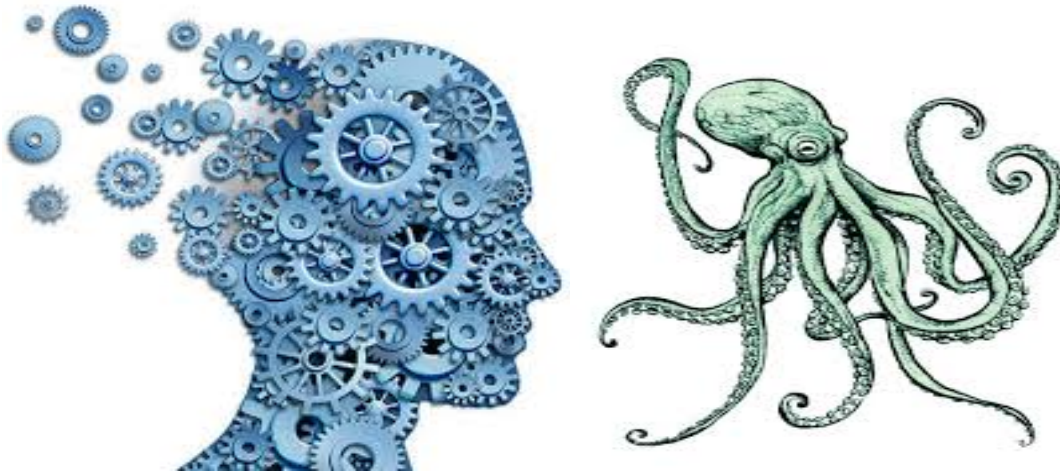


PHIL 159 section 01, **“Philosophy of Mind”**
A Cross-Cultural and Multi-Disciplinary Approach
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Philosophy of Mind is the cross-cultural and multi-disciplinary study of “mind”. It is different from psychology, cognitive science, and neuroscience in that these fields, for the most part in their 20th century incarnations, neglect research from western and non-western philosophy, while philosophers of mind, at least since 1950, have seriously engaged with research from those fields. It is an integrative field of study, since it tries to bring together research from a variety of fields in order to improve our understanding of “mind”.

Questions

- What is the nature of consciousness? Can AI be conscious? What is the nature of the self? What are emotions? How do we perceive reality? What is intuition? How do we know what others are thinking? What is the nature of moral psychology?

Authors

- We will read a number of authors from western philosophy, non-western philosophy, cognitive science, and neuroscience.

Skills

- This class aims to provide you with theoretical knowledge that will enable you to engage in critical thinking about “mind”. Many popular science journals put out articles about the mind, after taking this class you should be able to effectively think critically about the claims these articles make.

Grading

- (1) Group presentation; (1) midterm exam; (1) 3000ws analytical paper.