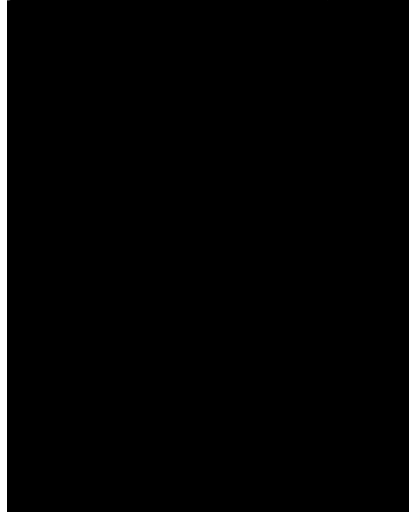


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DESCRIPTION

In his treatise *Meditations on First Philosophy* (1641), the French philosopher René Descartes put forward the idea that “minds”, in so far as they are *thinking* things, differ from physical bodies, which do not think. Descartes’ claim that the mind and body are separate substances—a view referred to as “substance dualism”—prompted philosophers and scientists to wonder: *How can minds be studied scientifically if they are not a part of the physical world?*

In this course we will consider a variety of different

