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Anil seeks to understand the biological basis of consciousness by bringing together research across neuroscience, mathematics, artificial intelligence, computer science, psychology, philosophy and psychiatry. Through the Sackler Centre the aim is to translate an understanding of the complex brain networks underpinning consciousness into new clinical approaches to psychiatric and neurological disorders. Anil is Editor-in-Chief of the academic journal *Neuroscience of Consciousness* (Oxford University Press), a Senior Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, a Wellcome Trust Engagement Fellow, and was Conference Chair of the 16th Meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC16, 2012). He holds degrees in Natural Sciences (MA, Cambridge, 1994), Knowledge-Based Systems (M.Sc., Sussex, 1996) and Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence (D.Phil., Sussex, 2000). He has been a Research Fellow at the Neurosciences Institute in San Diego, California, where he worked with Nobel Laureate Gerald Edelman (2001-2006). Anil is strongly committed involving and engaging broader public and professional groups. He was the 2017 President of the British Science Association (Psychology Section) and he sits on the steering group of The Human Mind Project, which emphasises the contribution of the humanities to the study of mind. He contributes regularly to many media including the *New Scientist*, *The Guardian*, and the BBC – for which he has appeared in ‘The Life Scientific’ and ‘The Infinite Monkey Cage’ among other shows. He gives regular public talks at venues ranging from reclaimed bunkers central London to the main TED stage in Vancouver.

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