

**PHI 202**  
**Philosophy of Mind**  
**Autumn 2011-12**



## Lecturer

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## Office Hours

My office hours are Wednesday 11-1. You do not have to be having a problem to come to talk to me. Please feel free to just stop by to chat about the course or try out an idea you are having.

## Lecture Details

Tuesday 11-11.50 in HI-LT6

Thursday 10-10.50 in HI-LTC

## Seminar Details

- Tuesday 1- 1.50 in JB SR 177 or
- Tuesday 4-4.50 JB SR 117 or
- Thursday 12-12.30 JB SR 117

## Assessment & Coursework Details

Assessment will be based on two coursework essays (25% each), and a pre-released final exam (50%). Each essay should be between 1500 and 2000 words in length (excluding bibliography but including notes). The final exam will be 2 hours long, and you will be asked to answer 2 questions chosen from a set of questions. The pre-released exam paper will be available to you on completion of the course evaluation towards the end of the semester.

## Coursework Deadlines

Mid-Term Essay due to be submitted by **4.00pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

End-of-Term Essay due to be submitted by **4.00 pm on Wednesday 14th December 2011**

Submitting of coursework is by 'hard copy' to the departmental office, with a coversheet attached, and an electronic copy via the relevant module page on MOLE (for help in submitting coursework via MOLE see the link on the right hand side of the following webpage <http://www.shef.ac.uk/philosophy/current/undergraduates/formal/deadlines.html> ).

## Course Text

There is no coursebook for this course but it would be useful to get hold of Braddon-Mitchell & Jackson *Philosophy of Mind and Cognition 2<sup>nd</sup> edition* and/or Jaegwon Kim *Philosophy of Mind 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Both useful introductions to the issues covered in the course. It should be noted that the Braddon-Mitchell & Jackson book is slanted to defend their particular position (common sense functionalism). You should keep this in mind, but it is still useful because it provides an overview of various positions and criticisms of those positions. In addition to this there is a week by week breakdown of which readings you should do for the course below. All of the starred (\*) readings on this list are essential readings for the course and *you should prepare for class each week by reading the readings for the topics covered that week.*

## Course Description

This course is a full (20 credit) module that provides a survey of philosophical theories of the mind. What is it for human beings to have a mind and mental states? How is it that human beings, and perhaps other animals, are able to have conscious experiences? How is that we are able to represent the world to ourselves in thought? What is the relation between the mind and the brain? We'll look at a variety of answers to these questions and examine the most important theories that contemporary philosophers have to offer. Topics covered will include behaviourism, identity theory, functionalism, the language of thought, representational theories of consciousness and eliminative materialism.

The Philosophy Department booklet *Information for 2nd Year Students* contains further rules and procedures applicable to this course, as well as excellent general advice and information. You are expected to read this booklet.

## Lecture/Seminar Schedule

Week	Lectures	Seminars
1	Introduction/Overview Problem of Other Minds/Behaviourism	No seminars
2	Behaviourism Identity Theory	No seminars
3	Functionalism x2	Behaviourism

4	Functionalism Eliminativism	Identity theory
5	Instrumentalism/Interpretivism Theories of Mental Content 1	Functionalism
6	Theories of Mental Content 2 Wide/narrow Content	Eliminativism & Instrumentalism/interpretivism
7	<b>* Reading</b>	<b>Week *</b>
8	Extended Cognition The Language of Thought	Theories of Mental Content
9	Consciousness, Subjectivity & The Hard Problem The Knowledge Argument	Wide/Narrow Content
10	Zombies The Explanatory Gap	The Language of Thought
11	Phenomenal Concept Strategy Representationalism & HOT theories	The Knowledge Argument
12	Review: Questions of Methodology in the Philosophy of Mind	The Hard Problem & The Explanatory Gap

## Topics and Readings

### What Makes Something a Mental State?

#### The Problem of Other Minds

\***Norman Malcolm** (1958) 'Knowledge of Other Minds' *Journal of Philosophy*, LV, 23, pp. 969-78.

