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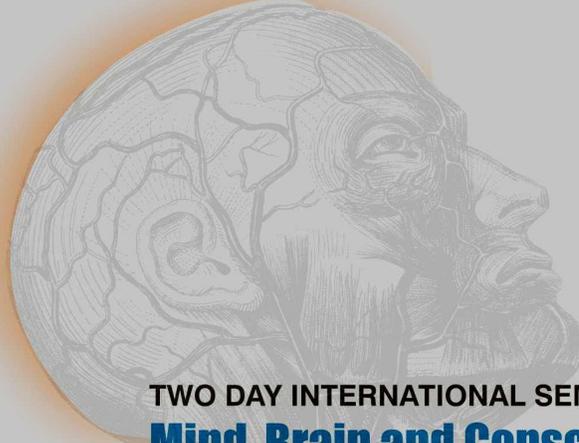
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About Thane, the Town of the Seminar

The city of Thane is situated on the outskirts of and to the northeast of the mega-city of Mumbai. The International airport of Mumbai is hardly twenty-five kilometres from Thane. The weather during the Seminar days (14-15 Jan) is likely to be cool and pleasant, it being winter here. Light woollens may be brought, though it is not essential.

Thane is a very important educational centre, and degree courses in all faculties are available. In fact, it fulfils all requirements of an independent University. A number of seminars of national level were held at Thane in the past. Exhibitions related to the study of Literature, management, Biology, oriental subjects, philosophy, Sanskrit, history, architecture are held quite often.



Welcome

The Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane, the K.G. Joshi College of Arts and the N.G. Bedekar College of Commerce and its Philosophy Department, and the *Mens Sana Monographs*, have great pleasure in welcoming you to this International Seminar on Mind, Brain and Consciousness slated for 14-15 Jan 2010. This event is co-sponsored by the World Psychiatric Associations [WPA] Philosophy and Humanities section.

The attempt will be to exchange ideas on this intriguing topic from the diverse fields of Philosophy, Psychology, Psychiatry, Neurology, and the Cognitive Neurosciences. The Indian Concept of Mind will also receive a careful scrutiny.

A number of international and national authorities and researchers will attend this event in the City of Thane, just at the outskirts of Mumbai, the teeming Metropolis.

India is known for its traditional hospitality. We will leave no stone unturned to make your stay pleasant and your visit intellectually enriching. A number of luxury to decent hotels are situated near the Seminar venue. Video conferencing facilities are available on the Campus. At a time, even 1000 Delegates can be accommodated in the different seminar rooms on the sprawling VPM Campus.

January is very pleasant in Thane. It is also one of best seasons to visit India. Pre and Post Seminar sight seeing tours can be arranged on request. There are some beautiful locations to visit, besides a stroll around the VPM Campus itself, called *Jnanadweepa* [Island of Knowledge].

Welcome to this international event. You will be amongst friends.

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About the Organisers

Joshi-Bedekar College is a premier educational Institution catering to Arts, Commerce and Management Studies. More than 5500 students study here. The Campus of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, where this institution is based, caters to nearly 15,000 students in Arts, Commerce, Science, Management, Law and Polytechnic streams. A number of post-graduate courses are also run here. Further details are at www.vpmthane.org

The *Mens Sana Monographs* is an international peer reviewed Journal (ISSN 0973-1229) which is a Monograph series on Medicine, Mental Health, Man and their Matrix. A number of international authorities have contributed to this Journal. Details are at www.msmonographs.org

About International Seminar

Mind, Brain and Consciousness

Introduction

Concepts related to the Mind, Brain and Consciousness have intrigued both philosophers and scientists since time immemorial. While the former have speculated on the nature of mind and put forward many theories of consciousness, the brain as an object of scientific enquiry and how it relates to functions ordinarily subsumed under mind is a relatively recent phenomenon. The emerging body of evidence that the cognitive neurosciences [neurobiology and neurophysiology] and cybernetics are producing cannot but impact our understanding of mind and consciousness and compel us to revise many of our long held theories and convictions. At the same time, many speculative insights of the philosophers regarding mind and consciousness can offer great areas for reflection and experimentation to the neuroscientists. Philosophy of mind is an active, intensely evolving body of knowledge.

