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Showing, Sensing, and Seeming 2013-09-26 certain representations are bound in special ways to our sensory capacities what do these representations have in common and what makes them different from representations of other kinds dominic gregory employs novel ideas on perceptual states and sensory perspectives to explain the special nature of distinctively sensory representations

Touch, Representation, and Blindness 2000 psychological studies of touch and blindness have been fraught with controversy within this field there remains an important theoretical divide many researchers have taken a cognitive approach to the study of touch and blindness relating these to higher order processes such as memory and concept formation others adopt a theoretical perspective arguing that it not necessary to consider the internal representation of the stimuli when investigating touch thus people make use of information from the physical biomechanical properties of their limbs as they assess the physical properties of objects in addition psychologists differ in the relative importance they place on the modality of sensory stimulation for subsequent perceptual experiences some psychologists argue that touch can do many of the things that are accomplished by vision and claim that the mode of sensory stimulation is not critically important for perception arguing that much information can be obtained through non visual modalities others suggest that there are important consequences of a lack of visual experience arguing for the importance of multiple forms of sensory input for conceptual development new to the debates in psychology series touch representation and blindness brings together the leading investigators in these areas each presenting the evidence for their side of the debate an introductory chapter sets the theoretical and historical stage for the debate and a concluding chapter draws together the different views and ideas set forth by the contributors summarizing and resolving the discussion

Descartes and the Puzzle of Sensory Representation 2010-01-07 while much has been written on descartes theory of mind and ideas no systematic study of his theory of sensory representation and misrepresentation is currently available in the literature descartes and the puzzle of sensory misrepresentation is an ambitious attempt to fill this gap it argues against the established view that cartesian sensations are mere qualia by defending the view that they are representational it offers a descriptivist causal account of their representationality that is critical of and differs from all other extant accounts such as for example causal teleofunctional and purely internalist accounts and it has the advantage of providing an adequate solution to the problem of sensory misrepresentation within descartes internalist theory of ideas in sum the book offers a novel account of the representationality of cartesian sensations provides a panoramic overview and critical assessment of the scholarly literature on this issue and places descartes theory of sensation in the central position it deserves among the philosophical and scientific investigations of the workings of the human mind

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A Theory of Sentience 2000 drawing on the findings of neuroscience this text proposes and defends the hypothesis that the various modalities of sensation share a generic form that the author austen clark calls feature placing

Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy Volume 2010 oxford studies in ancient philosophy is a volume of original articles on all aspects of ancient philosophy the articles may be of substantial length and include critical notices of major books osap is now published twice yearly in both hardback and paperback the serial oxford studies in ancient philosophy osap is fairly regarded as the leading venue for publication in ancient philosophy it is where one looks to find the state of the art that the serial which presents itself more as an anthology than as a journal has traditionally allowed space for lengthier studies has tended only to add to its prestige it is as if osap thus declares that since it allows as much space as the merits of the subject require it can be more entirely devoted to the best and most serious scholarship michael pakaluk bryn mawr classical review

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On the Genealogy of Color 2015-10-16 in on the genealogy of color zed adams argues for a historicized approach to conceptual analysis by exploring the relevance of the history of color science for contemporary philosophical debates about color realism adams contends that two prominent positions in these debates cartesian anti realism and oxford realism are both predicated on the assumption that the concept of color is ahistorical and unrevisable adams takes issue with this premise by offering a philosophical genealogy of the concept of color this book makes a significant contribution to recent debates on philosophical methodology by demonstrating the efficacy of using the genealogical method to explore philosophical concepts and will appeal to philosophers of perception philosophers of mind and metaphysicians

The Oxford Handbook of Social Neuroscience 2011 this title marks the emergence of a third broad perspective in neuroscience this perspective emphasizes the functions that emerge through the coaction and interaction of conspecifics and the commonality and differences across social species and superorganismal structures

