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| **Module name** | **Philosophy of Mind** |
| Erasmus code | PL\_UMCS\_Phil\_2 |
| ISCED code |  |
| Language of instruction | English |
| Website |  |
| Prerequisites | None. Introductory course. |
| Educational outcomes verification methods |  |
| Description | The task of the “Philosophy of Mind” course is to discuss the role of philosophical inquiries on mind and brain in cognitive studies. I will present the whole spectrum of general approaches to mind: mind as behavior (behaviorism), mental states as brain states (the so-called identity theory), mind as a functional system (including discussions on artificial mentality), or mind as a system which is constituted by elements of an environment (extended mind theory). We will try to deal with claims questioning usefulness of the notion of the mind. Finally, we will also discuss specific problems, like consciousness, mental causation, subjectivity and qualia, self-knowledge, mind-body problem, problem of other minds, among others.  The order of lectures (preliminary):  1. Philosophy of Mind: an introduction  2. Mind and behavior. Behaviorism in PhoM  3. The Mind-Brain Identity Theory.  4. Mind as a functional system: Functionalism (pt.I): the very idea  5. Psychofunctionalism & conceptual functionalism  6. Mind as an interpretation: Interpretationism (Davidson, Dennett)  7. How to predict behavior: Theory theory & simulation theory  8. That there are no mental states: Eliminativism in philosophy of mind  9. Are we brains in a vat? On externalism  10. The last frontier: consciousness  11. Extended mind theory |
| Practice | None |