

PHIL5552 Mind and Cognition

Course Outline

Mode of Teaching: Face-to-face Teaching

Term: 2023-24 Term 2

Time : Wednesday 18:30-21:30

Location : YIA LT7

Course overview (as shown on CUSIS)

A survey of selected topics in contemporary philosophy of mind. Problems discussed will include: What sorts of things are "mental"? How are mental phenomena to be classified? How are minds related to our bodies? What is the nature of consciousness? Can science explain what consciousness is? What is the criterion for personal identity? How intimate is the connection between possessing a mind and operating a language? Will it ever be possible to build a conscious, thinking machine? How do we know that other people have mind?

Topics/Schedule (Tentative)

1. Introduction
2. Substance Dualism
3. Physicalism & Neuroscience
4. Behaviorism
5. Identity Theory
6. Functionalism
7. Artificial Intelligence
8. Consciousness
9. Eliminative Materialism
10. Instrumentalism
11. Anomalous Monism
12. Emergentism
13. New Mysterianism

Learning outcomes (as shown on CUSIS)

1. Demonstrate familiarity with a range of problems, concepts, and theories in contemporary philosophy of mind and cognition.
2. Demonstrate the ability to identify a significant problem in the philosophy of mind and cognition
3. Formulate and defend a thesis of their own concerning the problem

Learning activities

1. Lectures
2. Class Presentations
3. Group Discussions
4. Term Paper

Assessment scheme

Task nature	Description	Weight
Essay	Final Term Paper	60%
Class Presentation		30%
Class Performance		10%

Remarks on Assessment Scheme (if any)

Grade Descriptor

Please refer to: http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/UG/Grade_descriptors.pdf

Details of course website

Relevant announcements and course documents will be posted on Blackboard.

Recommended learning resources (Tentative)

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