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'The Mind's Past: is there a conceptual problem of other times?'

It seems we can at least frame a temporal counterpart to the conceptual problem of other minds, in these terms: given the present-tensed perspective that is essential to having an experience, we don't possess a sufficiently general and unified concept of experience which would permit us to think of ourselves as having had experiences in the past. But is this a serious problem? Can we not simply appeal to episodic memory as an adequate source of the idea of past experiences? It is suggested that there is a problem here, but specifically for those who adopt a certain descriptive metaphysics (in PF Strawson's sense) of time, one in which the present is not viewed in purely perspectival terms.