

Announcements

2020 Future of Teacher Education European Conference Vienna 2011

Intention

Although there is a general perception that teacher education has a fundamental role in supporting and encouraging reform within the education profession, there appears to be a notable lack of discussion regarding different concepts and practices developing across Europe in this field. Despite pressure to prioritise national interests, education and teacher-education has become an international issue. There is a need for general debate based on an exchange of research outcomes and a sharing of experience gained through a variety of different pedagogical approaches.

With this in mind, the Centre of Culture and Pedagogy, Vienna, announces an international conference on teacher education and general education to be held in

Vienna, March 3 – 4, 2011.

For more information please follow this Link: <http://www.2020teachereducation.org/index.php?page=intention>

Workshop at the Alanus University of Arts and Social Sciences: “The Reality of Mind”

Thinking, decision making, problem solving – all these are phenomena that take place on the stage of consciousness. Such mental phenomena are a reality that we can experience every day in ourselves – and *The Reality of Mind* hence is the theme of this workshop. The neurophysiological perspective may focus on neural correlates of mental phenomena; the psychological perspective may emphasize empirical methods of observation; the philosophical perspective may highlight an epistemological approach; yet, all of these approaches are confronted with the same question and phenomenon – the experiential reality of mind and how it interacts with the world around us. The different approaches each capture a valid part of reality - but in trying to understand the phenomenology at hand, they have taken a somewhat individualistic approach in the past and it has proven difficult to integrate and bring them together. At the same time, it is clear that we can no longer afford a piecemeal approach at a time when individual disciplines focus ever more on an in-depth analysis, losing more and more of the phenomenon and risking not to see the wood for the trees. The workshop, a follow-up to the Consciousness and Intentionality Conference held in August 2010 at the University of Kent, will provide an overview over current debates and dilemmas. The interdisciplinary approach (with contributions from biology, neuroscience, psychology, philosophy) provides an insight for newcomers as well as a platform for exchange that seeks to identify future avenues towards understanding the reality of mind.

The workshop will take place at Alanus University in Alfter / Germany from Thursday, 12th May 2011 (beginning 13:30) to Saturday, 14th May 2011 (end: 14:00).

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