The Purpose

This International Seminar is an attempt to present the salient reflections/findings of philosophers and scientists on the interconnections between these concepts and evolve an ongoing dialogue between them so a robust body of knowledge serves as a foundation for further enquiry in this intriguing, and vastly unexplored, field. Of course we can feel satisfied much has been done in the realm of reflective thought about mind and consciousness down the centuries by the great masters, including the likes of Plato, St. Augustine, Descartes [all three on mind-body dualism, and Descartes on 'mental substance' '*pensee*' or reflexive consciousness, and Interactionism]; Locke [rejecting 'mental substance']; Hume ['bundle concept'], Kant [critique of associationist approaches and stress on 'phenomenal consciousness'], Berkeley [Idealism as in *Principles of Human Knowledge*, 1710]; Leibniz [Parallelism]; Spinoza, Gustav Fechner and W.K. Clifford [Double-Aspect Theories] as also Herbert Spencer and P.F. Strawson; William James ['stream of consciousness], Brentano ['intentionality']; Cabanis and older masters [Epiphenomenalism]; Vienna Circle, especially Otto Neurath and Rudolf Carnap [physicalism or extreme materialism]; Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger and Maurice Merleau-Ponty [phenomenology]; J.J.C. Smart and H. Feigl [Identity theory]; Russell ['sensibilia']; A.J. Ayer [a type of neutral monism in *Language, Truth and Logic*, 1936]; Geulincx and Malebranche [Occasionalism]; Gilbert Ryle ['the ghost in the machine' in *The Concept of Mind*]. There will be occasion to review their work in this seminar.

A lot has been done in the neurosciences by the scientists, especially K.S. Lashley [removal and study of animal brain parts]; H.-L. Tauber [war time brain damage study by EEG and PEG]; W.G. Penfield [direct stimulation of patient's brain]; Eric Kandel, Paul Greengard and E. Carlsson [Microstructures necessary for learning, memory and effect of psychoactive substances; Nobel Laureates, 2001]; R. Axel and L.B. Buck [genes, protein receptors and odour recognition; Nobel Laureates, 2004]; and the vast body of work by different neuroscientists on the neurotransmitters, especially the biogenic amines, amino acids, neuropeptides etc. There are so many others, and the neurosciences are teeming with research work.

But precious little is being done to integrate the vast body of knowledge that already exists about these three concepts in these independently progressing branches of philosophical thought and scientific experimentation.

This Seminar is a step to help the process of such integration.

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The present Seminar will attempt to review and present classical and modern concepts and theories about Mind and Consciousness, including the Mind-Body or Body-Mind problem; the idealist and materialist views about mind; the identity, the computational and double aspect theories of mind; monistic and dualistic theories of mind; as also interactionism, epiphenomenalism, structuralism, reductionism, materialism, occasionalism, neutral monism, functionalism, psychophysical parallelism etc. The concept of Mind in Indian thought needs a careful and detailed exposition for which a theme session/workshop is proposed.

The philosophy of mind is intimately connected with the philosophy of action. Therefore, concepts like free will, motive, intentions, cognition, volition, feelings, and also ethical issues related to these are of abiding interest, and also of concern in this seminar. Questions related to cognition like perception, sensation, insight, intuition, judgement, as also thought, reasoning, and the notions of doubt, inference, reasoning, logical thinking and how these are connected to our understanding of the mind and its connectedness with evidences from research in the neurosciences will also be of interest in this seminar.

The problem of Consciousness needs to be connected with that of the Mind, but not only our philosophical understanding of the Mind but the emerging evidence from brain research. The various metaphysical positions like the dualist and physicalist theories, and the specific ones like higher-order, representational, cognitive, neural and quantum theories, need to be put in perspective to understand where we stand in our grasp of this complex topic. Qualia, introspection [including the works of the champions of the introspective method as seen in the work of Wilhelm Wundt, Hermann von Helmholtz, William James

and Alfred Titchener] and self-knowledge, as aspects of consciousness also need detailed analysis. Creature consciousness and state consciousness, as also the 'state of consciousness' needs close study too. Work in scientific psychology, especially Behaviorism (Watson 1924, Skinner 1953), Gestalt psychology (Köhler 1929, Köffka 1935) and, more recently, cognitive psychology with emphasis on modeling internal mental processes and information processing (Neisser 1965, Gardiner 1985) needs critical appraisal. A major resurgence of scientific and philosophical research into the nature and basis of consciousness in the 1980s and 90s with the works of Baars 1988; Dennett 1991; Penrose 1989, 1994; Crick 1994; Lycan 1987, 1996; Chalmers 1996, needs to be critiqued too. Also noteworthy is the emergence of Specialty journals devoted to the study of consciousness (*The Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Consciousness and Cognition*, *Psyche*), as also professional societies (Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness - ASSC). These exciting developments need to be noted in this seminar.

