

Trinity 2007

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Our Knowledge of the Internal World

Lecture Four (Wednesday 23rd May): *Phenomenal and epistemic indistinguishability*

The fourth lecture will begin with a variation on the thought experiment about Mary that is the focus of the knowledge argument, using it to develop the analogy between self-locating knowledge and knowledge of phenomenal experience. The success of the analogy will turn on the rejection of an assumption that is intuitively plausible, but that I will argue should be rejected. The assumption is a principle that says that possible situations that are epistemically possible for a given knower must be phenomenally indistinguishable.