

Seminar IRH-ICUB

Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach

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Consciousness and Moral Responsibility

Which is the role played by consciousness among various philosophical conditions under which we can evaluate an individual as morally responsible for a given action? Traditionally, applied ethics research concerned with attributions of moral responsibility is rooted in Aristotelian virtue ethics, advancing causation, knowledge, freedom, free will, and deliberate decision as conditions for moral agency and, hence, for morally responsible agents. Consciousness represents a determining factor for at least two of such conditions, namely, the possibility to act freely and the capacity to make deliberate decisions. The presentation will explore the implications of consciousness for our philosophical understanding of what it takes to be a moral agent, whether we speak of individual or collective agents.