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The brain is a complex organ, the structural correlate of the mind, center and head of the central nervous and neuro-endocrine systems, whose various areas are yielding fascinating, though rather tardy, information to science and biology. Areas like the cerebrum, which controls higher functions like thought, language, moral and social conduct, creativity, spirituality etc, need as much study as the limbic system connected with emotions and sexuality, and the neuro-endocrine system which controls an organism's response to stress, emotions, thoughts and feelings. As also various pathological conditions that result from toxic, metabolic, infectious, degenerative and congenital/traumatic conditions of brain pathology, not to forget the great number of neuropsychiatric conditions with hitherto ill-defined aetiology that are the great areas of interest and activity in clinical and research psychiatry/neurology.

The emerging vast body of evidential findings from the various neurosciences, including classical psychiatry/neurology, neurobiology, neuropsychology and neurophysiology needs a thorough presentation and a close look if present and future philosophic theorising has to be grounded on solid foundations. The interdisciplinary field of Cognitive Neuroscience which connects the sciences of the brain [Neurosciences] with the sciences of the Mind [Cognitive Science] needs a special and careful look. Neuro-imaging and ionic/molecular processes studies are yielding fascinating information of brain function that philosophers of Mind can ill afford to ignore. The presence of neuroscientists and a close look at their findings will be a special feature of this Seminar.

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Two workshops, one on 'Mind and Consciousness' [21 Aug, 2009], and another on 'Brain and Consciousness' [27 Nov, 2009] will set the trend for the International Seminar to follow. A feature of the first workshop will be a close look into the concept of mind in classical Indian Philosophical systems.

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The attempt will be to bring together scholars and intellectuals from these diverse streams and evolve a body of knowledge that will further our quest in this intriguing but still largely inscrutable area of philosophical/scientific enquiry.

Philosophers intimately connected with study of mind and consciousness may know little of brain research. Scientists intimately connected with study of structure and function of the brain may know little about the various theories of mind and consciousness that have engaged philosophers down the centuries, and even actively engages them today. The attempt here is to bring the two bodies of researchers together to evolve a corpus of knowledge that will be mutually beneficial and, hopefully, more than the sum of its parts.

The possibility of opening up new areas of research and throwing up new questions for future research, as well as helping contemporary researchers reorient/ rethink their present positions/convictions is an exciting possibility.

Hence this Seminar.

Critiques and reviews of established positions and theories are welcome, but original contributions are equally encouraged.

Often, the philosopher harbours a notion the brain research will only touch the fringe of our understanding of mind and consciousness. And often, brain scientists believe that philosophers indulge in speculation devoid of empirical evidence and hence 'talk out of their hat'. The attempt to bring the two together will hopefully dispel these notions and prejudices, and promote much needed respect for each other and a dialogue and serious study of each others' work. This will add incrementally to the body of knowledge in the respective fields, as well as in interdisciplinary studies, besides being personal eye openers for individual researchers.

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2. Mind, Brain and Consciousness: where are we and where do we go from here?
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7. Neural organization of consciousness
8. Brain stem functions as integral to the conscious state
9. Thalamocortical region and consciousness
10. What is the brain? How does it work?
11. How do our brains constitute subjective experience of our selves and our environment?
12. Brain mechanisms which underlie our emotions and our sense of self
13. Developing empirically plausible definitions of mental states (i.e. qualia), the self, and the mind-brain relationship
14. Behaviorism of Watson and Skinner, and the concept of mind
15. Mind according to the Gestalt psychology of Köhler and Köffka
16. Cognitive psychology and modeling of internal mental processes and information processing as seen in the works of Neisser and Gardiner
17. Freud and his concept of mind and the unconscious
18. Neo-Freudians and the mind
19. Current psychoanalytical understanding of the mind

