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## **Education**

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PhD in Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, 1996

## **Employment History**

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December 2018 – Till date: Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad.

December 2012 – November 2018: Professor of Philosophy, IIT Delhi.

October 2008 – December 2012: Associate Professor of Philosophy, IIT Delhi.

July 2007 – October 2008: Visiting Associate Professor, IIT Delhi,  
(Under Inter-IIT Faculty Exchange program)

December 2005 – July 2007: Associate Professor of Philosophy, IIT Kanpur

December 1999 – December 2005: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, IIT Kanpur

July 1997 – December 1999: Lecturer in Philosophy, IIT Kanpur

June 1996 – July 1997: Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Goa

## **Areas of Specialization**

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Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Epistemology

## **Teaching Interests**

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History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind Cognition, Philosophy of Language, Ethics, Introductory Philosophy, and Introductory Logic, Kant's Critical Philosophy

## Published Papers

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'The Nature of the Relation Between Thought and Consciousness', *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. XXIII, No. 2, Winter: 2016: 1-31. (Published by IIAS, Shimla, November, 2018).

'Minimal Self and Infallibility of Self-knowledge,' in Manidipa Zen (ed.), *Problem of the Self: Subjectivity, Consciousness and the Other* (Akaar Books, New Delhi. 2018): 65 - 76.

'The World, the Other and I: Solipsistic Poems of Kunjunni,' *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, 35, No. 1 (2018): 557–570.

'Abortion: A Violation of the Dignity of Being Human' *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (2016): 11-26

'The Concept of the Absolute in F. H. Bradley' in C. V. Babukaran (ed.), *Dimensions of the Absolute* (New Delhi. 2013)

'Perceptual Content: Phenomenal and Intentional' in Daniele Moyal-sharrok, Volker A. Munz and Annaliza Coliva (Eds), *Mind, Language and Action: Papers of the 36<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium* (Wissenschaft-Forschung Niederosterreich, Kirchberg am Wechsel, 2013): 69-71.

Hume on the Nature and Knowledge of the Self,' *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 29, No. 2 (2012): 143-152.

'The Nature of Linguistic Representations' in R. C. Pradhan (ed.) *Linguistic Representations: The Road Ahead* (D. K. Printworld, New Delhi, 2012): 414 – 437.

'Naiyayika Externalism and Gettier-like Counter Examples' in Prajit K. Basu and S. G. Kulkarni (ed.) *Epistemology, Science and Cognition* (D. K. Printworld, New Delhi, 2010):52 -77

'Absent Qualia Argument: Shoemaker's Response and its Tenability' in A. V. Afonso (ed.), *Consciousness and Values* (Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, 2006): 38 – 58.

'The Nature of Mental Representations: Classicism versus Connectionism' with V Harinarayanan in R. C. Pradhan (ed.), *Language and Mind* (Hyderabad Studies in

Philosophy Series No. 4. Decent Books, New Delhi, 2006): 102 – 124.

'Leibnitz's Theory of Possible Worlds,' *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 22, No. 4 (2005): 115 - 136.

'A Berkeleian Model of Memory,' with N. Varadarajan, *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* Vol.22, No. 3 (2005): 93 - 121

'Scepticism about Particular Identity: Strawson vs. Suresh Chandra' in R. C. Pradhan (ed.), *The Philosophy of Suresh Chandra* (Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, 2004) pp: 174-195.

'An Argument for the Unity of Consciousness' in Amita Chatterjee (ed.), *Perspectives on Consciousness* (Jadavpur University, Kolkata in collaboration with Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 2003): 154 - 173.

'On what it is like to be a Human Being: Towards an Alternative to Ramchandra Gandhi's Model of Self-awareness', *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* Vol. 18, No.3 (2001): 226 –241)

'The Functionalist Model of the Mind: A Critique', *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, Vol.7, No.1 (1995): 1 – 17.

