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PROFILE

My research in Continental Philosophy explores the hermeneutics of space/architecture in the works of Michel Foucault and Paul Ricoeur. I hold a PhD in Philosophy from Goa University, India. I have taught Theory of Knowledge (IBDP), Ethics, and Feminist Philosophy, facilitating discussion-based, reflective inquiry informed by Philosophy for Children (p4c). My work has appeared in *Kritike*, *Philosophia Scientiae*, *Problemata*, and *Tópicos*. I was a UGC Research Fellow (2019–2024) and a CPR Writing Urban India Fellow (2023). I am now exploring opportunities in research, editorial work, and publishing.

RESEARCH INTERESTS & SKILLS

Hermeneutics, Spatiality, Michel Foucault, Paul Ricoeur, Metaphors, Hermeneutical Justice, Ecology Academic Writing, Copyediting, Proofreading, Reviewing, Graphic Design, Website Design, Accessibility

EDUCATION

2019 – 2026

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Philosophy

School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies (SSPIS), Goa University, Goa, India

Research area: Continental Philosophy, Hermeneutics

Dissertation: *Hermeneutics of Space and Selfhood: A Study in the Philosophies of Foucault and Ricoeur*

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Koshy Tharakan

2014 – 2016

Master of Arts (MA) in Philosophy

Faculty of Philosophy, Christ University, Bengaluru, India

Thesis: *Interpreting 'Will to Truth' as an Ideology through Metaphors: A Rereading of Plato's Parable of the Cave*

Advisor: Dr. Saju Chackalackal

First class with Distinction; CGPA: 3.86

2011 – 2014

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Communication & Media, English Literature, and Psychology

Christ University, Bengaluru, India

First Class; CGPA: 3.24

EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2025 – Present **Graphic Designer, Web Designer & Copyeditor**
Freelance
- Oct 2019 – Oct 2024 **Research Fellow**
School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University, Goa, India
Funding body: University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India
- Aug – Sep 2022 **Visiting Guest Lecturer**
Gyanadhara Institute of Philosophy, Goa, India
Course designed and taught: “Feminist Approaches to Philosophy”
Programme: Bachelor of Philosophy (BPh)
- 2019 – 2022 **Book Editor**
Title: *Chennaikkalude Idayile Maadapraavu* (Malayalam)
Author: Fr. Renny Markose, S.M.
ISBN: 978-93-93969-02-6 [[Link](#)]
- 2018 – 2019 **Editorial Assistant, Social Media Manager & Science Communicator**
Wildlife Information Liaison Development & Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore, India
Publications: *Journal of Threatened Taxa*, *Zoo's Print Magazine*, *Jottings*
Project: Himalayan Langur Project
Website designed: Jottings
Multimedia content: Short-form educational wildlife videos
- Jul 2018 **Copyeditor & Proofreader**
Copyedited and proofread a PhD dissertation submitted to the Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, India
- 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) and Ethics

PUBLICATIONS**Journal Articles**

- Aug 2026 V. M. George. “Interpretation of Space and Understanding of Self: Reading Foucault and Ricoeur in One Frame.” *Tópicos* 76: 409–434. [[Link](#)]
- Sep 2025 K. Tharakan & V. M. George. “Between Ecocentrism and Anthropocentrism: Situating Gandhian Philosophy of Environment.” *Problemós* 107: 67–75. [[Link](#)]

Mar 2025 V. M. George & K. Tharakan. "Home as Heterotopia: Describing the *unheimlich* through a Foucauldian Heterotopology of Home." *Kritike* 19(1): 153–170. [\[Link\]](#)

Feb 2025 K. Tharakan & V. M. George. "Husserl's *Crisis* Text and the Spatial Turn in Philosophy of Science." *Philosophia Scientiæ* 29(1): 137–150. [\[Link\]](#)

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.), *Justice Making, Justice Spaces and Justice Users*, 73–89. Goa: Goa, 1556. [\[Link\]](#)

Science Communication

Aug 2019 V. M. George. "Beyond Spots and Stripes." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(8): 4–6. [\[Link\]](#)

Jul 2019 V. M. George. "Himalayan Langur Project." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(7): 22–23. [\[Link\]](#)

Jun 2019 V. M. George. "Conserving Livelihoods and the Chamba Sacred Langur." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(6): 8–9. [\[Link\]](#)

May 2019 V. M. George. "These Plants are Thriving in Extreme Cliff Conditions – Here's How." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(5): 5–6. [\[Link\]](#)

Apr 2019 V. M. George. "The Outlying Forest-dwellers: New Bat Subspecies Found in Andaman." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(4): 5–6. [\[Link\]](#)

13 Apr 2019 V. M. George. "Butterflies and Their Host Plants: Friendships that Flourish the Ecosystem." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [\[Link\]](#)

Mar 2019 V. M. George. "Into the Shadows: Strategies for Survival in Ungulates of Malaysia." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(3): 6–8. [\[Link\]](#)

Feb 2019 V. M. George. "Citizen science takes wing to understand local avian patterns." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(2): 7–8. [\[Link\]](#)

8 Feb 2019 V. M. George. "Rhinos in Nepal: Migration of a Protected Animal to Non-protected Lands." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [\[Link\]](#)

17 Jan 2019 V. M. George. "A Highly Threatened Plant is Living on the Edge in Russia." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [\[Link\]](#)

