

Auditory hallucinations and "hearing voices" - common challenges for neuroscience and philosophy?

Venue: Seminar room, Ground Floor, Sydneplassen 12

Auditory hallucinations represent a challenge both for neuroscience and philosophy: how are they to be identified and characterized reliably? There is a general issue of how reliable first person reports of their own mental states are that is important both for neuroscience and for philosophy. On the first day of this workshop we have asked neuroscientists and philosophers to present how their respective disciplines approach auditory hallucinations specifically and first person reports generally, and what the main challenges are from their individual perspectives. Based on these presentations we want the participants, during the discussion sections, to explore whether it is possible to identify issues, themes, or approaches that could benefit both disciplines. The second day will be devoted to more specific philosophical issues.

Tentative agenda first day, May 18

- 9:00 Welcome and introduction
- 9:15 Kenneth Hugdahl: Auditory verbal hallucinations: State of the art
- 10:00 Questions and discussion
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Frank Larøi: Discontinuous or continuous phenomena: How do auditory verbal hallucinations in patients differ from those in non-patients, and how are they similar?
- 11:45 Questions and discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:15 Wayne Wu: Auditory verbal hallucinations: Questions and Explanatory Frameworks
- 13:45 Questions and Discussions
- 14:15 Break
- 14:45 Sam Wilkinson: Are auditory verbal hallucinations misattributed episodes of inner speech?
- 15:15 Questions and Discussion
- 15:45 Josef Parvizi: Methodological and conceptual challenges in neuroscience
- 16:30 Reidar Lie: Summary and conclusions. Way forward
- 17:00 End of day one

Agenda second day, May 19: Introspection: Issues of reliability and justification

- 9:00 Tim Bayne: Review of previous day. Introduction to today's discussion
- 9:30 Declan Smithes: Epistemology of introspection
- 10:15 Commentary (Ole Koksvik) and Discussion:
- 10:45 Break
- 11:15 Liz Irvine: Reliability and the targets of introspection
- 12:00 Commentary (Mette Hansen) and Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:45 Wayne Wu: Introspection as Attention and Skill
- 14:30 Commentary (Nivedita Gangopadhyay) and Discussion
- 15:00 Break
- 15:30 Amy Kind: Robust Introspection
- 16:15 Commentary (Gunnar Karlsen) and Discussion
- 16:45 Tim Bayne: Concluding Discussion

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