

Personhood, Body, and Brain

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Day 1 (Monday, 20 November)

Body and person in Western Christianity

Bynum and Vergote provide historical and conceptual background to the connection body-person in the Christian tradition. Locke, in the late 17th century, develops a new theory of personal identity; reading priority should be given to sections 6, 10 and 17-20. Ozawa proposes new ways, informed by Japanese thought, of thinking about the sociology of the body; her article serves as transition to the following class.

Main topic paper: Chikako Ozawa-de Silva

"Beyond the Body/Mind? Japanese Contemporary Thinkers on Alternative Sociologies of the Body"

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 - ・各日程のメインの論文は記載の通りですが、他にも推薦論文があります。論文リスト全体は、メールでお問い合わせください。
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Day 2 (Tuesday, 21 November)

Brains, individuals, culture

Racine documents how functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) is perceived in the public. O'Connor & Joffe review the evidence for an impact of "neuro" on lay views of personhood. Chiao et al. and Kawabata & Zeki are representative examples of the neuroscientific approach to important humanistic and anthropological issues.

Main topic paper: Eric Racine *"fMRI in the public eye"*

Day 3 (Wednesday, 22 November)

Brain thought experiments and popular culture

Puccetti and Dennett, two professional philosophers use thought experiments to explore the relationship of brain and personal identity; Dahl, a writer, does something very similar. Sconce explores the meaning of brain movies during the Cold War and Vidal explores how film rehearses the idea that we are essentially our brains.

Main topic paper: Roland Puccetti *"Brain transplantation and personal identity"*

2017年11月23日(木・祝) 10:30-18:00

国際ワークショップ "Challenges of Illness Narratives"

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Day 4 (Friday, 24 November)

Brain death, disorders of consciousness, locked-in syndrome

The Harvard Report is the document that launches the definition of brain death in 1968. Bernat discusses controversies around brain death. Owen demonstrates that persons diagnosed as being in vegetative state can voluntarily modulate their brain activity and use that capacity to communicate. Nizzi et al. is an important questionnaire investigation on views about the self, held by persons with locked-in syndrome.

Main topic paper: Marie-Christine Nizzi

"From armchair to wheelchair: How patients with a locked-in syndrome integrate bodily changes in experienced identity"