In this presentation, I will discuss the main results of my doctoral research. My exploration of sociality and cooperation in a work setting in Rabat, Morocco, revealed the importance of overt social reasoning for a group of NGO co-workers in the field of education. This stress on social reasoning was found to be linked to the group’s work ethic of action research but also rooted in the way social relations in urban Morocco were lived, which valued the cognitive activity of ‘reasoning’. What was striking were the group’s joint efforts at making sense of their social environment but also of engaging in various kinds of anticipating, planning and strategizing vis-à-vis other people. I argue that this preoccupation with reading and anticipating the thoughts, feelings and behaviours of other people represents a distinct ‘mindreader sociality’ which stands in stark contrast to the ‘opacity doctrine’ found in many Pacific societies where such behaviour is tabooed.

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