

The Reflective Self

A Panel Discussion on Egological and Non-Egological Approaches to Consciousness

Welcome!

The Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy (CSCP) is a joint project of the Graduate Student Group on Comparative Philosophy (GSAC) and the University Seminar on Comparative Philosophy.

Schedule of Events (Saturday - March 1, 2008)

1:00-1:10.....(Introduction) Mark Siderits
1:10-1:30.....Evan Thompson
1:30-1:50.....Georges Dreyfus
1:50-2:10.....John Dunne
2:10-2:30.....Dan Zahavi
2:30-3:00.....Break
3:00-6:00.....Group Discussion / Question and Answer

Event Description

Does all conscious experience involve some kind of self-awareness? Is consciousness fundamentally “egological” (being constituted by an ego, or sense of “I”)? Is it possible to reconcile a view of consciousness that takes the first-personal dimension seriously with a non-egological position?

A recent trend in Analytical philosophy of mind is to argue that consciousness essentially involves intransitive self-consciousness, in addition to transitive (object-directed) consciousness. In Continental phenomenology, this thesis derives from Brentano and is central to Husserl’s thought. Though this issue has prompted some discussion between these two traditions, very little attention has been paid to philosophical discourse in the Indo-Tibetan tradition in which issues of selfhood are of greatest concern.

The time has come for dialogue and debate.

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