

Philosophy Department *Online Colloquium* Presents

Between Abhinavagupta and Daya Krishna: Krishnachandra Bhattacharyya on the Problem of Other Minds

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The "Problem of Other Minds" arises in Indian philosophy as well as Western philosophy. But Indian philosophers, unlike most Western philosophers, approach the problem through an examination of intersubjectivity, focusing on the fact of address, the fact that we speak to one another. In this talk, we compare the attempts to solve the problem of other minds by Abhinavagupta (10th century) and two twentieth century Indian philosophers—Krishnachandra Bhattacharyya and Daya Krishna. We argue that while Abhinavagupta and Daya Krishna contribute important insights, only K. C. Bhattacharyya solves the problem.

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