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Published by the University of Chicago Press in 2011, *Social Knowledge in the Making* is the conjoined effort of Charles Camic, Neil Gross, and Michèle Lamont, three leading sociologists of knowledge and ideas, to start collecting the raw materials for a redefinition – in fact, a first theoretical *mise en forme* – of the practical turn in the study of knowledge making in the humanities and the social sciences. Such a project clearly may benefit from the most recent advances in science and technology studies and can take advantage of a host of theoretically diverse and creative empirical analyses. *Social Knowledge in the Making* was the object of a debate at the first *Sociologica*-STS Italia joint symposium held in Bologna on February 6, 2014. On that occasion, the discussants underlined the necessity of combining different paradigms in the respect of diverse research traditions and the need of integrating existing streams of empirical research and theory-building. With the aim of furthering the discussion, *Sociologica* invited three colleagues – Kristofer Kropp, Kelly Moore, and Joannes Angermuller – to broaden and differentiate our points of observation and give us a hint of what future research in the sociology of humanistic and social knowledge might look like.

As the editor of this small discussion, I would like to thank all our colleagues and the editors of *Social Knowledge in the Making* for furthering our knowledge on a relevant and seminal chapter of the sociology of ideas.

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