

Aspects of a Theory of Mind and Society

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Abstract

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The proposed theory has two inseparable parts referring, respectively, to Mind and Society. Aspects of the former are based on my research programme of the last twenty years; the suggestions concerning the latter are both tentative and speculative. Nevertheless, they seem to follow naturally from my theory of mind and to that extent cannot be discarded without a convincing argument against that theory.

The lecture consists of four sections. In the first one, we summarily present the major approaches to the study of both mind and society. In section two, we outline a new ‘theory’ of mind based on the Communication-Understanding Principle. In section three, we state the major implications of our theory for Artificial Intelligence, Knowledge Management, and the Philosophy of (Social) Science. The final section of our lecture is entitled: Concluding/opening Remarks/questions.