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1a. Højdepunkter

Centeret er et tværvideenskabeligt "Center of Excellence" finansieret af Danmarks Grundforskningsfond med supplerende støtte fra Københavns Universitet (Det Humanistiske Fakultet, Det Teologiske Fakultet, Det Sundhedsvidenskabelige Fakultet). Centerets aktuelle forskningsprogram som løber i perioden 1.3.2007-31.12.2012 bærer titlen "The Self: an integrative approach".

I løbet af 2012 har centeret organiseret, medorganiseret og/eller medfinansieret 5 konferencer og workshops (med mere end 50 talere), arrangeret 14 individuelle gæsteforelæsninger med inviterede foredragsholdere og haft besøg af 16 gæsteforskere. Centerets medarbejdere har publiceret 54 bøger og artikler samt holdt 56 foredrag og gæsteforelæsninger i Chile, Danmark, Finland, Frankrig, Italien, Japan, Norge, Schweiz, Storbritannien, Tyrkiet, Tyskland, USA og Østrig. Centerets interdisciplinære møder har haft deltagelse af udenlandske Ph.d. studerende fra Argentina, Australien, Canada, Colombia, Finland, Holland, Indien, Indonesien, Irland, Israel, Italien, Japan, Kina, Mexico, Nigeria, Norge, Peru, Portugal, Rumænien, Rusland, Schweiz, Spain, Storbritannien, Sverige, Sydkorea, Taiwan, Tjekkiet, Tyskland og USA.

Blandt de konferencer og workshops som Centeret har organiseret i 2012, kan følgende to fremhæves som havende tiltrukket særlig stor international opmærksomhed.

- 6. -10. august: *Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind*
- 11. -12. oktober: *Empathy in context*

Blandt centerets mange 2012 publikationer kan følgende særligt fremhæves:

- Zahavi, D. (ed.): *The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Phenomenology*. Oxford. Oxford University Press, 2012. (640 p.).
- Raballo, A., Parnas, J.: "Examination of anomalous self-experience: Initial study of the structure of self-disorders in schizophrenia spectrum." *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 200/7, 2012, 577-583.
- Overgaard, S.: "Disjunctivism and the Urgency of Scepticism". In M. Willaschek (ed.), *Disjunctivism: Disjunctive Accounts in Epistemology and in the Philosophy of Perception*. London: Routledge, 2012, 86-102.
- Alsmith, A. & de Vignemont, F.: "Embodying the mind and representing the body." *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 3/1, 2012, 1-13.
- Henriksen, M.G., Parnas, J.: "Clinical manifestations of self-disorders and the gestalt of schizophrenia." *Schizophrenia Bulletin* 38, 2012, 657-60.
- Krueger, J.: "Seeing mind in action." *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 11/2, 2012, 149-173.
- Kendler, K., Parnas, J. (eds.): *Philosophical Issues in Psychiatry II: Nosology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. (360 p.).
- Gallagher, S., Zahavi, D.: *The Phenomenological Mind. 2nd Edition*. London: Routledge, 2012. (288 p.)
- Grünbaum, T.: "Commonsense psychology, dual visual streams, and the individuation of action." *Philosophical Psychology* 25/1, 2012, 25-47.

I løbet af 2012 forsvarede to af centerets Ph.d. studerende succesfuldt deres Ph.d. afhandlinger:

Mads Gram Henriksen:

"Understanding Schizophrenia: investigations in Phenomenological Psychopathology".

Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen

Gry Ardal Printzlau:

"Trust and Ethical Selfhood".

Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen

Josef Parnas received the Kurt Schneider Scientific Award 2012

1b. Highlights

The Center is an interdisciplinary "Center of Excellence" funded by the Danish National Research Foundation, with supplementary funding from the University of Copenhagen (Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Theology and Faculty of Health Sciences). The current research program of the Center, which runs from March 1, 2007 – December 31, 2012, is entitled "The Self: An Integrative Approach".

During 2012 the Center organized, co-organized, and/or co-sponsored 5 conferences and workshops (with more than 50 speakers), hosted 14 individual guest lectures by invited speakers, and had 16 visiting researchers. The staff of the Center published 54 books and articles, and presented 56 papers and invited lectures in Austria, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America. The Center's interdisciplinary meetings attracted foreign PhD students from Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom and United States of America.

