American race and eugenic theory, as well as in fascist Germany to describe and justify the mistreatment of minorities or perceived enemies and outsiders. The implicit schema of the subhuman enables majority populations to see migrants as criminals, rapists, insects, parasites, animals who are infesting the orderly body of the nation. Subhuman “theory” works with emotions rather than with intellectual analyses, more with visualizations than intellectual concepts, and with manufactured common sense. I suggest that psychologists can take a leadership role in advancing a concept of the human that moves beyond the subhuman as well as posthuman reflections.

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