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Early-Career Researcher in Continental Philosophy & Hermeneutics

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RESEARCH PROFILE

Early-career researcher working in continental philosophy and hermeneutics, with a particular focus on spatiality, metaphor, and hermeneutical injustice. My doctoral research brings Michel Foucault and Paul Ricoeur into an imaginative conversation to explore the spatial constitution of selfhood, the hermeneutics of space/architecture, and the spatial aspects of living a good life. My recent work extends this inquiry toward home, belonging, and spatial hermeneutical injustice.

RESEARCH AREAS

Continental Philosophy · Hermeneutics · Philosophy of Space/Architecture · Spatiality · Michel Foucault · Paul Ricoeur · Metaphor · Spatial Hermeneutical Injustice

EDUCATION

2019 – 2026	PhD in Philosophy Goa University, Goa, India Dissertation: <i>Hermeneutics of Space and Selfhood: A Study in the Philosophies of Foucault and Ricoeur</i> Advisor: Prof. Dr. Koshy Tharakan Successfully defended on 4 September 2026
2014 – 2016	MA in Philosophy Christ University, Bengaluru, India Thesis: <i>Interpreting 'Will to Truth' as an Ideology through Metaphors</i> Advisor: Dr. Saju Chackalackal
2011 – 2014	BA in Communication & Media, English Literature, and Psychology Christ University, Bengaluru, India

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles

Aug 2026	V. M. George. "Interpretation of Space and Understanding of Self: Reading Foucault and Ricoeur in One Frame." <i>Tópicos</i> 76: 409–434. [Read ↗]
Sep 2025	K. Tharakan & V. M. George. "Between Ecocentrism and Anthropocentrism: Situating Gandhian Philosophy of Environment." <i>Problemós</i> 107: 67–75. [Read ↗]

Mar 2025	V. M. George & K. Tharakan. "Home as Heterotopia: Describing the <i>unheimlich</i> through a Foucauldian Heterotopology of Home." <i>Kritike</i> 19(1): 153–170. [Read ↗]
Feb 2025	K. Tharakan & V. M. George. "Husserl's <i>Crisis</i> Text and the Spatial Turn in Philosophy of Science." <i>Philosophia Scientiæ</i> 29(1): 137–150. [Read ↗]
Book Chapter	
2025	V. Sawaiker, V. M. George & S. Desai. "Designed for Conflict: The Non-implementation of Forest Rights in Goa." In D. D'Cruz et al. (eds.), <i>Justice Making, Justice Spaces and Justice Users</i> , 73–89. Goa: Goa,1556. [Read ↗]

RESEARCH FUNDING & FELLOWSHIPS

2019 – 2024	Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) Awarded by University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India Qualified for Assistant Professor in Philosophy
2023	Writing Urban India Fellowship Awarded by Centre for Policy Research & Urban Studies Foundation Mentor: Dr. Gautam Bhan, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 – 2024	Research Fellow School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University (SSPIS), India Funding body: University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India
2022	Visiting Guest Lecturer Gyanadhara Institute of Philosophy, Goa, India Bachelor of Philosophy (BPh); Course designed and taught: Feminist Approaches to Philosophy
2016 – 2017	Lecturer & Career Counselling Coordinator Christ Junior College - Residential, Bengaluru, India International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) & Karnataka Pre-University Course; Courses taught: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Ethics

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Feb 2026	"Resistance through Imaginative Variation: Addressing Hermeneutical Injustice by (Re)Imagining Home as Heterotopia" ICAS 26 on "Home: Belonging, Identity, and Displacement"; Southern Regional College, Northern Ireland, UK
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Jan 2024	“Spatiality of Silencing: Conceptualising Spatial Hermeneutical Injustice” International Multidisciplinary Seminar on “Dialogue and Silence in Philosophy”; University of Malta & Goa University
Oct 2023	“Appropriating the Unhomely: Constituting the Homebound Self” National-Level Webinar on “Bounds of Community”; SSPIS, Goa University, India
Mar 2023	“Home as Heterotopia: Challenging Hegemonic Constructions of Space” Zikr-ARC (Annual Researchers’ Confluence) on “Beyond Postmodernism”; Jamia Millia Islamia, India
Jan 2023	“Refiguring Cities and Spaces for Gender Safety and Swaraj” XLVI Indian Social Science Congress - Special Symposia on Gender Studies; Bharathidasan University, India
Jan 2023	“Selfhood and Space: A Study in the Philosophies of Foucault, Ricoeur, and Habermas” Ninth Annual PhD Workshop; IIHS, India

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2024 – Present	Graphic Designer Speaking From Margin (SFM), India
2021 – 2024	Guest Lecture Coordinator SSPIS, Goa University, India
2021 – 2023	Graphic Designer Wisdom’s Edge Foundation, Florida, USA
2011 – 2014	Publications Team Lead Centre for Social Action (CSA), Christ University, Bengaluru, India

EDITORIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 – 2022	Book Editor Title: <i>Chennaikkalude Idayile Maadapraavu</i> (Malayalam) [Link ↗] Author: Fr. Renny Markose, S.M.
2018 – 2019	Editorial Assistant, Social Media Manager & Science Communicator Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore, India Publications: <i>Journal of Threatened Taxa</i> , <i>Zoo’s Print Magazine</i> , <i>Jottings</i>
Jul 2018	Copyeditor & Proofreader Copyedited and proofread a PhD dissertation submitted to the Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, India