Among the conferences and workshops organized by the Center in 2012, the following two might be singled out as having attracted particular attention in terms of international attendance:

- 6. -10. August: *Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind*
- 11. -12. October: *Empathy in context*

Among the Center's many 2012 publications, one might highlight the following:

- Zahavi, D. (ed.): *The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Phenomenology*. Oxford. Oxford University Press, 2012. (640 p.).
- Raballo, A., Parnas, J.: "Examination of anomalous self-experience: Initial study of the structure of self-disorders in schizophrenia spectrum." *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 200/7, 2012, 577-583.
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During 2012, two of the Center's PhD students successfully defended their theses:

Mads Gram Henriksen:
"Understanding Schizophrenia: investigations in Phenomenological Psychopathology".
Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen

Gry Ardal Printzlau:
"Trust and Ethical Selfhood".
Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen

Josef Parnas received the Kurt Schneider Scientific Award 2012

2. Staff

Director

- Professor, dr.phil., PhD, Dan Zahavi

Scientific personnel

- Professor, dr.theol., Arne Grøn
- Professor, dr.med., Josef Parnas
- Professor, MSO, Claudia Welz
- Post.doc., PhD, Adrian Alsmith
- Post.doc., PhD, Nivedita Gangopadhyay (until 30.06.2012)
- Assistant Professor, PhD, Thor Grünbaum
- Post.doc., PhD, Rasmus Thybo Jensen (until 30.09.2012)
- Post.doc., PhD, Joel Krueger (until 31.12.2012)
- Associate professor, PhD, Søren Overgaard
- Marie Curie Experienced Researcher, PhD, Glenda Satne (from 02.08.2012)
- Marie Curie Early stage Researcher, PhD, Tatjana Noëmi Tömmel (from 01.02.2012)

PhD students (all are enrolled at the University of Copenhagen)

- MSc., Adam Farley (from 01.02.2012)
- Cand.mag., MA Simon Høffding (from 01.10.2012)
- MA, James Alexander Jardine (from 01.02.2012)
- MA, Zhida Luo
- MA, Kristian Moltke Martiny (from 01.02.2012)

Administrative personnel

- Merete Lynnerup, administrator
- Simon Høffding, student assistant (until 11.08.2012)
- Tobias Linnemann Ewé (from 01.11.2012)

Research assistants

- Cand.mag., Peder Bartholdy (from 02.10.2012)
- PhD., Mads Gram Henriksen (01.01.2012-31.02.2012)
- Mag.art., Martin Grünfeld (02.04.2012-31.08.2012)

Visiting professor

- Uriah Kriegel, University of Arizona, US (01.08.2012-30.09.2012)

Visiting researchers

- Bernardo Ainbinder, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina (from 16.10.2012)
- Hanne Jacobs, Loyola University Chicago, USA (11.06.2012-27.06.2012)
- Aya Peri-Bader, Technion-I.I.T. (Israel Institute of Technology), Israel (from 03.09.2012)
- Beril Sözman, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey (until 31.06.2012)
- Attila Sziget, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania (03.01.2012-29.02.2012)

Visiting PhD students

- Matt Bower, University of Memphis, USA (01.08.2012-24.08.2012)
- Vivian Bohl, University of Tartu, Estonia (17.01.2012-15.06.2012)
- Marianne Klinke, University of Iceland, Iceland (24.01.2012-15.05.2012)
- Katsunori Miyahara, University of Tokyo, Japan (until 14.03.2012)
- Yoshiaki Motobayashi, Kobe University, Japan (from 01.08.2012)
- Marisa Przyrembel, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (02.04.2012-31.06.2012)
- Alba Montes Sánchez, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain (05.08.2012-21.12.2012)
- Roberto Sifanno, University of Bari "Aldo Moro", Italy (06.09.2012-20.12.2012)
- Meng Zhao, Peking University, P.R. China (until 31.12.2012)

3. Research

Adrian Alsmith spent the first parts of the year working on a special issue of the Review of Philosophy & Psychology, edited with F. de Vignemont (Jean Nicod Institute, Paris). They also contributed an article to the issue. In June, he began his FKK postdoctoral fellowship title "The Unity of spatial consciousness". In July he visited the Department of Psychological Sciences at Birkbeck, London, and ran a psychology experiment on 10 participants. In August he visited the Institute for Technology and Advanced Biomedicine at the G. d'Annunzio University of Chieti/Pescara, Italy, where he ran a psychology experiment on 15 participants, with the help of Marcello Costantini.

