# Five thoughts on bottom-up/ crowd-sourced research

# Thought 1: Spivak sets a question that is impossible to answer satisfactorily.

Who speaks for the subaltern?

Questions raises issues of power, voice, and speaking on behalf of others

# Thought 2: Who are we kidding that we can be ‘scientific’ about this?

# Thought 3: How can we accurately reflect the complexity conflict-affected societies?

Thought 4: Walking the tight-rope between getting the job done, and getting the job done sensitively is time-consuming, expensive, full of logistical problems … but worth it.

# Thought 5: We desperately need humility. Is there room for it?