**Ludwig Wittgenstein**, *Philosophical Investigations* (MA, Mass: Blackwell), section 293.

**Peter Carruthers** (2004) *The Nature of The Mind: An Introduction* (New York: Routledge) pp. 6-22.

**Bertrand Russell** 'Analogy' in D.M. Rosenthal (ed.) *The Nature of Mind*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, chapter 8, pp. 89-91.

#### Behaviourism

\***Hilary Putnam** (1963) 'Brains and Behavior' from his *Philosophical Papers, vol 2: Mind, Language, and Reality* (CUP, 1975) pp. 325-41.

**Gilbert Ryle** (1949) Excerpt from *The Concept of Mind* (Chicago: U Chicago Press), pp. 11-24.

**Jaegwon Kim** (2006) *Philosophy of Mind* (Boulder, CO: Westview), chapter 2.

**John Searle** (1992) 'Breaking the Hold: Silicon Brains, Conscious Robots, and Other Minds' in his *The Rediscovery of the Mind* (MIT Press), pp. 65-77.

**Galen Strawson** (1994) 'Pain and "Pain" and "The Weather Watchers"' from his *Mental Reality* 89 (MIT Press).

#### Identity Theory

- \***J.J.C. Smart** (1959). "Sensations as Brain Processes" *Philosophical Review*, 68, pp. 141-56.
- David Braddon-Mitchell & Frank Jackson** (2007) *The Philosophy of Mind and Cognition*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Malden, (MA: Blackwell), chapter 6.
- U.T. Place** (1956) 'Is Consciousness a Brain Process?', *British Journal of Psychology*, 47, pp. 44-50.
- P. Carruthers** (2004) *The Nature of the Mind: An Introduction*, chapter 5, esp. pp. 167-187 (London: Routledge).
- Frank Jackson** (1982). "Epiphenomenal Qualia" *Philosophical Quarterly*, 32, pp. 127-36.

### Functionalism

- \***Jerry Fodor** (1981). The Mind-Body Problem. *Scientific American*, 244, 114-123.
- \***David Lewis** (1972). Excerpt from "Psychophysical and Theoretical Identifications" in his *Papers in Metaphysics and Epistemology*, pp. 248-53 & 257-61 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Hilary Putnam** (1967) 'The Nature of Mental States' in his *Mind, Language and Reality*. *Philosophical Papers*, vol. 2. Cambridge, Mass., Cambridge University Press, 1975, pp. 429-440.
- Ned Block** (1978) 'Troubles with Functionalism' in C. Wade Savage, ed. *Minnesota Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, vol 9, pp. 261-325, especially sections 1.0-1.2 (Minneapolis: U Minnesota Press).
- Paul Churchland** (1999) *Matter and Consciousness*, chapter 4 (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press).
- David Braddon-Mitchell & Frank Jackson** (2007) *The Philosophy of Mind and Cognition*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Malden, MA: Blackwell), chapter 3 & 5.

### Eliminativism

- \***Paul Churchland** (1981) 'Eliminative Materialism & Propositional Attitudes' *Journal of Philosophy*, 78, 2, pp. 67-90.
- Stephen Stich** (1983) 'Will the Concepts of Folk Psychology Find a Place in Cognitive Science?' in his book *From Folk Psychology to Cognitive Science: The Case Against Belief*, pp. 210-19 (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press).
- Terence Horgan & James Woodward** (1985) 'Folk Psychology is Here to Stay' *Philosophical Review*, 94, 2, pp. 197-226.
- David Braddon-Mitchell & Frank Jackson** (2007) *The Philosophy of Mind and Cognition*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Malden, MA: Blackwell), chapter 12.

### Instrumentalism/Interpretationalism

- \***Daniel Dennett** (1971) 'Intentional Systems' *Journal of Philosophy*, LXVIII, 4, pp. 87-106.
- Daniel Dennett** (1987) 'Three Kinds of Intentional Psychology' in his *The Intentional Stance*, pp. 43-68 (MIT Press).
- David Braddon-Mitchell & Frank Jackson** (2007) *The Philosophy of Mind and Cognition*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Malden, MA: Blackwell), chapter 9.
- Mark Richard** (1994) 'What Isn't a Belief?' *Philosophical Topics*, 22.1&2, pp. 291-318.