'Kunjunnikkavitayile Dharsanam', *Deshabhimani Vaarika*, Vol.26, No.6, July (1994): 7-9 , 43 – 46. Published as the title article, Kujunnikkavitayilude.

'Stalnaker on Possible Worlds and Propositions', *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (1993): 49 – 60.

'On Resolving the Twin Paradox: A Philosophical Inquiry', *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 10, No. 2 (1993): 7 – 16.

### **Invited Papers in Conferences/Seminars**

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''Nature of Philosophical Thinking'', Keynote Address at Research Scholars Day Event, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, January 18 -19, 2020.

''Kant's Theory of the Self'' National Seminar on *Self and the Other*, Department of Philosophy, Calicut University, 6-8» March 2019.

''Kant's Theory of Apperception,'' *Phenomenology of Mind and Consciousness: Indian*

*and Western Perspectives*, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras, November 2018  
Madras University, 14 -15, November 2018.

"Thought Acts: Phenomenality, Intentionality, and Awareness," National Seminar on *Perspectives on Embodied Consciousness*, Department of Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata (24 – 25 January 2018)

“Kant on the Ontological Status of Time”, International Seminar on *The Present of the day*, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (22 – 23 January 2018)

‘Putnam on Fact/Value Dichotomy,’ International Seminar on ‘‘The Philosophy of Hilary Putnam,’’ Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (3 -5 October 2015)

‘Abortion as a Violation of the Dignity of the Human Being,’ Fr. Joseph Maliparambil Memorial Philosophical Symposium on ‘‘Retracing Ethics and Values: A Philosophical Quest’’ (19 September 2015)

‘Cartesian Linguistics on Kantian Foundations,’ International Conference on “Intentionality, Objectivity and Normativity,” Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, (8 - 10 January 2015)

‘Embodiment and the Nature of Cognition,’ National Seminar on "Embodied Cognition" (26 – 28 February, 2014)

‘Davidson on Reductionist and Non-reductionist Empiricism’ Round Table Discussion On “Empiricism in Quine and Davidson”, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (19 October, 2013)

‘Perceptual Content: Phenomenal and Intentional’, 36<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium on “Mind, Language and Action,” Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Vienna (11 – 17 August 2013)

‘Self: Given Constructed and Posited,’ International Conference on “Problem of the Self: Debates in Consciousness Subjectivity and Otherness,” Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (23 – 25 January 2013)

‘Self-identity and the other’ International seminar on “Identity and Otherness,” Department of Philosophy, Punjab University, Chandigarh (6 – 7 January 2013)

‘The Concept of the Absolute in F. H. Bradley,’ UGC-Sponsored National Seminar on

“The Dimensions of the Absolute: An Indian Scenario”, The Department of Philosophy, Zakir Husain College, D.U., New Delhi (21 - 22 March 2012).

'Embodiment: Merleau-Ponty Vs. Strawson' in International Conference on “Post-Phenomenology: Being & Its Beyond”, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Cochin (30 January - 1 February 2012)

'The Nature of Linguistic Representations' in National Seminar on "Linguistic Representations: The Road Ahead," Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad (5 – 7 January 2011)

'Self-awareness: Inseparability of Ontology and Epistemology' in One-day Colloquium on “Reading Discourses on Consciousness”, Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, (29 November 2010).

'Naturalized Intentionality as a Foundation for Cognitive Science' in National Seminar on “Epistemology and Cognitive Science: Their Interplay in Contemporary Knowledge Analysis”, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, India (30 – 31 March 2010)

'Naturalizing Intentionality' in National Seminar on “Mind and Meaning”, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (15 – 17 March 2010)

'Language and Computations: Modularity Revisited' (With Pritha Chandra) in The Fourth APCAP conference, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore (5 – 7 December 2008)

'Chomkyian Rationalism: Continuity and Discontinuity' in National Seminar on Noam Chomsky and the Contemporary World, Pondicherry University (22 – 24 September 2008)