20. Jung's concept of mind and the collective unconscious
21. Freud's psychoanalysis and Indian *citta-vrtti-nirodha*: any parallels?
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11. Consciousness and Mind: philosophical concepts and emerging evidence from brain research.
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22. Creature consciousness and state consciousness
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 8. The Mind-Body or Body-Mind problem
 9. The idealist and materialist views about mind
 10. The identity, the computational and double aspect theories of mind
 11. Monistic and dualistic theories of mind
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12. Interactionism and the mind
13. Epiphenomenalism and the mind
14. Structuralism and the mind
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12. Consciousness as composed of two parts: Pre-reflective self awareness [subcortical] and reflective self consciousness [cortical]
13. Unconsciousness as loss of the ability to maintain awareness of self and environment combined with markedly reduced responsiveness to environmental stimuli [Adams et al., *Principles of Neurology*, 6th ed, pp344-5]
14. Neurophilosophy
15. Our brain-based knowledge apparatus and its tendency to assume a mind
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20. Cortical midline structures (CMS) as involved in neural processing of our self
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 8. The brain as the center and head of the central nervous and neuro-endocrine systems
 9. The functions of the cerebrum: thought, language, moral and social conduct, creativity, spirituality
 10. The limbic system, emotions and sexuality
 11. The neuro-endocrine system and stress, emotions, thoughts and feelings
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 14. *Jiva*, *manas* and *atman*
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 16. The state of *sat-citta-ananda*
 17. The five organs of perception, the five organs of action [*karmendriyas*], the five vital breaths [*pranas*], the mind [*manas*], intellect [*buddhi*], egoity [*ahamkara*] and the mind-stuff [*citta*]
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21. *Buddhi*, *ahamkara* and *citta*
22. *Citta-vrtti-nirodha*: what does it signify to the concept of mind in Indian thought
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24. *Ahamkara* [or egoism] and the Mind
25. The state of mindlessness
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28. The concept of brain in Indian thought
29. Body represented by the brain, mind represented by *vijnana* and *atman* represented by the life principle make for the complete man
30. The state of *savikalpaka* and *nirvikalpaka samadhi*
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37. Mind as an internal organ of sense
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41. Mind as instrument of knowledge
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47. Sense organs and mind contact
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49. Self or *Atman* or Soul
50. Self as pure consciousness
51. *Vijnana* or discrimination
52. *Prajna* or intelligence
53. *Sannikarsa*, or relation between mind, sense-organ and the object
54. *Samkalpa* or power of conception
55. S. Chennakesavan (1991), *Concept of mind in Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass: a review
56. Indian definition of mind

Two Workshops

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Seminar workshop (Mind and Consciousness) was due on 21st August 2009, has been postponed to the 2nd half of September due to prolonged strike by the University College teachers. The revised date will be informed to you in due course. If any enquiry please contact 25332412, 25392072, 25446555

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2. The concept of consciousness in classical Indian Philosophical systems
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5. Theories of Mind
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8. Brain and consciousness in Ayurveda and Patangali Yoga
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Seminar Details

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 See **Topics for Workshop and Seminar** [pg. 5-16] **will be informed to you in due course. If any enquiry please contact 25332412**
 Papers are invited related to technical aspects, implementation and its limitations. **, 25392072, 25446555**

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Date & Venue

This seminar will be held on Thursday, 14th Jan, 2010 and Friday, 15th Jan, 2010 at Thorale Bajirao Peshawe Sabhagraha, Thane College Campus, Thane (West) - 400 601, Maharashtra, India.

Call for Papers and Participation

Experts are requested to submit Abstract of their paper to be presented during the seminar in the following format :

- 1) Three printed copies of Abstract typed in MS-Word. Open Office (Times New Roman, Font size 12) with double spacing in not more than 250 words and in CD. All submissions must be in English. Online submission preferred.
- 2) The Abstract should include Title, Author's name, Affiliations, Mailing address and Key words.
- 3) Copy of Abstract should be clearly marked 'International Seminar on Mind, Brain and Consciousness, Jan 2010' and must be sent by email at:

1. vpm_joshibedekar_office@yahoo.co.in
2. mensanamonographs@yahoo.co.uk

- 4) The authors are also required to register as Delegates for the Seminar.
- 5) Submission Guidelines - Upon approval of their Abstract, Authors are invited to submit original Papers on the topics selected for the Seminar. A declaration to the following effect is essential: 'This paper is my/our original work, not published and not presented before.' Conflicts of interest must be clearly stated. Three printed copies of Abstract with complete Paper typed in MS-Word. Open Office (Times New Roman Font size 12) with double spacing in not more than 1500 words and in CD should be presented by last date mentioned below.

They should be submitted in electronic form following the conference guidelines. The template is available at - <http://www.vpmthane.org/>

- 6) Copyright of all papers selected for presentation rests with the organisers. They are likely to be published in a suitable form in a Souvenir to be released at the Seminar. They will be further editorially and peer reviewed for potential publication in the 2011 issue of the *Mens Sana Monographs*.

Accommodation, Travel, Sight-seeing etc.

For accommodation, travel and other details check website

www.vpmthane.org
<http://vpmthane.org/Arts-Comm/seminar2010/international-seminar.htm>

Important Dates

- 1) Last date for submission of Abstract : **31st August, 2009**
 - 2) Notification of Acceptance : **15th October, 2009**
 - 3) Last date for submission of full Paper : **15th November, 2009**
 Kindly note that these dates are final.
 - 4) Date of Seminar: **14th & 15th January, 2010.**
 - 5) Last Date for submission of Abstract for workshops: **21st July 2009 (for 1st workshop dated 21st Aug. 2009) and 27th Oct. 2009 (for 2nd workshop dated 27th Nov. 2009).**
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Programme and Speakers

The programme consists of Keynote Addresses by recognized International authorities in the field of Philosophy of Mind, Neurosciences, and Consciousness Studies. Plenary Sessions and Colloquia based on Topics for Seminar will be organized. Open Papers and Poster presentations are also welcome.

