

**Trinity 2007**

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*Our Knowledge of the Internal World*

Lecture Six (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June):                      *Knowing what we are thinking*

The sixth lecture will bring together some of the ideas developed in the earlier lectures to try to resolve a familiar tension between externalism about mental content and the assumption that we have some kind of privileged knowledge of the contents of our own thoughts. I will look at the “slow switching” scenarios, and consider what they show about the role of propositional content in characterizing mental states. The moral I will draw is that a thorough-going externalism that rejects a doctrine of intentional foundationalism can dissolve the problem.