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UNDERSTANDING OTHER MINDS -- FROM BASE TO SUMMIT
BY
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Abstract: The problem of other minds in its epistemological avatar is also often referred to as the problem of third-person understanding or mindreading. It is known by various other epithets that often represent different aspects of the problem. Of the many known theories of mindreading, my special favorite is the Simulation Theory. But the Simulation Theory has three major strands outlined by its most important proponents, Jane Heal, Robert Gordon and Alvin I. Goldman. Also, these philosophers, along with their counterparts in the scientific disciplines of Psychology and Neuroscience, have proposed models of third-person understanding ranging from the most basic, involving little or no conceptual sophistication, to the most complex, involving conceptual schematizations of the highest sort. In my talk, I will outline some of these models to enlighten listeners who are often confused by the varieties of mindreading talked about. As a long time, researcher in the theory of mind domain, I find that these confusions create unnecessary divides and a broad overview of the area is much wanting.

Short Bio: Maushumi Guha is Professor of Philosophy at Jadavpur University and the Joint Deputy Coordinator of the Centre for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. She is the Chief Editor of Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy and *Darśanasamīkṣā*. She is a Cambridge Commonwealth Fellow and has several publications on a variety of philosophical topics. Her areas of specialization are Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, Research Methodology and Metaphilosophy, and Philosophy of Science. She also takes special interest in Epistemology and Metaphysics. Currently, she is writing a book on mindreading, which is expected to be ready for publication by the middle of next year, that is, 2025.