

## **Philosophical foundations of Cognitive Science**

What is cognition? Is cognition inside our brain? What is the role of the body? What role does the environment play on cognition? How do cognitive beings know, believe and have certainties about the world? What is a cognitive model? Does a cognitive model accurately represent cognition or is it an abstraction of a part of cognition? In recent decades cognitive science has revolutionised our understanding of cognition. Philosophy has made a major contribution to cognitive science and has itself been hugely influenced by its development. Philosophers, while attentive to traditional philosophical concerns, are increasingly drawing both theory and evidence from empirical disciplines. In this introductory-level philosophy seminar students will study both the main contributions that areas of philosophy such as epistemology, philosophy of mind and philosophy of science have contributed to cognitive science and the state-of-the-art set of new debates about cognition. Students will closely engage with and discuss both fundamental and recent papers and thought experiments presented in an interactive seminar setting.

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