The lockdown of Wuhan in 2020 was the first of its kind in the COVID-19 global pandemic. Keenly aware of the unprecedented nature of this event, many residents in Wuhan took it upon themselves to document its history by recording their personal experiences and sharing them on social media. These acts of citizenship inspired the writing of *The Wuhan Lockdown*, a book that recounts the extraordinary stories of ordinary people in the first moments of the COVID pandemic. In this conversation, two sociologists discuss the themes of the book and its narrative strategies and explore the meanings of the history and memories of a global crisis that would define the age.


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