



It is our pleasure to invite you to the public talk:

*Selfless Minds or Mindful Selves?  
Buddhist, Phenomenological, and Cognitive Science  
Perspectives on Human Experience*



On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 5 pm  
at New Europe College (Plantelor 21)

given by

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Engaging recent work in cross-cultural philosophy of mind, this lecture explores some of the metaphysical and moral implications of non-egological conceptions of consciousness and their alternatives. After examining some real-life scenarios that seem to involve the disruption of self-consciousness, it considers whether these scenarios provide evidence for classical no-self views, such as we find in Hume and Buddhism, or should rather be interpreted as uncovering a broader range of experiential, narrative, relational, embodied, and social aspects of our conscious lives. The lecture aims to generate some debate and stimulate further reflection on whether and how an empirically informed cross-cultural philosophy of mind can discover something fundamental about the nature of human experience.

*Short bio:*



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