

## **Seminar IRH-ICUB**

### **Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach**

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### ***Should We Ban the Use of Cognitive Enhancement Drugs in E-sport Competitions? What is Their Impact on Human Consciousness?***

In 2015, after an e-sports (electronic sports) player declared that he and his colleagues were on Adderall during a tournament, many strong negative reactions fueled the media. This huge wave of negative reactions determined ESL (Electronic Sports League) to take action against the use of Adderall and other cognitive enhancing drugs by banning and randomly testing the players during competitions. I will argue that the decision to ban cognitive enhancement drugs might not be the most effective solution if one wants to fight against their use – even more since there are arguments against the claim that by using these performance enhancing drugs one is doing something morally unacceptable. Moreover, I will look into the relevance of such an issue for the study of human consciousness.