

Peer Review

Review of: "On the Hard Problem: Revisited, Re-Evaluated, Recast"

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This review article presents a broad and historically grounded discussion of the “hard problem of consciousness,” effectively synthesizing classical philosophical arguments with modern neuroscientific and computational perspectives, which strengthens its interdisciplinary relevance and conceptual scope. However, the manuscript shows several weaknesses that limit its scholarly impact. First, it lacks a clearly defined methodological framework or systematic review strategy, making the selection and interpretation of literature appear narrative and potentially biased; this could be improved by adopting a structured review methodology (e.g., thematic classification, inclusion criteria, or PRISMA-style justification). Second, the article is excessively descriptive, summarizing numerous philosophical viewpoints without critically comparing or synthesizing them into a unified analytical framework, which reduces its originality; the authors should incorporate comparative evaluation tables or conceptual models highlighting strengths, limitations, and research implications of each theory. Third, despite mentioning empirical neuroscience and AI, the paper does not sufficiently integrate experimental or measurable evidence to support theoretical claims; inclusion of recent neurobiological or computational consciousness research would improve scientific rigor. Finally, the manuscript is overly long and complex, with dense historical discussions that weaken clarity and readability; restructuring with clearer subthemes, concise summaries, and stronger concluding arguments would significantly enhance coherence and reader engagement.

Declarations

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