

## **New Perspectives on Depression: Lifting the Veil Symposium**

This symposium seeks to weave together a number of innovative strands of development in our understanding of depression as a major mental health issue: what it is (one thing or many different things?), what causes it (or is that asking the wrong question?), how it stands in relation to ongoing discussions in cognitive science and philosophy over the embodiment of cognition, the embeddedness (or situatedness) of cognitive agents in one or another physical and social environment, and the enaction of cognition through the interaction of agents with their environment, so that mind and world may be seen as inextricably intertwined. It is the successor to three previous symposia at the annual convention of the AISB on the theme of "Re-conceptualizing mental 'illness'".