

2-day Seminar/Webinar  
**SCIENCE OF MIND IN THE PHILOSOPHIES OF THE WORLD**  
**-A Dialogue between Science and Philosophy-**  
November 12-13, 2021

Concept note

The elusive mind has been sought after by scientists and philosophers alike. How far have the scientists got? How close have the philosophers got? Are the two traditions related in any aspect?

It is said that science was born from the womb of philosophy and carried its name for some centuries in the west. Indeed, Science was first known as natural philosophy. The term 'science' is derived from scientia, a Latin word which refers to knowledge generally; the term 'scientist' was coined only in the 19th century when it had clearly developed methods of enquiry that were unique to itself, i.e., not shared by philosophy. In Sanskrit too, Vigyan is knowledge, today, in common parlance, we understand it mainly as science.

Here, it should be mentioned that by the term 'science' or 'Vigyan', we refer to the systematic and reasoned explorations of phenomena that most systems have uniquely undertaken from the beginnings of their philosophical tradition.

In this seminar, we will be examining how the **science of mind** is understood from the point of view of various philosophical and thinking traditions, exploring contributory connections in furthering the values that are of great importance to the flourishing of human society.

The Science of mind in Buddhist philosophy is a much-discussed topic. With the hope that by effecting meaningful exchanges between science and other philosophical traditions, will enable us to draw into practice some useful practices for society in general, this seminar is being organized.

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