Bernardo Aibinder has been a visiting researcher at the Center since October 1st 2012. During his stay he has been working on some of the problems that his analysis of transcendental philosophy from a metaphysical perspective left open, especially on the way in which transcendental phenomenological descriptions can be said to be true, the associated notion of experience and the transformations the very notion of phenomenological givenness has to undergo in order for transcendental descriptions to be phenomenologically verifiable.

Matt Bower has been visiting the Center from the 1st to the 24th of August. During his stay, Bower has been working on his PhD dissertation which concerns Husserl's theory of how the structures of intentionality that put us in touch with the external world arise for individual subjects and also, to a lesser extent, how some major transformations of that intentionality come about.

Vivian Bohl has been visiting the Center during the period of January 17th to June 15th, 2012. Bohl has been working on her PhD project entitled "How do we understand others? Intersubjectivity in contemporary phenomenology and theory of mind."

Adam Farley has primarily worked on the following projects: 1. Developing a phenomenologically informed account of bodily self-consciousness and empathy in Autism. 2. Developing and designing empirical studies to investigate the developmental interrelations between socially mediated forms of self-consciousness and empathy in typically developing individuals and those with Autism. 3. Conceiving and writing a proposal concerning the development of assistive/therapeutic motion technologies for individuals with Autism (following an invitation from the Helene Elsass Centre). 4. Investigating the enactive dimension of direct intersubjective perception. 5. Investigating phenomenological and conceptual issues regarding considerations of pre-reflective and reflective self-consciousness within contemporary accounts of social cognition

Nivedita Gangopadhyay has mainly worked on the following projects: 1. Clarifying the nature of perception-action coupling in social cognition as discussed, for example, in simulation theories of mindreading and emerging accounts of direct perceptual knowledge of other minds, 2. Investigating emerging contemporary phenomenological philosophy oriented accounts of social cognition and critically discussing their relation to mainstream accounts of mindreading, 3. Discussing the scope and validity of embodied cognition approaches to social cognition.

Mads Gram Henriksen was employed as a research assistant in January and February of 2012 with the purpose of translating four articles from the early German psychopathological tradition into English. The articles will be included in an upcoming anthology on clinical and phenomenological descriptions of schizophrenia, which he will co-edit and publish with Josef Parnas and Lennart Jansson.

Thor Grünbaum has primarily worked on the following topics: 1. The role of demonstrative content in knowledge of one's own intentions and intentional actions. 2. The relationship between common-sense psychological explanation and scientific psychological explanation. 3. The contemporary debate between cognitive and non-cognitive accounts of consciousness in contemporary science of consciousness.

Arne Grøn has worked primarily on the following projects: 1. Studies on ambiguities of subjectivity focusing on a) phenomenology of despair, b) passivity and activity in terms of experience as 'befalling' one (German "Widerfahrnis") and understanding (German "Verstehen"), c) memory and reflection (German "Nachdenken"), d) passion and thinking (discussing Kierkegaard's notion of the paradox of thought), 2. Studies on time and history, focusing on a) transcendence, time and history, b) history and 'the moment' (discussing Kierkegaard's notion of "Øieblikket"), 3. Studies on the nature of normativity esp. in terms of an ethics of in-visibility.

Simon Høffding has primarily worked on the following projects: 1) Determining and structuring the contents of PhD-research. 2) Clarifying the relation between intentionality and immersed musicianship.

Hanne Jacobs has visited the Center as a guest researcher from June 11th until June 30th, 2012, during which she has been working on a book on Husserl's phenomenology of self-constitution

James Jardine has primarily worked on the following projects: 1. General research on the phenomenology of empathy, in particular: how it contrasts with self-consciousness and the perception of objects; the role of expressive behavior; the temporal structure of acts of empathy; the relationship between empathy, interpretation, and communication. 2. Examining the role of embodiment in intersubjectivity. 3. Investigating the relationship between German Idealism (in particular Hegel) and phenomenology. 4. Clarifying the concept of recognition, and its relationship to the concept of empathy, through studies of Hegelian and Husserlian phenomenology.