The Oxford Handbook of Berkeley 2022-01-18 the oxford handbook of berkeley is a compendious examination of a vast array of topics in the philosophy of george berkeley 1685 1753 anglican bishop of cloyne the famous idealist and most illustrious irish philosopher berkeley is best known for his denial of the existence of material substance and his insistence that the only things that exist in the universe are minds including god and their ideas however berkeley was a polymath who contributed to a variety of different disciplines not well distinguished from philosophy in the eighteenth century including the theory and psychology of vision the nature and functioning of language the debate over infinitesimals in mathematics political philosophy economics chemistry including his favoured panacea tar water and theology this volume includes contributions from thirty four expert commentators on berkeley s philosophy some of whom provide a state of the art account of his philosophical achievements and some of whom place his philosophy in historical context by comparing and contrasting it with the views of his contemporaries including mandeville collier and edwards as well as with philosophers who preceded him such as descartes locke malebranche and leibniz and others who succeeded him such as hume reid kant and shepherd

Pleasure 2018 for many the word pleasure conjures associations with hedonism indulgence and escape from the life of the mind however little we talk about it though pleasure also plays an integral role in cognitive life in both our sensory perception of the world and our intellectual understanding this previously important but now neglected philosophical understanding of pleasure is the focus of the essays in this volume which challenges received views that pleasure is principally motivating of action unanalyzable and caused rather than responsive to reason like other books in the oxford philosophical concepts series it traces the development of the focal idea from ancient times through the 20th century the essays highlight points of departure for new lines of inquiry rather than attempting to provide a full picture of how the idea of pleasure has been explored in philosophy the volume begins by showing how plato aristotle early islamic philosophers and philosophers in the medieval latin tradition such as aquinas honed in on the challenge of unifying the variety of pleasures so that they fall under one concept in the early modern period philosophers shifted from understanding the logic of pleasure to treating pleasure as a mental state as the studies of malebranche

berkeley and kant show the central problem becomes understanding the relation of pleasure to other sensory experiences and the role of pleasure in human cognition and knowledge short interdisciplinary reflections interspersed between essays focus on art of 16th and 17th century textbooks and the difficult music of composers like bach which demonstrate translation of these concerns to cultural production in the period as the essay on mill shows the 19th century development of scientific psychology narrowed the definition of pleasure and so its philosophical focus contemporary accounts of pleasure however in both philosophy and psychology are now recognizing the limitations of this narrow focus and are once again recognizing the complexity of pleasure and its role in human life

Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy, Volume XI 2023-02-17 oxford studies in early modern philosophy is an annual series presenting a selection of the best current work in the history of early modern philosophy it focuses on the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the extraordinary period of intellectual flourishing that begins very roughly with descartes and his contemporaries and ends with kant it also publishes papers on thinkers or movements outside of that framework provided they are important in illuminating early modern thought the articles in osempp will be of importance to specialists within the discipline but the editors also intend that they should appeal to a larger audience of philosophers intellectual historians and others who are interested in the development of modern thought

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Descartes, Malebranche, and the Crisis of Perception 2017 the seventeenth century witnesses the demise of two core doctrines in the theory of perception naive realism about color sound and other sensible qualities and the empirical theory drawn from alhacen and roger bacon which underwrote it this created a problem for seventeenth century philosophers how is that we use qualities such as color feel and sound to locate objects in the world even though these qualities are not real ejecting such sensible qualities from the mind independent world at once makes for a cleaner ontology since bodies can now be understood in purely geometrical terms and spawns a variety of fascinating complications for the philosophy of perception if sensible qualities are not part of the mind independent world just what are they and what role if any do they play in our cognitive economy we seemingly have to use color to visually experience objects do we do so by inferring size shape and motion from color or is it a purely automatic operation accomplished by divine decree this volume traces the debate over perceptual experience in early modern france covering such figures as antoine arnauld robert desgabets and pierre sylvain regis alongside their better known countrymen rene descartes and nicolas malebranche

Spatial Senses 2019-05-29 this collection of essays brings together research on sense modalities in general and spatial perception in particular in a systematic and interdisciplinary way it updates a long standing philosophical fascination with this topic by incorporating theoretical and empirical research from cognitive science neuroscience and psychology the book is divided thematically to cover a wide range of established and emerging issues part i covers notions of objectivity and subjectivity in spatial perception and thinking part ii focuses on the canonical distal senses such as vision and audition part iii concerns the chemical senses including olfaction and gustation part iv discusses bodily awareness peripersonal space and touch finally the volume concludes with part v on multimodality spatial senses

is an important contribution to the scholarly literature on the philosophy of perception that takes into account important advances in the sciences