'The concept of Minimal Human Communication: Theory and Practice' in National Seminar on Metaphysical Presuppositions of Human Communication: A Seminar on Ramchandra Gandhi's Philosophy, University of Hyderabad (14 – 16, February 2008)

'Nyaya Externalism and Gettier- like Counter Examples,' National Seminar on Epistemology and Cognition in Comparative Perspective, University of Hyderabad (19 – 21 March 2007)

'A Realist Philosophy of Social Sciences' in ICPR-Sponsored National Seminar on Science, Society and Self: Revisiting Debates in Philosophy of Social Sciences, University of Goa (12 – 14 March 2007)

'Relevance of the Philosophy of Mind' in National Seminar on Relevance of Philosophy in Ruhalaya, Ujjain, (July 2006)

'The Meaning of Chittavritti Nirodha' in ICPR-Sponsored National Seminar on Yogamala: Synthesis of Philosophical Perspective on Yoga, University of Goa, (10 – 11 March 2006)

'Are Mental Kind Terms Rigid Designators?' in National Seminar on Mind and Language, University of Hyderabad. (November 16 -18, 2004)

'A Cognitivist Approach to Creativity' in National Seminar on Cognitive Science and Creativity, University of Hyderabad. (26 – 28, February 2004)

'Scepticism about Particular Identity: Strawson versus Suresh Chandra' in National Seminar on Philosophy of Professor Suresh Chandra, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi (21 – 23 October 2002)

'Fodor's Computational Representational Theory of Mind: A Critique' in National Seminar on Cognitive Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (6 – 8 February 2002)

'An Argument for the Unity of Consciousness' in National seminar on Mind, Language and the Evolution of Human Consciousness: Indian and Western Perspectives, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Lucknow (24 – 26 July 2000)

'Philosophical Perspectives of Kunjunni's Poems' in Seminar on Recent Trends in Malayalam Literature, Centre for Creative Writing and Publication, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (1999)

'Can We really Maintain the distinction between the subjective and the Objective' in National Seminar on Consciousness and the Phenomenal Mind, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Butler Palace, Lucknow (February 22-24, 1999)

'Phenomenology of Human Soul' in ICPR National Seminar on Addressing the Soul: The Metaphysics of Personal Pronoun, Organized by University of Bangalore and Indian Institute Technology Kanpur at Ecumenical Christian Centre, Bangalore (15 – 17 December 1998)

'A Reply to Kripke's Qualia Argument' in National Seminar on The Concept of Mind Vismad Nad, Ludhiana (21 – 23 November 1997)

'Searle's Cartesian Intuitions' in Young Scholar's Seminar on Descartes: Science, Rationality and Man, University of Hyderabad (28 – 29 February 1996)

'Functionalist Model of the Mind: A Critique' in National Seminar on New Vistas in Humanities and Social Sciences hosted by Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (June, 1993)

## **Invited Talks**

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"Scheme-Content Dualism And Two Versions Of Empiricism," ICPR World Philosophy Day Webinar Organized by Department of Philosophy, University of Kerala ( 24 November 2020)

"Kant on the Ontological Status of Time," Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, (4 October 2018).

"Kant's Theory of Apperception," Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, (5 October 2018).

"Kant's Theory of Human Intuition", Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, (21 October 2016).

Conducted a one-day workshop on "Two Configurations of Reason: Reason as Method and Reason as a Human Faculty" Azim Premji University, Bangalore (9 June 2015).

'Cartesian Approach to Naturalizing Intentionality,' Centre for Philosophy, School of Sciences, JNU (10 November 2010).

Invited to teach a one-unit course (15 lectures each) on Philosophy of Mind at Ruhalya College of Philosophy, Ujjain (December 2007 and December 2008).

Invited to deliver six talks each in the following refresher courses for university and college teachers:

- a) A UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course conducted at Lucknow University (26-28<sup>th</sup> December, 2001).
- b) Refresher course organized for college teachers by the Directorate of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala, at Cochin (14 -17 March 2000).