

Editorial

ABSTRACTA's second special issue is dedicated to *The Phenomenological Mind* by Shaun Gallagher and Dan Zahavi (London: Routledge, 2008). We are proud to present this critical discussion of the latest book on one of the hot topics within the philosophy of mind today: the need for phenomenological considerations and methodology for any comprehensive theory of mind. Gallagher and Zahavi chose to call their seminal work "introduction to philosophy of mind and cognitive science", but—as will be clear from commentaries in this volume—this book goes far beyond the typical aims of an introduction. It is not only an introduction to readers new to the field, it is also a sophisticated attempt to introduce phenomenological methodologies into the philosophy of mind and cognitive science. In this way, it touches the heart of, and is a substantive contribution to, contemporary philosophy of mind.

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