Active Perception in the History of Philosophy 2014-03-18 the aim of the present work is to show the roots of the conception of perception as an active process tracing the history of its development from plato to modern philosophy the contributors inquire into what activity is taken to mean in different theories challenging traditional historical accounts of perception that stress the passivity of percipients in coming to know the external world special attention is paid to the psychological and physiological mechanisms of perception rational and non rational perception and the role of awareness in the perceptual process perception has often been conceived as a process in which the passive aspects such as the reception of sensory stimuli were stressed and the active ones overlooked however during recent decades research in cognitive science and philosophy of mind has emphasized the activity of the subject in the process of sense perception often associating this activity to the notions of attention and intentionality although it is recognized that there are ancient roots to the view that perception is fundamentally active the history remains largely unexplored the book is directed to all those interested in contemporary debates in the fields of philosophy of mind and cognitive psychology who would like to become acquainted with the historical background of active perception but for historical reliability the aim is to make no compromises

A Companion to Locke 2015-09-23 this collection of 28 original essays examines the diverse scope of john locke s contributions as a celebrated philosopher empiricist and father of modern political theory explores the impact of locke s thought and writing across a range of fields including epistemology metaphysics philosophy of science political theory education religion and economics delves into the most important lockean topics such as innate ideas perception natural kinds free will natural rights religious toleration and political liberalism identifies the political philosophical and religious contexts in which locke s views developed with perspectives from today s leading philosophers and scholars offers an unprecedented reference of locke s contributions and his continued influence

Contemporary Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy 2013-05-13 normativity has long been conceived as more properly pertaining to the domain of thought than to the domain of nature this conception goes back to kant and still figures prominently in contemporary epistemology philosophy of mind and ethics by offering a collection of new essays by leading scholars in early modern philosophy and specialists in contemporary philosophy this volume goes beyond the point where nature and normativity came apart and challenges the well established opposition between these all too neatly separated realms it examines how the mind s embeddedness in nature can be conceived as a starting point for uncovering the links between naturally and conventionally determined standards governing an agent s epistemic and moral engagement with the world the original essays are grouped in two parts the first part focuses on specific aspects of theories of perception thought formation and judgment it gestures towards an account of normativity that regards linguistic conventions and natural constraints as jointly setting the scene for the mind s ability to conceptualise its experiences the second part of the book asks what the norms of desirable epistemic and moral practices are key to this approach is an examination of human beings as parts of nature who act as natural causes and are determined by their sensibilities and sentiments each part concludes with a chapter that integrates features of the historical debate into the contemporary context

Spectator in the Cartesian Theater 2023-08-15 a range of seemingly unrelated problems at the forefront of controversy about consciousness language and vision among others have a deep connection with one another that has gone unnoticed this book suggests that this mistake arises not from what is put into a theory but rather from what is missing

Emotional Minds 2012-07-30 the thoroughly contemporary question of the relationship between emotion and reason was debated with such complexity by the philosophers of the 17th century that their concepts remain a source of inspiration for today s research about the emotionality of the mind the analyses of the works of descartes spinoza leibniz and many other thinkers collected in this

volume offer new insights into the diversity and significance of philosophical reflections about emotions during the early modern era a focus is placed on affective components in learning processes and the boundaries between emotions and reason

Conflicting Values of Inquiry 2015-01-08 conflicting values of inquiry explores how certain non epistemic values had been turned into epistemic ones how they had an effect on epistemic content and how they became ideologies of knowledge playing various roles in inquiry and application throughout early modern europe

Jesuit Science and the End of Nature's Secrets 2016-03-09 jesuit science and the end of nature s secrets explores how several prominent jesuit naturalists including niccolò Cabeo Athanasius Kircher and Gaspar Schott tackled the problem of occult or insensible causation in the seventeenth century the search for hidden causes lay at the heart of the early modern study of nature and included phenomena such as the activity of the magnet the marvelous powers ascribed to certain animals and plants and the hidden destructive forces churning in the depths of the earth while this was a project embraced by most early modern naturalists however the book demonstrates that the jesuits were uniquely suited to the study of nature s hidden secrets because of the complex methods of contemplation and meditation enshrined at the core of their spirituality divided into six chapters the work documents how particular jesuits sought to reveal and expose nature s myriad secrets through an innovative blending of technology imagery and experiment moving beyond the conventional aristotelianism mandated by the society of Jesus they set forth a vision of the world that made manifest the works of God as creator no matter how deeply hidden those works were the book thus not only presents a narrative that challenges present day assumptions about the role played by catholic religious communities in the formation of modern science but also captures the exuberance and inventiveness of the early modern study of nature

