

This lecture course examines the phenomena of imagination and pretense. We will look at what's distinct about imagination, whether imagination poses a challenge to the traditional belief-desire psychology, how sensory imagination relates to mental imagery and whether (and if so, how) we can have knowledge by imagination.

Week 1: Imagination and Belief

Does imagination involve a distinct cognitive attitude, in addition to belief? Nichols and Stich argue that yes, Langland-Hassan argues that no.

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Week 2: Imagination and Desire

We often act on our imagination. Does this require a distinct attitude, in addition to desire?

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Week 3: Mental Imagery

What is the relationship between mental images and imagination?

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Week 4: Knowledge by Imagination

We sometimes appeal to imagination as a source of knowledge. How can this be?

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