

# CON SCIOUS NESS

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What is consciousness? What are its purpose and its origin? Awareness, wakefulness, metacognition, subjectivity, experience, phenomenal manifestation? All through the development of Western thinking, philosophers and scientists have been investigating what Arthur Schopenhauer defined the “cosmic knot” (Weltknoten). The debate has since branched out from the domain of philosophy and become central within neurosciences. Therefore the 5° IPD/NPSA Conference intends relating consciousness to contemporary psychoanalysis. Theoretical and clinical psychoanalysis have extensively debated the unconscious over the last century. However we should also debate the conscious part of psychism - that which the patient openly brings to each session, the basics of the affective, emotional, gestural exchanges within the therapeutic relationship. All this conscious material is woven into the unconscious dimension - into what is procedural, automatic, oneiric and somatic. The “Hard and Soft problem” of consciousness will be tackled from the philosophical as well as the affective and cognitive neuroscientific point of view, in an interdisciplinary dialogue with psychiatry, neurology, neuropsychology and psychoanalysis. The Conference intends to contribute to this contemporary debate as well as investigate qualitative and quantitative disorders - including minimal states - by focusing on the complexity of consciousness.

# SPEAKERS

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# PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION (ENGLISH/ITALIAN)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

## MORNING

### THE COMPLEXITY OF CONSCIOUSNESS

CHAIR  
F. CASTELLET Y BALLARÀ

8:30  
REGISTRATION

9:00  
OPENING IPD BOARD

9:15 - 10:00  
FREE WILL: THE PROBLEM OF COGNITIVE AND MORAL COMPETENCE  
D. C. DENNETT

10:00 - 10:45  
WHAT PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS CAN TELL US ABOUT CONSCIOUSNESS: A SPATIOTEMPORAL VIEW  
G. NORTHOFF

10:45 - 11:15  
BREAK

11:15 - 12:00  
CONSCIOUS AND UNCONSCIOUS RELATIONAL PROCESS AND CHANGES IN PSYCHOANALYSIS  
S. DOERING

12:00 - 13:00  
AUDIENCE DISCUSSION

## AFTERNOON

### THE LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

CHAIR  
C. SPADAZZI

14:30  
OPENING

14:45 - 15:15  
MINIMALLY CONSCIOUS STATE  
M. ANTONELLI

15:15 - 15:45  
CLINICAL CASE

15:45 - 17:00  
MINIMALLY CONSCIOUS STATE  
ROUND TABLE

17:00 - 17:30  
AUDIENCE DISCUSSION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

## MORNING

### THE SCIENTIFIC THEORIES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

CHAIR  
R. SPAGNOLO

9:00  
OPENING

9:15 - 9:45  
WHY AND HOW CONSCIOUSNESS ARISES  
M. SOLMS

9:50 - 10:20  
CONSCIOUS AND AUTONOMY  
D. C. DENNETT

10:20 - 10:50  
THE HETEROGENEITY OF CONSCIOUSNESS: DIFFERENT ASPECTS AND PERSPECTIVES  
G. NORTHOFF

10:50 - 11:15  
BREAK

11:15 - 12:00  
ON CONSCIOUSNESS  
A. DAMASIO

12:00 - 13:30  
FINAL DISCUSSION

13:30  
CONFERENCE CLOSING

13:45  
ECM TEST

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