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**THE SCIENCE
OF THE MIND AND
THE MYTH OF
THE SELF**

THE
EGO
TUNNEL

A Reading Group discussing the work of
THOMAS METZINGER
Every Other Thursday, beginning Feb. 4
Somerville House 2348 3-6 pm

Members of Alva Noë's Ark Welcome

Dan Mellamphy (CSTC Alumnus/Post-Doctoral Fellow) and

R. Scott Bakker (CSTC Alumnus/Fantasy-Fiction Author)

are pleased to offer an informal Reading-Course

devoted to the study of **Thomas Metzinger's** most recent publication,

The Ego Tunnel: On the Science of Mind and the Myth of the Self.

Thomas Metzinger is the Director of the *Theoretical Philosophy Group* in the Philosophy Department of Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz

and is an Adjunct Fellow of the *Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies.*

He has been active since the early 1990s in the promotion of Consciousness Studies as a serious academic endeavour. As a co-founder, he has been

particularly active in the organization of the *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness* (ASSC). In 2003 he published the monograph

Being No One. In this book he argues that no such things as 'selves'

exist in the world: no one ever had or has ever been a 'self'. All that exists

are 'phenomenal selves' as they appear in conscious experience. He argues

that the 'phenomenal self', however, is not a *thing* but rather an ongoing

process, and that this process is the content of the 'transparent self-model'.

In 2009 (the year of this 2010 *Reading-Course blurb*) he published his

theory in a book that was written for a more wide-ranging*/inter-disciplinary audience: *The Ego Tunnel.* It is this latter book

that we will read and discuss every other Thursday,

3-6pm, beginning on the 4th of February 2010.

* Speaking/writing of a "wide-ranging" audience, the details of Metzinger used in this overview were culled from the most *general* and *ubiquitous* of

sources, the online *Wikipedia* -- cf. the [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Metzinger)

[Metzinger](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Metzinger) *Wikipedia* entry. Since *The Ego Tunnel* only gets one line

(the last one) in the entry, we here provide link to a recent *Ego-Tunnel-*

related interview with Metzinger conducted Down Under (in Australia):

www.abc.net.au/rn/allinthemind/stories/2009/2705963.htm.