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An Introspective Argument for Other Minds

Humans are social animals. We can make sense of little we do without thinking of ourselves in the context of other humans – our con-specifics. Analytical philosophy of mind has not, however, developed a social philosophy of mind, as a distinct track. This book aims to make a start on doing that. My particular concern is with the nature of social self-consciousness. We say that we 'feel self-conscious under the eyes of another'. But, what is it to feel that? It is a peculiar duplex phenomenon that is not easy to understand: it seems both to involve us being reflexively conscious of ourselves as ourselves – it is a form of self-consciousness – and at the same time being so through the idea, or awareness, of the other and their perspective on us: it is also other-consciousness of us. A satisfactory account of such social self-consciousness seems to demand both a doubling of standpoints – me and my observer – and an integrated single intersubjective, but reflexive, structure. The book aims to make sense of the nature this form of self-consciousness, how it is occasioned, and how it is controlled by others. It explores how such self-consciousness relates to the self-conscious emotions of shame and pride, and how considers the subject's own rational and practical relation to her social self-consciousness.

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