The Age of Epistemology 2023-02-23 Marco Sgarbi tells a new history of epistemology from the renaissance to Newton through the impact of aristotelian scientific doctrines on key figures including Galileo Galilei Thomas Hobbes René Descartes John Locke Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz and Isaac Newton this history illuminates the debates philosophers had on deduction meditation regressus syllogism experiment and observation the certainty of mathematics and the foundations of scientific knowledge Sgarbi focuses on the aristotelian education key philosophers received providing a concrete historical framework through which to read epistemological re definitions developments and transformations over three centuries the age of epistemology further highlights how aristotelianism itself changed over time by absorbing doctrines from other philosophical traditions and generating a variety of interpretations in the process

Modern Advances in Intelligent Systems and Tools 2012-08-16 intelligent systems provide a platform to connect the research in artificial intelligence to real world problem solving applications various intelligent systems have been developed to face real world applications this book discusses the modern advances in intelligent systems and the tools in applied artificial intelligence it consists of twenty three chapters authored by participants of the 25th international conference on industrial engineering other applications of applied intelligent systems IEA AIE 2012 which was held in Dalian China this book is divided into six parts including applied intelligence cognitive computing and affective computing data mining and intelligent systems decision support systems machine learning and natural language processing each part includes three to five chapters in these chapters many approaches applications restrictions and discussions are presented the material of each chapter is self contained and was reviewed by at least two anonymous referees to assure the high quality readers can select any individual chapter based on their research interests without the need of reading other chapters we hope that this book provides useful reference values to researchers and students in the field of applied intelligence we also hope that readers will find opportunities and recognize challenges through the papers presented in this book

Causation and Cognition in Early Modern Philosophy 2019-07-23 this book re examines the roles of

causation and cognition in early modern philosophy the standard historical narrative suggests that early modern thinkers abandoned aristotelian models of formal causation in favor of doctrines that appealed to relations of efficient causation between material objects and cognizers this narrative has been criticized in recent scholarship from at least two directions scholars have emphasized that we should not think of the aristotelian tradition in such monolithic terms and that many early modern thinkers did not unequivocally reduce all causation to efficient causation in line with this general approach this book features original essays written by leading experts in early modern philosophy it is organized around five guiding questions what are the entities involved in causal processes leading to cognition what type s or kind s of causality are at stake are early modern thinkers confined to efficient causation or do other types of causation play a role what is god s role in causal processes leading to cognition how do cognitive causal processes relate to other non cognitive causal processes is the causal process in the case of human cognition in any way special how does it relate to processes involved in the case of non human cognition the essays explore how fifteen early modern thinkers answered these questions francisco suárez rené descartes louis de la forge géraud de cordemoy nicolas malebranche thomas hobbes baruch de spinoza gottfried wilhelm leibniz ralph cudworth margaret cavendish john locke john sergeant george berkeley david hume and thomas reid the volume is unique in that it explores both well known and understudied historical figures and in that it emphasizes the intimate relationship between causation and cognition to open up new perspectives on early modern philosophy of mind and metaphysics

Knowing and Being in Ancient Philosophy 2022-05-26 this collected volume is inspired by the work of edward halper and is historically focused with contributions from leading scholars in ancient and medieval philosophy though its chapters cover a diverse range of topics in epistemology ethics and political philosophy the collection is unified by the contributors consideration of these topics in terms of the fundamental questions of metaphysics the first section of the volume knowing and being is dedicated to the connection between metaphysics and epistemology and includes chapters on heraclitus plato aristotle and the ancient daoists the second section goodness as knowing how to be addresses ethics as an outgrowth of human metaphysical concerns and includes chapters on plato aristotle and maimonides contributors include william h f altman luc brisson ronna burger miriam byrd owen goldin lenn goodman mitchell miller richard parry richard patterson nastassja pugliese john rist may sim roslyn weiss and chad wiener

Descartes' Meditations 2013 this book provides new insights into understanding descartes philosophy of mind especially the role and significance of the senses and emotions

