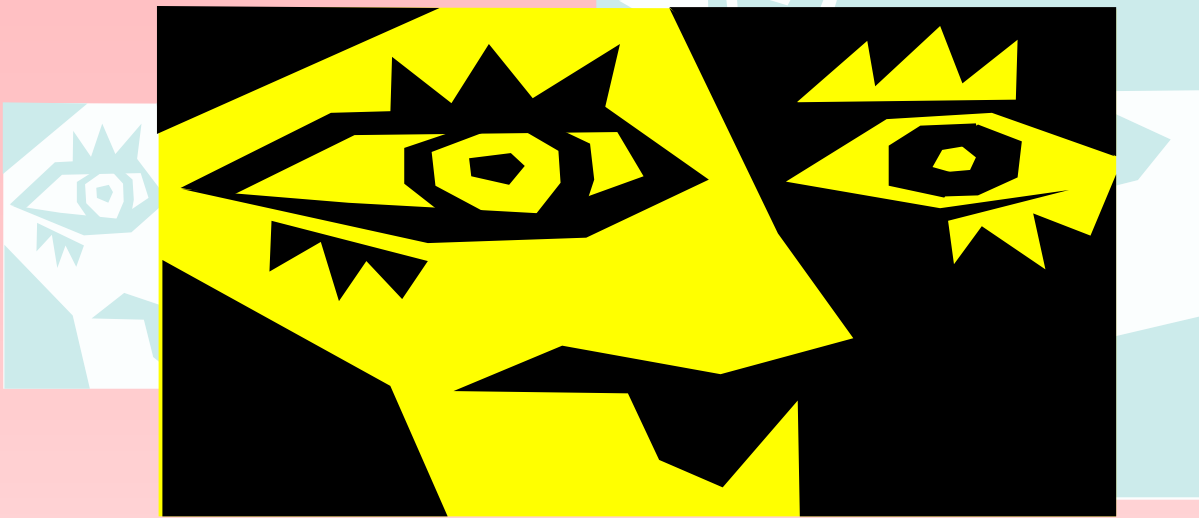


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## *A Conversation with David Webb*

*‘Thinking about Suicide’*

*On the 22 June 2010 from 4.00-6.00PM*

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In 2006 David Webb completed his PhD at Victoria University in Melbourne (Australia).

David's PhD is believed to be the world's first on the topic of suicide by someone who has attempted suicide. David argues that suicide is best understood as a crisis of the self rather than the consequence of some notional mental illness and that suicidology neglects the critical first-person knowledge of those who know suicidal feelings 'from the inside'. He further argues that spiritual ways of knowing the self have much to contribute to our understanding of suicide. More recently, David has been active in mental health human rights because he believes coercive mental health laws actually contribute to the suicide toll.

In addition to this seminar, David will be a keynote speaker at the International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) conference in Manchester on June 28-30 - [www.uclan.ac.uk/iscr/international\\_conference.php](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/iscr/international_conference.php)

This is an invitation only seminar as places are limited; if you are interested in taking part please contact Nicki Young on [n.young.1@bham.ac.uk](mailto:n.young.1@bham.ac.uk), Tel: 0121 415 8570.