

“Disorders and Coherence of the Embodied Self” (DISCOS)

European Research Program on Self-Coherence

25-27 August, 2008.

Summer school DISCOS: “Self and self-disorders”

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The goal: is to enable the participants, mainly ph-d students, to:

1. Grasp the notions of *self-awareness* and correlated concepts of *self-reference* and of the *self*.
2. To learn about approaches to *naturalization* of consciousness. e.g., certain basic metaphysical questions will be exposed and discussed here in relation to biology.
3. To learn how psychiatric disorders entail anomalies of self-experience (*self-disorders*), especially in *schizophrenia*, *affective illness*, *borderline personality disorders*, *infantile autism* and in selected *neurological syndromes*.
4. The forum will also provide possibility for presentation and discussion of participants' own projects and thus create a space for an interdisciplinary debate.

Participants: The course is dedicated to doctoral and post-doctoral students, and other younger scientists. We target applicants from disciplines such as cognitive science and psychology, neuroscience, psychiatry, clinical psychology, philosophy, linguistics and related domains. 25 participants will be selected from a pool of applications. Priority will be given to the applicants with prior attachment to DISCOS. There is no fee for participation.

Form: Participative; for each section, the participants should read required the literature sent out in advance.

Confirmed teachers:

Professors: Josef Parnas (psychiatry, Center for Subjectivity Research (CFS) University of Copenhagen; Louis Sass (psychology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey); Dan Zahavi (philosophy, CFS, University of Copenhagen); Evan Thompson (philosophy, University of Toronto); Thomas Fuchs (psychiatry, University of Heidelberg); Pierre Rochat (developmental psychology, Emory University); Drs. Dorothee Legrand and Thor Grünbaum (CFS, University of Copenhagen). Each teacher will have a co-teacher and all teachers are present during all sessions.

Main Topics:

- Concepts of self
- Phenomenology of self and self-awareness
- Analytic philosophy's views on self
- Organization and continuity of life and consciousness
- Development of self
- Self and infantile autism
- Self and schizophrenia
- Self and corporeality in affective illness
- Disorders of self-experience in neurological syndromes

Venue: The Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen, Njalsgade 140-142, 2300 Copenhagen S.

Application: Please e-mail your application for participation to pkh@hum.ku.dk, including motivation and a brief CV. Potential desire to present and discuss own research should be indicated in the application. Application deadline is May 15, 2008.

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Monday, August 25	Tuesday, August 26	Wednesday, Aug. 27
Chair: Fuchs	Chair: Zahavi	Chair: Sass
9-9.30 Welcome, introduction, practical information (Josef Parnas)	9.00-9.30 Schizophrenia: basic information - including discussion (Josef Parnas)	9.00-9.30 Affective illness: basic information (Thomas Fuchs)
9.30-10.30 Main philosophical positions on the mind-body-world issues (Dan Zahavi)	9.30-10.30 Self and schizophrenia (Josef Parnas)	9.30-10.30 Melancholia, self and the body (Thomas Fuchs)
10.30-11.00 <i>Coffee break</i>	10.30-11.00 <i>Coffee break</i>	10.30-11.00 Discussion
11.00-11.30 Discussion	11.00-12.00 Schizophrenia, emotions and the “negative symptoms” (Louis Sass)	11.00-11.30 <i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-12.30 Biology, life and consciousness (Evan Thompson)	12.00-12.30 Discussion (Louis Sass and Josef Parnas)	11.30-12.30 Self-disorder in neurological disease (Dorothee Legrand) (including discussion)
12.30-13.30 <i>Lunch</i>	12.30-13.15 <i>Lunch</i>	12.30-13.15 <i>Lunch</i>
13.30-14.00 Discussion	13.15-14.30 Participants’ presentations	13.15-14.15 Self and self-awareness in analytic philosophy (Thor Grünbaum)
14.00-15.00 Self and self-consciousness (self awareness) (Dan Zahavi)	14.30-15.00 <i>Coffee break</i>	14.15-14.45 <i>Coffee break</i>
15.00-15.30 <i>Coffee break</i>	15.00-16.00 The ontogenesis of the sense of self (Philippe Rochat)	14.45-16.00 Participants’ presentations
15.30-16.00 Discussion	16.00-16.30 Discussion	16.00-16.30 Closing discussion
19.00 <i>Common dinner for teachers and all participants</i>		