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1. Can Unselfishness Be Taught?
2. Is our Brain Ethical?
3. Are we Selfish or Cooperative?
4. Can Science Chart a Path to a New Way of Living Together?
This dialogue will seek to analyze scientific findings that describe the biological and cognitive mechanisms that lie behind conflictive and cooperative human behavior. It will discuss how current scientific knowledge can assist political and social action, with a special focus on the Forum’s three core themes – cultural diversity, sustainable development and conditions for peace.

Until now, the bulk of social and political studies have largely ignored contemporary biological and cognitive sciences (including neurosciences and branches of evolutionary biology). As organizers of this dialogue, we feel it is necessary to integrate the increasing knowledge of the genetic, epigenetic and neurobiological mechanisms of the social brain into our present sociopolitical thinking. In our opinion, overlooking the neurobiological constraints of social behavior could jeopardize the success of any social and political action.

We therefore consider it important to establish a platform for productive dialogue between scientists, politicians, philosophers, and the rest of the society as we believe that modern social thinking must be based on scientific knowledge of the roots of our social behavior.

Specially produced documentary will be shown at the beginning of each of the first three sessions of the dialogue. A number of additional interactive activities will also be organized, including a workshop on the educational value of physical activities.
Program

Opening session
Saturday, July 17th

1. Can Unselfishness Be Taught?
Learning Processes of Social Values

9 a.m.-5.45 p.m.

Introduction:
Núria Sebastián
Professor of Psychology,
University of Barcelona,
Barcelona, Spain

Speakers:
Lawrence Barsalou
Professor of Psychology,
Emory University, EUA

Daniel Dennett
Professor Austin B. Fletcher of
Philosophy, Center for Cognitive Studies,
Tufts University, EUA

Eric Bredo
Professor of Philosophy,
University of Virginia, EUA

Javier de Felipe
Cajal Neuroscience Institute,
Spanish Council for Scientific Research
(CSIC), Spain

Álvaro Pascual-Leone
Associate Professor of Neurology,
Harvard University, USA

Katherine Nelson
Distinguished Professor Emerita of
Psychology, The City University of New
York, USA

6 p.m.
Behavioral pedagogy workshop
(optional)
**Sunday, July 18th**

**Is Our Brain Ethical?**
The Neurobiology of Moral Thought

9:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

**Introduction:**
Adolf Tobeña
Professor of Psychiatry,
Autonomous University of Barcelona,
Barcelona,
Spain

**Speakers:**
Michael Gazzaniga
Director of The Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Dartmouth College,
USA

Shaun Nichols
Associate Professor of Philosophy,
College of Charleston, USA

David Premack
Professor Emeritus of Psychology,
University of Pennsylvania, USA

Félix Ovejero
Professor of Ethics and Methodology of Social Sciences, University of Barcelona, Spain

William A. Rottschaefer
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy,
Lewis and Clark College, EUA

Scott Atran
Research director,
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris

6 p.m.
Behavioral pedagogy workshop
(optional)
Monday, July 19th

3. Are we Selfish or Cooperative?
Evolutionary Roots of Social Behavior

9.30 a.m.-5.45 p.m.
Introduction:
Arcadi Navarro
Evolutionary Biology Unit,
Pompeu Fabra University,
Barcelona, Spain

Speakers:
Germán E. Berrios
Professor of Psychiatry,
Cambridge University,
UK

Merlin Donald
Professor of Psychology,
Queens University,
Canada

Robert Ginsberg
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy,
University of Pennsylvania,
USA

Peter Hammerstein
Professor of Organismic Evolution
Institute for Theoretical Biology,
Humboldt University, Berlin
Germany

F. John Odling-Smee
Institute of Biological Anthropology,
University of Oxford,
UK

Sandro Nannini
Professor of Philosophy,
University of Siena,
Italy

6 p.m.
Behavioral pedagogy workshop
(optional)
4. Can Science Chart a Path to a New Way of Living Together? Foundations for a Scientific Humanism (Evaluation of previous sessions and review of other proposals)

9.30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Introduction: Óscar Vilarroya
Cognitive Neuroscience Research Unit
Autonomous University of Barcelona,
Psychiatric Care Institute (IAPS),
Municipal Healthcare Institute (IMAS)
Barcelona,
Spain

Speakers:
Derek Bickerton
Professor Emeritus of Linguistics,
University of Hawaii,
Honolulu,
USA

Camilo J. Cela-Conde
Professor of Anthropology and
Philosophy of Mind,
Universidad de las Islas Baleares,
Spain

Stevan Harnad
Professor of Cognitive Science,
University of Southampton,
UK

José Antonio Marina
Professor of Ethics, philosopher and writer,
Spain

Josep Ramoneda
Philosopher and journalist,
Director of the Barcelona Center of
Contemporary Culture (CCCB),
Spain

Luc Steels
Professor of Computational Science,
Free University of Brussels,
Belgium

Bruno della Chiesa
Centre for Educational Research and
Innovation, OECD,
France
Other activities

**Documentaries:** Presentation of three specially produced documentaries during the first three sessions. Directed by Harmonia Carmona.

**Workshop on the educational value of physical activities.** The public will be able to participate in collective games aimed at learning and understanding some of the ideas presented at the dialogue. Directed by Joaquim de Marimón.
Registration

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