## The Nature of Mental Content

### Theories of Mental Content

- \***Jaegwon Kim** (2006) *The Philosophy of Mind*, pp.247-254, (Boulder, CO: Westview).
- \***Jerry Fodor** (1987) 'Meaning and the World Order' in his *Psychosemantics*, pp. 97-127 (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press).
- Tim Crane** (1995) 'Explaining Mental Representation' in his *The Mechanical Mind*, pp. 164-98 (London: Penguin).
- Daniel Dennett** (1996) 'Cow-sharks, Magnets, and Swampman' *Mind & Language*, 11,1, pp. 76-7.
- Ruth Millikan** (1996) 'On Swampkinds' *Mind & Language*, 11.1, pp. 103-17.
- Louise Antony** (1996) 'Equal Rights for Swampersons' *Mind & Language*, 11, 1, pp. 70-5.

### Wide/Narrow Content

- \***Hilary Putnam** (1973) 'Meaning and Reference' *Journal of Philosophy*, pp. 699-711.
- Burge, Tyler** (1979) 'Individualism and the Mental', in French, Uehling, and Wettstein (eds.) *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, IV, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, pp. 73-121.
- Frances Egan** (1991) 'Must Psychology Be Individualistic?' *The Philosophical Review*, 100, 2.
- Jaegwon Kim** (2006) *The Philosophy of Mind*, pp. 254-270, (Boulder, CO: Westview).

### The Extended Mind

- \***Andy Clark & David Chalmers** (1998) 'The Extended Mind', *Analysis*, 58, pp. 7-19, reprinted in Chalmers, pp. 643-652 (& R. Menery *Extended Mind*, pp. 27-42)
- \***Richard Menary** (2010) 'Introduction' in R. Menery (ed.) *The Extended Mind*, pp. 1-26.
- Fred Adams & Ken Aizawa** (2001) 'The Bounds of Cognition', *Philosophical Psychology*, 14, pp. 43-64
- Andy Clark** (2010) 'Memento's Revenge: The Extended Mind, Extended' in R. Menery *The Extended Mind*, pp. 43-67 (available online).
- Andy Clark** (2010) 'Coupling, Constitution, and the Cognitive Kind: A Reply to Adams and Aizawa', in R. Menery (ed.) *The Extended Mind*, pp. 81-100 (available online).

### The Language of Thought Hypothesis

- \***Jerry Fodor** (1987). 'Mental Representation: An Introduction' in his *Psychosemantics*, (The MIT Press).
- \***Jerry Fodor** (1987). Excerpt from 'The Persistence of the Attitudes' in his *Psychosemantics* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press), pp. 16-21.
- Pat Manfredi** (1993). 'Tacit beliefs and other doxastic attitudes' *Philosophia*, pp. 95-117.
- Jerry Fodor** (1978). 'Propositional Attitudes' in his *Representations* (The MIT Press), pp. 177-203.
- Daniel Dennett** (1977). 'A Cure for the Common Code' in his *Brainstorms* (The MIT Press), pp. 90-108.
- Stephen Laurence & Eric Margolis** (1997) 'Regress Arguments Against the Language of Thought'. *Analysis*, 57.1, pp. 60-66.
- Steven Pinker** (2001). 'Four Decades of Rules and Associations, or Whatever Happened to the Past Tense Debate?' in E. Dupoux (ed.) *Language, Brain, and Cognitive Development: Essays in Honor of Jacques Mehler* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press), pp. 157-79.

## The Problems of Consciousness

### Subjectivity & The Hard Problem of Consciousness

\***David Chalmers** (1995) 'Facing Up to the Hard Problem of Consciousness', *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 2 (3), pp. 200-219.

\***Patricia S. Churchland** (2007) 'The Hornswoggle Problem' in B. Gertler & L. Shapiro (ed.) *Arguing About the Mind*, (New York: Routledge), pp. 27-36.

**Keith Campbell** (1980) *Body and Mind* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press), chapter 5.

**Daniel Dennett** (1988) 'Quining Qualia' in N. Block, O. Flanagan, & G. Guzeldere (eds.) *The Nature of Consciousness*, (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press) pp. 619-42.

