

Conscious self-evidencing

Self-evidencing describes the predictive processing of all self-organising systems, whether conscious or not. Self-evidencing in itself is therefore not sufficient for consciousness. Different systems may however be capable of self-evidencing in different, quite specific and distinct ways. Some of these ways of self-evidencing can be matched up with, and explain, specific properties of consciousness. This can carve out a distinction in nature between those systems that are conscious, as described by these properties, and those that are not. Many of the self-evidencing explanations can throw new light on the properties of consciousness, suggesting that there may indeed be conscious self-evidencing. The notion of conscious self-evidencing is placed as a particular kind of strategy in the science of consciousness, and some empirical and modelling research is considered.