Seminar IRH-ICUB
Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach
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Consciousness and Identity: A Case Study

This lecture is intended to highlight and discuss the central arguments of Jacques Lacan’s theory of consciousness and identity. The hypothesis I am advancing is that Lacan’s theory of consciousness and identity ensued from his conceptualization of the triad: ‘Imaginary’, ‘Symbolic’ and ‘Real’. The research behind this hypothesis concentrates on Lacan’s early writings (1930-1940). Consequently, my aim is to analyze the complex nexus of interrogations generated by Lacan’s “méconnaissance” (misrecognition) syndrome, generated by the absence of an authentic “self-awareness” experience of the individual.