

# Thomas Jack Lynch Lecture

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### “Nietzsche vs. Heidegger on the Self: Which I Am I?”

Nietzsche and Heidegger are both famous critics of our usual (they claim) conception of ourselves as subjects. But each also offers a positive account what's really there, where we take a subject to be. Indeed both Nietzsche and Heidegger (in *Being and Time*) place great weight on the notion of a self or I: this is crucial to the existential projects they set us. Yet these selves they attribute to us, or invite us to achieve, are quite unlike one another. What reasons do we have, to accept one or the other account what we really are?

Professor Richardson is the author of [\*Existential Epistemology: A Heideggerian Critique of the Cartesian Project\*](#) (Oxford, 1986), [\*Nietzsche's System\*](#) (Oxford, 1996), and [\*Nietzsche's New Darwinism\*](#) (Oxford, 2004). He has just completed *Heidegger* for the *Routledge Philosophers* series.

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