

# NIAS CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES PROGRAMME

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NIAS JRD Tata Auditorium  
Closed door Brain-storming  
Meeting

## Consciousness, Cognition and Culture: Implications for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### About

NIAS Consciousness Studies Programme has a history of twenty years, and is one of the earliest research initiatives started in the country, and at NIAS since its inception, on consciousness.

Our core interests are to explore and understand the scientific, psychological and philosophical underpinnings of consciousness and bring its implications to an academic bearing both in theoretical and

applied contexts. In this pursuit, our work entails study of animal and human cognition, quantum mechanical nature of neuronal behavior, decision-making and social cognition, nature of self, identity and wellbeing, and related areas.



### What is this meeting about?

Cognition and Culture are the two fundamental spaces where the answers for the mysteries of consciousness have to be searched for.

In this meeting we wish to explore the most important research problems that will have theoretical, philosophical and clinical implications for 21st century in the broad field of consciousness studies.

During these two days we will not only enlist some of the research areas that will hold key to the understanding of cognitive capabilities, self, and even the way we understand the nature of reality, but also dialogue on how we can mark the stepping stones to forming a consortium of academic institutions poised for cutting edge work in this field, and to engage in collaborative research ideas and initiatives.

### PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND NEURO SCIENCES  
(Depts. of Psychiatry; Neurophysiology; Clinical Neuropsychology; and Cognitive Psychology)

MANIPAL HOSPITAL  
(Dept. of Cognitive Neurology)

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE  
(Centre for Ecological Sciences ; Centre for Neuroscience; Centre for Counseling and Support)

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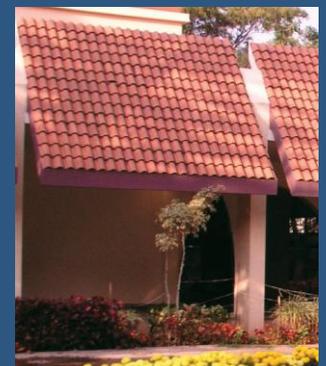
MS RAMAIAH HOSPITAL  
(Institute for Neurosciences)

### Broad Themes

- Cognition and Evolution of Consciousness
- Culture, Language and Cognition
- Mathematics, Physics and Consciousness
- Brain Sciences, Phenomenology and Creativity
- Decision-making and Social cognition
- Self, Mental Health and Consciousness

### Goal of this meeting:

**"To enrich, expand and explore interdisciplinary initiatives in the field of consciousness studies in collaboration with other institutions."**



The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) was conceived and established by the vision and initiative of the late Mr. J. R. D. Tata to engage in cutting edge interdisciplinary work in sciences, humanities and the arts.

If you are interested to attend write to [niasconsciousnessprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:niasconsciousnessprogramme@gmail.com) latest by 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2014. Seats are limited. Selected participants will be informed by email.