

CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES IN SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES.

EASTERN AND WESTERN PERSPECTIVES.

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The anthology comprises 18 essays, gathering Eastern – namely Indian –, and Western – namely German, UK, USA, Canadian – perspectives and approaches to Consciousness Studies from a range of disciplines in the natural sciences and humanities. The essays present ongoing research in the specific disciplines and offer a sound introduction to and overview of the broad field of Consciousness Studies. The structure of the book deliberately will not stick to disciplinary compartmentalization, but adheres to central aspects of the umbrella term “Consciousness” that are addressed with various disciplinary methodologies.

This form of presentation will illustrate that what is meant by the term consciousness is highly determined by the cultural and disciplinary context in which the word is used, and highlights the often unacknowledged pre-theoretical assumptions of the respective disciplinary research, as these reciprocally comment on each other. By capturing the internal refractions of the term “Consciousness” along these multiple axes, the book in its very structure thus presents a model of consciousness that facilitates interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and intercultural exchange and dialogue – an increasingly stipulated necessity to produce adequate results in the field of Consciousness Studies.

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