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BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course aims to present the state of the art in research on the self from philosophy, psychology, cognitive neuroscience, sociology, and cognitive anthropology. Themes revolve around the nature of the self, as revealed through self-consciousness, body perception, action and joint action, and its embedding in society and culture. Historical and developmental perspectives provide other angles on the self. The course presents a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary discussion on the self from multiple perspectives. It is directed at advanced graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty working in philosophy, psychology, cognitive neuroscience and cognate disciplines.

The course will provide a *tour de force* through major questions on the nature of the self and its embedding in its environment. In particular, we are hoping to bring together researchers – both faculty and students – working on the self who would not ordinarily interact in their usual professional settings – even though their work has great relevance for each other. The aim is to facilitate the pursuit of interdisciplinary discourse, research and learning that will enrich our understanding of the self.

The course will be taught by a faculty consisting of internationally acknowledged leading experts of these fields of inquiry from a variety of European countries as well as from the United States. The course will begin with introductory lectures to build common ground between the researchers from different disciplines. After the introductions, all segments will be held in a seminar format, with faculty members leading the seminar, and responses/commentaries delivered by teams of students. Each day of the course will feature seminars in two themes from two different disciplines. There will be specific time devoted to smaller group discussions, also led by a member of the faculty, and also opportunities for selected students to give talks and poster presentations. Alongside the regular program of the course there will be talks and discussions aimed at the general public held by invited speakers, including the developmental psychologist, Prof Gyorgy Gergely (CEU), and the cognitive anthropologist, Prof Maurice Bloch (LSE).



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**Application deadline: February 15, 2012**

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