



Seminar

What is consciousness? Latest research findings

Sabrina Leone, PhD, medium and researcher

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at Bärghuis Jochpass, Engelberg, Switzerland

Philosophers have debated for centuries to comprehend the nature of consciousness and identify its essential properties, in particular how consciousness (experience) arises from and relates to material brain processes (the mind-body problem, mind vs matter, consciousness vs brain).

Indeed, until the last few decades, this was largely seen as a philosophical topic, but not widely accepted in mainstream neuroscience. Since the 1980s, however, consciousness has become a significant topic of interdisciplinary research, with relevant contributions from neuroscience. Developments in technology, novel methods, and theoretical advances have produced remarkable results, opening up the field for scientific and clinical progress in what is regarded as among the deepest unexplained matters in science.

Over time, consciousness has been defined variously in terms of sentience, awareness, qualia, subjectivity, the ability to experience or to feel, wakefulness, having a sense of selfhood or soul, and the executive control system of the mind.

What is consciousness? How do our inner, subjective experiences fit into our scientific world view? Why does consciousness exist at all? Why are we not simply “robots,” responding to sensory input and producing behaviors according to the laws of nature, but with no subjective experiences? Can consciousness ever be explained mechanistically? Does non-human consciousness exist and, if so, how can it be recognised? Can consciousness be understood in a way that does not require a dualistic distinction between mental and physical states or properties?

This seminar will address these questions by exploring the latest research findings.

Venue

The seminar will take place at Bärghuis Jochpass (Jochpass 2222 CH-6390 Engelberg, Switzerland, +41 41 637 11 87). The Bärghuis Jochpass is located at 2222 meters above sea level, beneath the peak of the glacier Titlis, in the primal surroundings of one of Central Switzerland's most beautiful regions. This Alpine lodge is deep in untamed nature and silence, and is the point of departure for countless adventures into this fabulous Alpine world.

The Bärghuis Jochpass has a charming Alpine feel and a spectacular view of the Alpine landscape.

It also offers more cozy places to relax and enjoy your stay, such as the lounge, the sauna, and a panoramic terrace. In the Säumerstube (mule drivers' room), with its panoramic windows and fireplace, or in the Alpgenossenstube (Alp cooperative members' room), you can taste delicious meals, which are prepared with many ingredients from the region, and enjoy choice of wines. The large deck now extends all the way around the Stübli, offering great views in every direction. The staff is always friendly, cheerful, and passionate in accommodating the guests.

Further information is available at the link <http://www.jochpass.ch/en>

Registration and additional information

1. The registration fee is €30 and includes registration to the seminar and a 2-course lunch (excluding drinks).
2. Please register by 10 April 2019 by sending an email at info@lovetrequencies.org, together with the receipt of the bank transfer to:
ABN AMRO, in the name of Stichting Lovefrequencies; in the reason, please indicate your name and Seminar *What is consciousness? Latest research findings*, 28 April 2019. IBAN: NL 84 ABNA 0830339418 – BIC: ABNANL2A
3. In case of cancellation, the fee will not be refunded, but you might wish to introduce other participants who can replace you.
4. The number of participants is limited to 30 (18 years of age at least, children are not admitted). The seminar will be in English.

How to reach us

Jochpass is car-free, so not accessible by car. We recommend that you travel by car or public transport to Engelberg Dorf. From there, the gondola ropeway and chairlift will take you up to Jochpass. For special ride booking, please contact Titlis-Bergbahnen at +41 41 639 50 50 h8-16.

Our background

The foundation Stichting Lovefrequencies

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The foundation Lovefrequencies is passionately engaged in achieving these goals by exploring the unlimited by frontier research, disseminating knowledge, creating awareness, and engaging and facilitating empowerment.

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We are collaborating with many wonderful and inspired people from all over the world and from different backgrounds, in a multidisciplinary exchange, with the common aim of disseminating sound research findings and developing awareness. Please feel free to contact us if you'd like to join our vibrant community.

Sabrina Leone, PhD, medium and researcher

Sabrina is a healing medium, a researcher (www.lovetrequencies.org/sabrinaleone), and co-founder and secretary-treasurer of the foundation Stichting Lovefrequencies. Communication is one of the gifts she has received to achieve her existential aim. Mediumship and research are a passion which she considers a privilege. For her entire life, her scientific background has intertwined with the spiritual science naturally.

Indeed, along her versatile career she has been strongly engaged in change, innovation, and learning. She has always believed in each individual's powerful potential to contribute to common well-being, and so in the need to facilitate self-awareness, empowerment, and joy. For this reason, one of her very first achievements has been being able to inject her positive energy into others and inspire them.

More and more, she has acknowledged and accessed her power, she has lived in the flow, with the aim of working with people and for people, to find out more and share more about being.

Over time, she has taken on positions of great responsibility and trust that have allowed her and others to grow: a teacher for more than 30 years for thousands of learners of all ages; a representative of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the University of Wollongong, Australia, to promote the Italian language and culture in the area; an educational consultant and coordinator of technological and learning innovation for large educational institutions; a quality manager for an international engineering company; a successful candidate of the selection procedure for Researchers in Human and Social Sciences of the European Commission and the Joint Research Centre; a European Commission independent expert for research and innovation assignments (evaluation of proposals, review of projects and monitoring of programs or policies); designer and coordinator of many breakthrough research projects.

Sabrina is a lifelong learner and an amazed traveler, and she loves their feeling of expansion. Besides tapping into her talents in sports, art, and creativity in general, she received a Master degree in English and French Language and Literature, a Master Degree in Business Management, a Degree in Sciences of Linguistic Mediation, and a PhD in eLearning. She has authored and co-authored numerous scientific publications and has worked in multicultural environments, in Italy and abroad.

In the 1980s, she began her spiritual path with the study of Oriental philosophy, meditation, and yoga, becoming a certified trainer. Also, for years, she has been involved in the study of Tarot as a metaphorical language to provide insight into our essence and our spiritual path.

She regularly explores and develops her mediumship at the Arthur Findlay College, Stansted (UK). Her journey has been a learning adventure, full of amazing teachers, experiences, and emotions.

Working with her mediumship has become a major part of her life. Besides being a choice of her personal path, mediumship has expanded her vision as a researcher. While she has a strong research interest in lifelong learning, eLearning, open learning-research-education, personalized learning, and change management, her current research focus is on mediumship and the mind-brain relationship, as a result of the development of her mediumistic abilities.