### The Knowledge Argument

\***Thomas Nagel** (1974) 'What is it like to be a bat', *Philosophical Review*, 8, 4, pp. 435-450.

\***Frank Jackson** (1982). 'Epiphenomenal Qualia' *Philosophical Quarterly*, 32, pp. 127-36.

**David Lewis** (1988) 'What Experience Teaches' Proceedings of the Russellian Society

**David Braddon-Mitchell & Frank Jackson** (2007) *The Philosophy of Mind and Cognition*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Malden, MA: Blackwell), pp. 134-142.

**Paul Churchland** (1986) Excerpt from 'Reduction, Qualia, and the Direct Introspection of Qualia' *Journal of Philosophy*, 82, 1, pp. 22-28.

**Frank Jackson** (2003) 'Mind and Illusion' in *Minds and Persons Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* 53, ed. A O'Hear, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 251-271.

### Zombies

\***David Chalmers** (1996) *Conscious Mind: In Search of a Fundamental Theory*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 93-99.

\***Daniel Dennett** (1995) 'The Unimagined Preposterousness of Zombies', *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 2, pp. 322-6.

**Nigel J. T. Thomas** (1998) 'Zombie Killer', in S. R. Hameroff, A. W. Kaszniak, and A. C. Scott (eds.), *Toward a Science of Consciousness II: The Second Tucson Discussions and Debates*, pp. 171-177.

**Christopher Hill & Brian McLaughlin** (1999) 'There are Fewer Things in Reality Than Are Dreamt of in Chalmers's Philosophy', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 59, pp. 446-454.

**Keith Frankish** (2007) 'The Anti-Zombie Argument', *Philosophical Quarterly*, 57, pp. 650-666.

### The Explanatory Gap

\* **Joseph Levine** (1993). 'On Leaving Out What It's Like' in M. Davies & G. Humphreys, (ed.) *Consciousness* (Oxford: Blackwell), pp. 121-36.

**Ned Block and Robert Stalnaker** (1999) 'Conceptual Analysis, Dualism, and the Explanatory Gap', *Philosophical Review*, 108, 1, pp. 1-46.

**Colin McGinn** (1989) 'Can We Solve the Mind-Body Problem?' *Mind*, 98, pp. 349-66.

**Robert Kirk** (1991) 'Why Shouldn't We Be Able to Solve the Mind-Body Problem?' *Analysis*, pp. 17-23.

**James Garvey** (1997) 'What Does McGinn Think We Cannot Know?' *Analysis*, 57.3, pp. 196-201.

### Representationalism and Higher Order Consciousness

\***Michael Tye**, 'Visual Qualia and Visual Content Revisited' in T. Crane (ed.) *The Contents of Experience* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

- \***Christopher Peacocke** (2002) 'Sensation and the Content of Experience: A Distinction' in Alva Noë and Evan Thompson, *Vision and Mind* (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press).
- Sydney Shoemaker** (2001) 'Introspection and Phenomenal Character' *Philosophical Topics* 28 (2):247--73
- Ned Block** (2003) 'Mental Paint' In *Reflections and Replies: Essays on the Philosophy of Tyler Burge* edited by Martin Hahn and Bjorn Ramberg (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press).

### **Phenomenal Concepts**

- \***Brian Loar**, 'Phenomenal States', in J. Toberlin (ed.) *Philosophical Perspectives 4, Action Theory and the Philosophy of Mind*, pp. 81-108 & reprinted in Chalmers, pp. 295-309.
- Daniel Stoljar** (2005) Physicalism and Phenomenal Concepts, *Mind and Language*, 20, pp. 269-294.
- David Chalmers** (2006) 'Phenomenal concepts and the explanatory gap', in T Alter and S Walter (eds.) *Phenomenal Concepts and Phenomenal Knowledge: New Essays on Consciousness and Physicalism* (Oxford University Press).
- Peter Carruthers & Bénédicte Veillet** (2007) 'The Phenomenal Concept Strategy', *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, Volume 14, Numbers 9-10, pp. 212-236.