

***Theories of the Self***

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**Course Syllabus  
2016**

**Characteristics of class meetings**

Lecture, discussion.

**Course content**

**Topic 1:** *Perception within 4E cognition*

Lecture objectives:

- Presentation of the ongoing debate and methods concerning 4E Cognition.
- Analysis of the concept of perceptive phenomenon within the Enactive Perception theory
- Analysis of the experiential dimension under the lens of contemporary experimental phenomenological techniques

**Topic 2:** *Perception intersubjectively contextualized*

Lecture objectives:

- To address the intersubjective aspect of perception, particularly the predictive and anticipating aspect of experiential perception on a first-person perspective.
- To integrate a biological account of subjective perceptive experience and the emergence of the embodied self.

**Essential readings:**

“Facing up the problem of consciousness” (David Chalmers, 1995)  
“How body shapes the mind” (Gallagher, 2005)  
“Out of our heads” (Noë, 2010).  
“Phenomenology of perception” (Merleau-Ponty, 1962)  
“The Embodied Mind”, (Varela, Thompson, Rosch, 1991)  
“What is it like to be a bat” (Thomas Nagel)  
The Phenomenology of the Intersubjective Impairment, (Hipólito, 2016)

**Assignments, projects and exams:**

Final essay with a maximum of 5000 words.

**Logistics:**

The class meets at TB, room 12.