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The relationship between consciousness and visual attention Conférence

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One way to better understand human consciousness is by empirically examining visual attention. The recent increase of such studies is not surprising since consciousness does seem closely related to attention, especially when considering the phenomenal characteristics of visual experience. While this has been a useful approach for studying consciousness, we still need to clarify the extent to which consciousness and attentional processes are related. One conclusion that can be

made from recent studies, some of which showing attention can occur without conscious awareness, is that there is a strong dissociation between the two. This dissociation can be better understood by examining their evolutionary aspects—attention appears in a broad range of organisms while phenomenal consciousness seems to be limited to a few, more complex, species. This suggests that attention appeared before consciousness from an evolutionary perspective.

In this talk, **Harry H. Haladjian** (Laboratoire de Psychologie de la Perception, Université Paris Descartes) will present arguments for a dissociation between consciousness and attention (based on Montemayor & Haladjian, 2015, MIT Press), which will include outlining the various forms of consciousness and attention, how they overlap within conscious attention, and how evolution can help make sense of these distinctions.

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