Gains and Losses: Enaction Revisited

Theories of embodied and enacted cognition gained considerable attention in the last two decades of philosophical inquiries. However, the ideas of the embodied mind and the importance of active engagement concerning the mind lie far back in time latest revival of these ideas inseminated scientific practice and research.

Regarding the intercourse between science and philosophy, some philosophical considerations gained much support from science. Also, psychiatry, cognitive science, and artificial intelligence studies fruitfully accommodated some ideas formulated by philosophers. Notwithstanding, some suggestions are still controversial because of missing scientific evidence or apparent theoretical retrocession.

The planned workshop aims at considering the main merits of the last two decades' efforts seen both from the perspective of philosophy and that of the sciences and revisiting misconceptions and suggestions resulting in a drawback.

Accordingly, the scope of the workshop includes but is not limited to the following topics:

- Embodied cognition and naturalizing phenomenology
- Theories of the embodied mind and metaphysical commitments
- Mental representation in an enactive framework
- Phenomenal consciousness against the background of embodied / enacted cognition
- Externalism vs. internalism and beyond
- Relating consciousness and cognition
- Social grounding and the body
- Behaviourist spirit and enactivism
- Theories of embodiment and enactment in sciences