Rasmus Thybo Jensen has primarily worked on the following projects: 1. Clarifying the conceptualist account of perceptual experiences, in particular with regard to the possible pre-predicate structure of perception. 2. Investigating to what extent Merleau-Ponty's early phenomenology of perception is compatible with a disjunctive and a conceptualist account of experience. 3. Developing a disjunctive conception of bodily movements in the philosophy of action. 4. Investigating to what extent Merleau-Ponty's notion of a lived body implies a disjunctive conception of expressive behaviour.

Marianne Klinke visited the Center from January 24th until May 15th. During her stay, Klinke has been working on her PhD project that consists of empirical studies regarding unilateral spatial neglect (UNS). The main aim of her thesis is to explore clinical manifestations and the evolvement of UNS over a prolonged time-period and to describe stroke survivors' and their relatives' experiences of living with UNS.

Uriah Kriegel has been a visiting professor at the Center from the August 1st to October 1st, 2012. During his stay, Kriegel has been working on a final round of revisions to his book *The Varieties of Consciousness*, which is forthcoming with Oxford University Press. The book discusses the status of six types of phenomenology (cognitive phenomenology, conative phenomenology, the phenomenology of entertaining, emotional phenomenology, moral phenomenology, and the phenomenology of freedom) as potentially primitive and irreducible kinds of phenomenology, inexplicable in terms of any other phenomenology.

Joel Krueger has primarily worked on the following projects: 1. Studying how Moebius Syndrome, a congenital form of bilateral facial paralysis, might be a source of insight for understanding the relation between high-level cognition and low-level gestural coupling within face-to-face social interaction. 2. Drawing upon different strands of empirical research to defend the thesis that some forms of expressive behavior (facial expressions, gestures, whole-body movements) constitute proper parts of some mental phenomena, and showing why this thesis is relevant for current disputes about empathy and social cognition. 3. Drawing upon studies of exogenous attention and mutual affect regulation in early infancy in order to argue that the phenomenological structure of some early-infant caregiver dyadic engagements is best described as involving joint subjects, and showing why this is philosophically interesting. 4. Investigating the phenomenology of auditory-verbal hallucinations in order to construct a more nuanced taxonomy of different forms of this experience.

Zhida Luo has mainly worked on the following: 1. Spelling out philosophical details of Husserl's theory of empathy; 2. General study of the phenomenological account of empathy and the social encounter, including the contributions of Scheler, Stein, Gurwitsch, Schutz, Merleau-Ponty, Sartre and Levinas, and examining the historical development and the philosophical difference between them; 4. Examining recent debates on social

cognition (simulation theory, direct perceptual account and others) and determining their relevance for a Husserlian theory of empathy.

Kristian Moltke Martiny has primarily worked on the following projects: 1. Clarifying the methodological problems for understanding the level of pre-reflective self-awareness. 2. Clarifying neuroscientific and philosophical understandings of sense of agency. 3. Examining the experiential and cognitive (i.e. pre-reflective sense of agency) problems of living with Cerebral Palsy. 4. Investigating the ways in which Merleau-Ponty's philosophy can help in understanding pathologies, such as Cerebral Palsy.

Katsunori Miyahara was a visiting PhD student from August 4th 2011 to March 15th 2012. During his stay, Katsunori has been working on his dissertation, which defends an embodied conception of the mind from phenomenological, conceptual and empirical perspectives. He has also worked on a manuscript about the relation between the two-visual systems hypothesis and enactive perception, which he presented at the International Association for Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences in Philadelphia in October 2011.

Yoshiaki Motobayashi has been a visiting PhD student from August 1st to February 25th, 2013. Motobayashi has focused on the phenomenological discussion of common sense. The purpose of his research is to reinterpret the relationship between self and others in the light of common sense.

Søren Overgaard has primarily worked on the following projects: 1. Clarifying how phenomenological theories of perceptual experience and intersubjectivity can contribute to current debates in the philosophy of perception and in social cognition research. 2. Clarifying the role of social interaction in social cognition, and investigating the extent to which mainstream approaches to social cognition ignore or downplay the role of social interaction. 3. Investigating the extent to which direct perception can be a source of knowledge about other people's emotions.