Contact: Dr. Ajai R. Singh mensanamonographs@yahoo.co.uk for Colloquia, Plenary Sessions, Papers and Poster Presentations.

Award Sessions for Young Researchers and Poster Presentations

Students and young researchers below the age of 35 are specially welcome to a One Hour 'Young Researcher Award Session'. Here presentations of ten mins each per speaker will be permitted, with two mins each for questions and answers. Five papers will be selected for this session. The best paper will be awarded the 'Dr Bedekar Award'.

There will also be two Awards for the best Poster. One for the 'Best Poster Presentation Overall' called the '*Mens Sana Monographs* Award' and another called the 'Best Young Poster Presentation' for the Best Poster from a young researcher [below 35 years] called the 'Joshi-Bedekar College Award'.

The papers/posters which win these awards will be considered for publication in the 2011 issue of *Mens Sana Monographs*, after due process of editorial and peer review.

Speakers Confirmed

The following speakers/papers are already confirmed.

1	Prof Nancy C. Andreasen Past Editor, <i>American Jr Psychiatry</i> ; Andrew H. Woods Chair of Psychiatry and Director of its Neuroimaging Research Center and the Mental Health Clinical Research Center at The University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine	Keynote Address on A Journey into Chaos: Creativity and the Unconscious
2	Prof David M. Rosenthal Professor of Philosophy, Graduate Center, and Coordinator of Cognitive Science, City University of New York; Past President, ASSC	Keynote Address on A Higher-Order Theory of Qualitative Consciousness
3	Prof Donelson Dulany Professor of Psychology, Emeritus; Editor, <i>American Jr Psychology</i> , 1988-2009 (Keynote Address By Videoconferencing)	What should be the Roles of Conscious states and Brain states in theories of Mental Activity?
4	Prof K.W.M. Fulford Prof of Philosophy and Mental Health, University of Warwick Medical School ; Member, Faculty of Philosophy, Univ. of Oxford .	Neuroscience and Values: A Case Study Illustrating Developments in Policy, Training and Research in the UK and Internationally
5	Prof George E. Vaillant Prof of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School and Dept of Psychiatry, Brigham and Women's Hospital	The Neuro-endocrine System and Stress, Emotions, Thoughts and feelings
6	Prof Alfredo Pereira, Jr. São Paulo State University [UNESP] Institute of Biosciences	Recent Advances in Brain Physiology and Cognitive Processing

7	Dr. Sunil Pandya Prof of Neurosurgery [Retired], G.S.M.C. and KEM Hospitals ; Neurosurgeon, Jaslok Hospital , Editor Emeritus, <i>Indian Jr Medical Ethics</i>	Understanding Mind, Brain and Soul - What Neurosurgery has to Offer
8	Dr. E. Mohandas Elite Mission Hospital ; President, Indian Psychiatric Society; Chairman, Indian Association of Biological Psychiatry	Neurobiology of Spirituality
9	Prof Christian Perring Associate Professor of Philosophy, Dowling College	Bridging the Gap between Philosophers of Mind and Brain Researchers.
10	Prof William Hirstein Chair of the Philosophy Department at Elmhurst College , Illinois	The Notion of Self: Past, Present and possibly Future
11	Dr. Ajai R. Singh Editor, <i>Mens Sana Monographs</i>	Brain and Consciousness : An Overview
12	Dr. Shakuntala A. Singh Principal, K. G. Joshi College of Arts & N. G. Bedekar College of Commerce, Thane	Mind and Consciousness : An Overview

Registration Fees

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	1st January - 10th January 2010	INR 5500.00	US \$450.00
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	Up to 31st December 2009	INR 1000.00	US \$150.00
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	1st January - 10th January 2010	INR 9000.00	US \$550.00
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Prof of Philosophy and Mental Health,
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Member, Faculty of Philosophy, Univ.
of Oxford

Neuroscience and Values: A Case
Study Illustrating Developments in
Policy, Training and Research in the
UK and Internationally



Prof George E. Vaillant

Prof of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical
School and Dept of Psychiatry, Brigham
and Women's Hospital

The Neuro-endocrine System and
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Indian Association of Biological
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Neurobiology of Spirituality



Prof Christian D. Perring

Associate Professor of Philosophy,
Dowling College, New York, and Editor,
Metapsychology Online Reviews

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Researchers



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