Reimagining Sustainability in Precarious Times 2017-01-17 this book reflects the considerable appeal of the anthropocene and the way it stimulates new discussions and ideas for reimagining sustainability and its place in education in these precarious times the authors explore these new imaginings for sustainability using varying theoretical perspectives in order to consider innovative ways of engaging with concepts that are now influencing the field of sustainability and education through their theoretical analysis research and field work the authors explore novel approaches to designing sustainability and sustainability education these approaches although diverse in focus all highlight the complex interdependencies of the human and more than human world and by unpacking binaries such as human nature nature culture subject object and de centring the human expose the complexities of an entangled human nature relation that are shaping our understanding of sustainability these messy relations challenge the well versed mantras of anthropocentric exceptionalism in sustainability and sustainability education and offer new questions rather than answers for researchers educators and practitioners to explore as working with new theoretical lenses is not always easy this book also highlights the authors methods for approaching these ideas and imaginings

The Multi-Sensory Image from Antiquity to the Renaissance 2019-01-10 this volume responds to calls in visual and material cultural studies to move beyond the visual and to explore the multi sensory

impact of the image across a wide range of cultural and historical contexts what does it mean to practise art history after the material and sensory turns what is an image if not a purely visual phenomenon and how does it prompt non visual sensory experiences the multi sensoriality of the image was a less challenging concept before the ocularcentric modern age and so this volume brings together a global array of scholars from multiple disciplines to ask these questions of imagery in premodern or non western contexts ranging from minoan palace frescoes to roman statues early church sermons tombs of byzantine saints museum displays of islamic artefacts of scent medieval depictions of the voice and stuart court masques each chapter presents a means of appreciating images beyond the visual demonstrating the new information and understanding that consequently can be gleaned from their material as a collection these chapters offer the student and scholar of art history and visual culture an array of exciting new approaches that can be applied to appreciate the multi sensoriality of images in any context as well as prompts for reflection on future directions in the study of imagery the multi sensory image thus illustrates that it is not only possible to explore the non visual impact of images but imperative

Sensory Arts and Design 2020-05-27 artists designers and researchers are increasingly seeking new ways to understand and explore the creative and practical significance of the senses this groundbreaking book brings art and design into the field of sensory studies providing a clear introduction to the field and outlining important developments and new directions a compelling exploration of both theory and practice sensory arts and design brings together a wide variety of examples from contemporary art and design which share a sensory dimension in their development or user experience divided into three parts the book examines the design applications of new technology with sensing capacities the role of the senses in creating new imaginative environments and the significance of the senses within different cultural practices the thirteen chapters cover a highly diverse range of issues from the urban environment architecture and soundscapes to gustatory art multisensory perception in painting music and drawing and the relationship between vision and smell initiated by insight a research group at lancaster institute for the contemporary arts widely recognised as a center of research excellence the project brings together a team of experts from britain europe and north america this timely book is destined to make a significant contribution to the scholarly development of this emerging field an important read for students and scholars in sensory studies design art and visual culture

Network-Oriented Modeling 2016-10-03 this book presents a new approach that can be applied to complex integrated individual and social human processes it provides an alternative means of addressing complexity better suited for its purpose than and effectively complementing traditional strategies involving isolation and separation assumptions network oriented modeling allows high level cognitive affective and social models in the form of cyclic graphs to be constructed which can be automatically transformed into executable simulation models the modeling format used makes it easy to take into account theories and findings about complex cognitive and social processes which often involve dynamics based on interrelating cycles accordingly it makes it possible to address complex phenomena such as the integration of emotions within cognitive processes of all kinds of internal simulations of the mental processes of others and of social phenomena such as shared understandings and collective actions a variety of sample models including those for ownership of actions fear and dreaming the integration of emotions in joint decision making based on empathic understanding and evolving social networks illustrate the potential of the approach dedicated software is available to support building models in a conceptual or graphical manner transforming them into an executable format and performing simulation experiments the majority of the material presented has been used and positively evaluated by undergraduate and graduate students and researchers in the cognitive social and ai domains given its detailed coverage the book is ideally suited as an introduction for graduate and undergraduate students in many different multidisciplinary fields involving cognitive affective social biological and neuroscience domains

Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Mind 2023-03-20 a timely collection of debates concerning the major themes and topics in philosophy of mind fully updated with new topics covering the latest developments in the field contemporary debates in philosophy of mind provides a lively and engaging introduction to the conceptual background ongoing debates and contentious issues in the field today original essays by more than 30 of the discipline's most influential thinkers offer opposing perspectives on a series of contested questions regarding mental content physicalism the place of consciousness in the physical world and the nature of perception and mental capacities written to appeal to non specialists and professional philosophers alike the second edition of contemporary debates in philosophy of mind features five entirely new debates on the relation between perception and cognition whether pain is a natural kind whether perception is best understood through representational content or direct contact with the world whether we need imagination that goes beyond imagery and supposition and whether perceptual contents are general particular or a hybrid presents 15 sets of specially commissioned essays with opposing viewpoints on central topics in philosophy of mind offers head to head debates on central topics such as consciousness intentionality normativity mental causation materialism and perception provides a dynamic view of contemporary thinking about fundamental and controversial issues includes a thorough introduction providing a comprehensive background to the issues explored in each debate part of wiley blackwell's acclaimed contemporary debates in philosophy series contemporary debates in philosophy of mind second edition is essential reading for undergraduate and graduate students academics professional philosophers and sophisticated general readers with an interest in the subject

Matter Matters 2010-04-29 why is there a material world why is it fundamentally mathematical matter matters explores a seventeenth century answer to these questions as it emerged from the works of descartes and leibniz the mathematization of the physics is shown to have been conceptually underwritten by two methods of philosophizing namely analysis and synthesis the connection between these things mathematics matter and the methods of analysis and synthesis has thus far gone unexplored by scholars the book is in four parts part i works out the context in which the theory of modern matter arose part ii develops the method of analysis showing how it aligns with descartes's famous doctrine of clear and distinct ideas part iii develops the method of synthesis focusing primarily on leibniz showing how it establishes the very conditions necessary and sufficient for mathematics analysis and synthesis turn out to establish isomorphic conceptual systems which turn out to be isomorphic to what mathematicians today call a group the group concept expresses the conditions underwriting all of mathematics part iv examines several relatively new interpretations of descartes the realist and idealist readings which appear to be at odds with one another the examination shows the sense in which these readings are actually compatible and together reveal a richer picture of descartes's position on the reality of matter ultimately matter matters establishes the claim that mathematics is intelligible if and only if matter exists

The Descartes Dictionary 2015-01-29 the descartes dictionary is an accessible guide to the world of the seventeenth century philosopher rené descartes meticulously researched and extensively cross referenced this unique book covers all his major works ideas and influences and provides a firm grounding in the central themes of descartes thought the introduction provides a biographical sketch a brief account of descartes philosophical works and a summary of the current state of cartesian studies discussing trends in research over the past four decades the a z entries include clear definitions of the key terms used in descartes writings and detailed synopses of his works also included are entries noting philosophical influences of both figures that influenced descartes and those that he in turn influenced for anyone reading or studying descartes rationalism or modern philosophy more generally this original resource provides a wealth of useful information analysis and criticism including clear explanations of often complex terminology the descartes dictionary covers everything that is essential to a sound understanding of descartes philosophy

The Human Nervous System 2011-12-13 the previous two editions of the human nervous system

have been the standard reference for the anatomy of the central and peripheral nervous system of the human the work has attracted nearly 2 000 citations demonstrating that it has a major influence in the field of neuroscience the 3e is a complete and updated revision with new chapters covering genes and anatomy gene expression studies and glia cells the book continues to be an excellent companion to the atlas of the human brain and a common nomenclature throughout the book is enforced physiological data functional concepts and correlates to the neuroanatomy of the major model systems rat and mouse as well as brain function round out the new edition adopts standard nomenclature following the new scheme by paxinos watson and puelles and aligned with the mai et al atlas of the human brain new edition in 2007 full color throughout with many new and significantly enhanced illustrations provides essential reference information for users in conjunction with brain atlases for the identification of brain structures the connectivity between different areas and to evaluate data collected in anatomical physiological pharmacological behavioral and imaging studies

Descartes' Philosophical Revolution: A Reassessment 2015-05-28 ben yami shows how the technology of descartes time shapes his conception of life soul and mind body dualism how descartes analytic geometry helps him develop his revolutionary conception of representation without resemblance and how these ideas combine to shape his new and influential theory of perception

