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SHORT BIO

Thomas Metzinger (*1958 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany) is currently **Professor of Theoretical Philosophy at the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz** and an **Adjunct Fellow at the Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Study (FIAS)**. He is also **Director of the Neuroethics Research Unit in Mainz** (http://www.philosophie.uni-mainz.de/1887_DEU_HTML.php) and **Director of the MIND Group at the FIAS**. In 2008 he received a one-year Fellowship at the *Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin* (Berlin Institute for Advanced Study), is past president of the German Cognitive Science Society (2005-2007) and of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (2009-2011). His focus of research lies in analytical philosophy of mind, philosophy of science and philosophical aspects of the neuro- and cognitive sciences, as well as in connections between ethics, philosophy of mind and anthropology. In the English language, he has edited two collections on consciousness (*"Conscious Experience"*, Paderborn: mentis & Thorverton, UK: Imprint Academic, 1995; *"Neural Correlates of Consciousness"*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2000) and one major scientific monograph developing a comprehensive, interdisciplinary theory about consciousness, the phenomenal self, and the first-person perspective (*"Being No One – The Self-Model Theory of Subjectivity"*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2003; als in paperback and as eBook). **In 2009, he published a popular book, which addresses a wider audience and also discusses the ethical, cultural and social consequences of consciousness research** (*"The Ego Tunnel – The Science of the Mind and the Myth of the Self"*, New York: Basic Books). Details at <http://www.philosophie.uni-mainz.de/metzinger/ET.html>

RESOURCES

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http://www.philosophie.uni-mainz.de/metzinger/Metzinger_free_photos.zip.

- Metzinger has developed a comprehensive **philosophical theory of self-consciousness**, which is a running interdisciplinary research program at the same time. A **Précis** of the book can be found at <http://philosophie.uni-mainz.de/metzinger/precis.pdf>
- A **free 60-minute video** of an older, but accessible public lecture giving an overview over the theory can be found at <http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.asp?showID=9181>
 - a **super-simple 18-minute TED talk** on transparent self-models is here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2GC3Rux0Yo&feature=player_embedded
 - A 60-minute talk on the **relationship between spirituality and intellectual honesty (including English and Polish subtitles, plus complete, downloadable English and Polish transcripts together with PPT-files)** is on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1MBG7FaZKM>. There is more video and audio material on Metzinger's homepage and on YouTube.
 - Ein **leichtverständliches deutsches Video** mit einem deutschen Gespräch mit Richard David Precht findet sich unter <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLXhPgSKS3U>. (Viele deutsche Radiosendungen usw. finden sich auf der Mainzer Homepage.)
- To help create an infrastructure for the new discipline of "neuroethics", Metzinger has set up a **neuroethics webportal**. See www.neuroethics.uni-mainz.de

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Analytical **philosophy of mind**, philosophy of science and philosophical aspects of neuroscience, cognitive science, and artificial intelligence; **applied ethics** for the neuro- and cognitive sciences, artificial intelligence and virtual reality; **emerging connections between ethics, philosophy of mind and anthropology**.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness

Since 1995 founding *Executive Committee Member*; 1999-2004 *Chair of Publication Committee*, 2004-2006 *Chair of Student Committees*, **2009-2011 President**; organization of various major conferences.

<http://www.theassc.org>

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie

<http://www.dgphil.de/>

Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie

<http://www.gap-im-netz.de/>

Gesellschaft für Kognitionswissenschaft

President 2005-2007

<http://www.gk-ev.de/>

EDCBS - European Diploma in Cognitive and Brain Sciences

Advisory Board since 2007

<http://www.nici.kun.nl/EDCBS/>

Simon Fraser University (BC, Canada): "McDonnell Project in Philosophy and the Neurosciences"

Senior Member

<http://www.sfu.ca/neurophilosophy/>

Barbara Wengeler-Stiftung

<http://www.barbara-wengeler-stiftung.de/home.html>

AWARDS

Foerster Lecture 2004 at UC Berkeley, Oct. 18, 2004

<http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.asp?showID=9181>

Leibniz-Vorlesungen 2006 at University of Hannover June 2006

http://stream.mml.uni-hannover.de/Video-Files/RRZN/ELSA/Metzinger_01.ram

Preis für Philosophie in der Psychiatrie 2006 der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychiatrie,

Psychotherapie und Nervenheilkunde (DGPPN) for:

[41] (2003). Why are identity-disorders interesting for philosophers? In Thomas Schramme und Johannes Thome (Hrsg.), *Philosophy and Psychiatry*. Berlin: de Gruyter. S. 311-25.

- Fellowship "Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg" (1,5 years)
- Fellowship "McDonnell Project in Philosophy and the Neurosciences" (5 years)
- Fellowship "Embodied Communication Research Group" (University of Bielefeld, 1 year/ 4 months)
- Fellowship "Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin" (*Understanding the Brain*) (2008-2009)

20 ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- [4] (2009a). *The Ego Tunnel. The Science of the Mind and the Myth of the Self*. New York: Basic Books.
[Many translations; Ebook and Audiobook-versions]
- [3] (2003a). *Being No One. The Self-Model Theory of Subjectivity*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
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Edited collections

- [2] (1995b). *Conscious Experience*. Thorverton: Imprint Academic & Paderborn: mentis.
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Special issues of journals

- [1] Knoblich, G., Elsner, B., von Aschersleben, G. und Metzinger, T. (2003)[Hrsg.]. *Self and Action*. Special issue of *Consciousness & Cognition* (12:4), December 2003.

Some papers and book chapters

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<http://philosophie.uni-mainz.de/metzinger/precis.pdf>

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[61] (2007j; zusammen mit B. Lenggenhager, T. Tadi und O. Blanke). Video Ergo Sum: Manipulating bodily self-consciousness. *Science*, 317, 1096-1099.

[17] (2007nn). *Self Models*. Scholarpedia **2 (10)**: 4174.

http://www.scholarpedia.org/article/Self_Models

[64] (2008a). Empirical perspectives from the self-model theory of subjectivity: A brief summary with examples. In Rahul Banerjee and Bikas K. Chakrabarti (eds.), *Progress in Brain Research*, 168: 215-246. Amsterdam: Elsevier. [Electronic offprint can be ordered directly from author]

[66] (2009f; with O. Blanke). Full-body illusions and minimal phenomenal selfhood. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences* 13(1): 7-13.

[20] (2010i). *The No-Self-Alternative* (Chapter 11). In S. Gallagher (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of the Self*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. P. 277-294.

[19] (2011a; with Elisabeth Hildt). *Cognitive Enhancement*. In J. Illes and B.J. Sahakian (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Neuroethics*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. P. 245-264.