Josef Parnas has continued his theoretical and empirical research on self-disorders and their implications for the disorders of intersubjectivity in schizophrenia. He is preparing a follow-up and family study of first admitted patients, that will include biological and neurocognitive variables. Two entirely new projects, one on the link between creativity and vulnerability to schizophrenia and a second, concerning pathology of imagination. Other empirical projects continue on the issue of diagnostic interviewing in psychiatry, and on the issue of interpersonal understanding, practical vs. theoretical rationality, and the importance of a stable first-person perspective for cognition in schizophrenia.

Aya Peri-Bader was visiting the Center from September 3rd 2012 until January 3rd 2013. During the last semester Peri-Bader conducted a graduate students' workshop that aimed to examine the relationship, affinities and gaps between architectural theory and the everyday perception of the built surrounding in real life. Aya is now working on evaluating the workshop outcomes.

Marisa Przyrembel visited the Center from April 1st until June 30th, 2012. During her stay, she worked on her dissertation entitled "The Empathic Egoist. The Second Person Perspective and Social Interaction". Her focus is on intersubjectivity and on the genesis of self-consciousness.

Tatjana Noemi Tömmel has primarily worked on the following projects: 1. Finishing and defending her dissertation on the concept of love in Arendt and Heidegger. 2. Studying the literature on recognition and investigating the relation between recognition, respect and self-conscious emotion such as pride or shame. 3. General studies in social cognition and empathy.

Alba Montes Sánchez visited the Center from August 5th to December 21st, in which period she worked on her PhD in the framework of the research project on "Identity, Memory and Experience." Her project is intended as a collaboration between the Philosophy and Literature Departments of Madrid's Carlos III University and Vanderbilt University (USA) and, more recently, Pratt Institute Brooklyn (USA).

Glenda Satne has primarily worked on the following projects: 1) Clarifying the conceptions of normativity that are involved in different sorts of interaction, including child/care-givers interactions in learning scenarios; 2)

Elaborating the relations that can be established between normative behavior (normative exchanges) and intersubjective mutual understanding. 3) Investigating the notion of common ground as a kind of agreement in reasons that pertains to mutual understanding in different kinds of interaction. 4) Exploring the link between interaction and first-personal character of experience, in particular in relation to the development of a second-personal conception of shared meaning in interaction.

Roberto Sifanno has visited the Center from September 6th to December 20th, 2012. During his visit, he worked on his dissertation concerning Husserl's theory of intentionality. His research primarily addressed the notion of "Vorgegebenheit" in Husserl's phenomenology.

Beril Sözmen was a visiting researcher at the Center in the period of August 7th 2011 until June 31st 2012. During her visit, she has primarily worked on phenomenological approaches to morality as well as on possible links between a sense of self and the moral attitude.

Attila Szigeti stayed at the center from January 3rd to February 29th. During his visit, he worked on investigating the experience of linguistic co-creation of meaning (of so called "dyadic states of linguistic co-expression"), as well as the mutual interplay between linguistic and bodily-emotional constitution of meaning in intersubjective experience.

Claudia Welz has primarily worked on the following projects: 1. Clarifying the relation between self-understanding and self-deception and discussing the notion of 'authenticity'. 2. Comparing Aristotle's notion of *phronesis* with Luther's and Heidegger's notions of conscience, discussing the ethical implications. 3. Investigating trauma and problems of witnessing, memory, and (re)presentation. 4. Studies in the interpretation of the human being as self-revealing and self-concealing *imago Dei* in its distinction from painted and metaphorical images.

Dan Zahavi has worked primarily on the following projects: 1. An investigation of phenomenality and minimal selfhood. 2. An analysis of the relation between self and self-conscious emotions (in particular shame). 3. Ongoing work on the nature of empathy (drawing on both classical phenomenology and the contemporary ToM debate). 4. Completing the book *Self and Other*

Meng Zhao visited the Center from September 26th 2011 to December 31st, 2012. During his visit Meng has been working on his PhD dissertation concerning the possibilities for naturalizing Husserlian phenomenology.