Sourcebook for the History of the Philosophy of Mind 2013-10-23 fresh translations of key texts exhaustive coverage from plato to kant and detailed commentary by expert scholars of philosophy add up to make this sourcebook the first and most comprehensive account of the history of the philosophy of mind published at a time when the philosophy of mind and philosophical psychology are high profile domains in current research the volume will inform our understanding of philosophical questions by shedding light on the origins of core conceptual assumptions often arrived at before the instauration of psychology as a recognized subject in its own right the chapters closely follow historical developments in our understanding of the mind with sections dedicated to ancient medieval latin and arabic and early modern periods of development the volume s structural clarity enables readers to trace the entire progression of philosophical understanding on specific topics related to the mind such as the nature of perception doing so reveals the fascinating contrasts between current and historical approaches in addition to its all inclusive source material the volume provides subtle expert commentary that includes critical introductions to each thematic section as well as detailed engagement with the central texts a voluminous bibliography includes hundreds of primary and secondary sources the sheer scale of this new publication sheds light on the progression and discontinuities in our study of the philosophy of mind and represents a major new sourcebook in a field of extreme importance to our understanding of humanity as a whole

Conscious Mind, Resonant Brain 2021-05-28 how does your mind work how does your brain give rise to your mind these are questions that all of us have wondered about at some point in our lives if only because everything that we know is experienced in our minds they are also very hard questions to answer after all how can a mind understand itself how can you understand something as complex as the tool that is being used to understand it this book provides an introductory and self contained description of some of the exciting answers to these questions that modern theories of mind and brain have recently proposed stephen grossberg is broadly acknowledged to be the most important pioneer and current research leader who has for the past 50 years modelled how brains give rise to minds notably how neural circuits in multiple brain regions interact together to generate psychological functions this research has led to a unified understanding of how where and why our brains can consciously see hear feel and know about the world and effectively plan and act within it the work embodies revolutionary principia of mind that clarify how autonomous adaptive intelligence is achieved it provides mechanistic explanations of multiple mental disorders including symptoms of alzheimer s disease autism amnesia and sleep disorders biological bases of morality and religion including why our brains are biased towards the good so that values are not purely relative perplexing aspects of the human condition including why many decisions are irrational and self

defeating despite evolution's selection of adaptive behaviors and solutions to large scale problems in machine learning technology and artificial intelligence that provide a blueprint for autonomously intelligent algorithms and robots because brains embody a universal developmental code unifying insights also emerge about shared laws that are found in all living cellular tissues from the most primitive to the most advanced notably how the laws governing networks of interacting cells support developmental and learning processes in all species the fundamental brain design principles of complementarity uncertainty and resonance that Grossberg has discovered also reflect laws of the physical world with which our brains ceaselessly interact and which enable our brains to incrementally learn to understand those laws thereby enabling humans to understand the world scientifically accessibly written and lavishly illustrated *Conscious Mind Resonant Brain* is the magnum opus of one of the most influential scientists of the past 50 years and will appeal to a broad readership across the sciences and humanities

Somatosensory System 2012-12-06 the waterproof sensory sheet covering the mammalian body has a rich afferent innervation which provides an abundance of complex information for use by the central nervous system often in conjunction with information from receptors in the joints this book is an attempt to provide a systematic account of the way in which this somatosensory system works the properties of the peripheral receptors have been debated in scientific terms for about a century and the resolution of the conflict in favour of the existence of specific receptors for mechanical thermal and noxious stimuli is reported and discussed in the opening chapters of the book an awareness of this specificity has forced a re-consideration of the ways in which the central nervous system decodes the information which is showered upon it advances in knowledge of the fine structure of the central nervous system have raised functional questions about the operation and organisation of the sensory systems in the spinal cord and brain fresh insight into the morphological complexity of the dorsal horn and higher levels of the nervous system gives the physiologist a clearer idea of the units with which he works progress has been made in understanding the function of sensory relay nuclei in general and individual tracts in particular and is fully documented

Psychology Library Editions: Comparative Psychology 2022-07-30 psychology library editions comparative psychology 16 volume set brings together a number of titles which explore animal behaviour and learning some in isolation but mostly comparing it with human behaviour research in this area looks at many different issues using various methods and examines species from insects to primates the series of previously out of print titles originally published between 1928 and 1997 with the majority from the 1970s and 1980s includes contributions from many highly respected authors

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