

THE EIGHTH INTEGRATED EAST-WEST FORUM The Science of Consciousness Conference

TSC 2019

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*"Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet,
Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat;
But there is neither East nor West, Border, Nor Breed, nor Birth,
When two strong men stand face to face, though they come from the ends of the earth!"*

Rudyard Kipling (1889) : The Ballad of East and West



The Integrated East-West Forum is now a familiar feature at the TSC series of conferences, starting with TSC 2012 at Tucson, TSC 2013 at DEI, Dayalbagh, India, TSC 2014 at Tucson, TSC 2015 at Helsinki, Finland, the landmark TSC 2016 at Tucson at the first conference of the series rechristened as 'The Science of Consciousness', TSC 2017 at San Diego, USA and TSC 2018 at Tucson. The Eighth Integrated East-West Forum at TSC 2019 will be yet another landmark integration effort as part of the TSC-series. The above quote rather prophetically captures these momentous events, when not just two strong men from East and West stand face to face, but in fact, two galaxies of strong men and women from East and West meet at Interlaken (Switzerland) and Dayalbagh, Agra (India) also through video-conferencing.

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to be conveyed by Interlaken organizers

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Integrated East-West Forum and TSC event

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DEI, DAYALBAGH AND THE EAST-WEST FORUM AT TSC SERIES



TSC 2012 at Tucson

It has become the tradition in the consciousness conferences since Tucson 1994 to hold meetings at Tucson in even years and elsewhere in all years in between. The conference title 'The Science of Consciousness' is in tune with the growing significance of consciousness studies among the scientific communities all over the world. This is particularly important for cultural backgrounds as diverse as between Western and Eastern approaches to study and understand consciousness.

A meaningful East-West dialog has been initiated by the organizers of TSC 2012 together with the Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Agra, India), and it continued over all TSC conferences since then. To meet the challenges of an integration of different approaches to consciousness, the landmark eighth Integrated East-West Forum at TSC-2019 is intended to be a place where key ideas from both sides are presented, and where these ideas can interact in the spirit of constructive criticism, evaluation and enrichment.

One goal of the forum is to evolve a science of veridical inner experience by integrating Eastern and Western scientific, philosophical, and spiritual approaches. The phenomenology of inner conscious states can be elucidated through the well-established stages of observation (awareness), report (description) and analysis (understanding), while also availing of modern imaging techniques and modelling approaches in capturing physiological and physical parameters of neural correlates accompanying those inner experiences.



TSC 2013 at DEI, Dayalbagh

The Forum emphasizes aspects of consciousness viewed from scientific perspective beyond any religious identity or tradition. There are two schools of thought among eastern meditationists. One believes that there is ultimate unity, and the other believes there is duality, but duality with a difference, that is, duality at will. There is uncertainty associated with duality, so obviously one would imagine that when one reaches the Ultimate source of consciousness, there should not be any uncertainty and such a consciousness is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient.

In the Integrated East-West Forum at TSC 2019, we are trying to explore the ultimate nature of reality from two ends, those of science as well as inner experience. We think this approach to the problem of consciousness is more complete than focusing on one of these ends alone. Moreover, conceptual insights stemming from combining awareness practice with experiential methods can lead to practical applications as well as deeper understandings and potentials of higher states of consciousness. In this spirit, this is where we may be able to offer profound insights into the growing potentials of human consciousness.



Sir Roger Penrose at DEI (2013)



TSC 2014 at Tucson



TSC 2015 at Helsinki



TSC 2016 at Tucson



TSC 2018 at Tucson



TSC 2017 at San Diego



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