16 Dec 2018 V. M. George. "Negotiating Hard Edges in the Home of Tigers." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [\[Link\]](#)

30 Nov 2018 V. M. George. "The World's Second-largest Lizard Mapped in Myanmar." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [\[Link\]](#)

- 25 Oct 2018 V. M. George. "Crawling Back to Sight: Skink Found after Century-long Obscurity." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 13 Oct 2018 V. M. George. "Finding Fortune: Scope for Ornamental Fish Trade in Sundarban." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 10 Oct 2018 V. M. George. "The Red Data Book: Counting the Red Flags to Nepal's Mammals." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 6 Oct 2018 V. M. George. "Poaching in Ghana: Tracing the Trails of Carnage." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 21 Sep 2018 V. M. George. "Human-monkey Interaction in Sri Lanka: Mitigation through Attitudinal Change." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 2 Sep 2018 V. M. George. "Human-elephant Interaction in Kerala: Cultivating Tolerance through Attitudinal Change." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 27 Aug 2018 V. M. George. "Human-carnivore Interaction in Chile: Exploring Myths that Kill." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 20 Aug 2018 V. M. George. "The Fantastic Hoary Fox of Brazil: Bringing the Nocturnal into the Light." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 7 Aug 2018 V. M. George. "In Pursuit of Faure's Broom: The Wild Treasure Hunt in Algeria." *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]
- 23 Jul 2018 V. M. George. "Tethering Tourism to Conservation: Keeping the Sahyadris 'Hot.'" *Jottings by the Journal of Threatened Taxa*. [[Link](#)]

Creative Writing

- Mar 2025 V. M. George. "Weathered Rhythms: Heterotopology of a Playground." *ChaiCopy (A Manipal Centre for Humanities Literary Journal)* 19(1): 85–86. [[Link](#)]
- Sep 2019 V. M. George. "Meet the Tawny Coster, Common House Mouse, Plain Tiger Caterpillar, and Jungle Babbler." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(9): 5. [[Link](#)]
- Aug 2019 V. M. George. "Meet the Spiny-backed Tree Mouse, Lemon Pansy, White Himalayan Lily, and Common Myna." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(8): 7. [[Link](#)]
- Jul 2019 V. M. George. "Meet the Small Tree Frog, Bees, Hairy Bergenia, and Spotted Owlet." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(7): 24. [[Link](#)]
- Jun 2019 V. M. George. "Meet the Peacock Tarantula, Yellow Flax, Sea Cucumber, and Common Peafowl." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(6): 10. [[Link](#)]

- May 2019 V. M. George. "Meet the Bronze Grass Skink, Pied Crested Cuckoo, Argiope Spiders, and Hairy Water Lily." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(5): 7. [[Link](#)]
- Apr 2019 V. M. George. "Meet the Black-rumped Flameback, Indri, Seven-spotted Cockroach, and Red Water Lily." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(4): 10. [[Link](#)]
- Mar 2019 V. M. George. "Meet the Sahyadri Forest Rat, Ashy Prinia, Praying Mantis, and Malabar Stream Lily." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(3): 9. [[Link](#)]
- Feb 2019 V. M. George. "Meet the Painted Stork, Crimson Rose, Crested Tree Lizard, and Black-naped Hare." *Zoo's Print Magazine* 34(2): 9. [[Link](#)]
- 15 Jun 2010 V. M. George. "Mixed-up Sprouts." *Young World, The Hindu*. [[Link](#)]
- 30 Mar 2010 V. M. George. "There's No Escape!" *Young World, The Hindu*. [[Link](#)]

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 5 Feb 2026 **"Resistance through Imaginative Variation: Addressing Hermeneutical Injustice by (Re)Imagining Home as Heterotopia"**
ICAS 26 on "Home: Belonging, Identity, and Displacement"
Organiser: Southern Regional College, Northern Ireland, UK
- 18–19 Jan 2024 **"Spatiality of Silencing: Conceptualising Spatial Hermeneutical Injustice"**
International Multidisciplinary Seminar on "Dialogue and Silence in Philosophy"
Organisers: University of Malta and Goa University
- 13–14 Oct 2023 **"Appropriating the Unhomely: Constituting the Homebound Self"**
National-Level Webinar on "Bounds of Community: Language, Identity, and Praxis"
Organiser: School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University, India
- 14–15 Mar 2023 **"Home as Heterotopia: Challenging Hegemonic Constructions of Space"**
Zikr-ARC (Annual Researchers' Confluence) on "Beyond Postmodernism"
Organiser: Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, India
- 27–31 Jan 2023 **"Refiguring Cities and Spaces for Gender Safety and Swaraj"**
XLVI Indian Social Science Congress - Special Symposia on Gender Studies
Host: Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu, India
- 9–11 Jan 2023 **"Selfhood and Space: A Study in the Philosophies of Foucault, Ricoeur, and Habermas"**
Ninth Annual PhD Workshop
Organiser: Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS), Bengaluru, India

7–8 Jun 2022 **“‘Feeling at Home’ at Home: An Ethical Interrogation of Home as Heterotopia”**
 State-Level Webinar on “Mediating the Body, Society, and Technology”
 Organiser: School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University, India

AWARDS & TEST SCORES

Oct 2019 – Oct 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 2.0**
 Awarded by Centre for Policy Research (CPR - India) & Urban Studies Foundation.
 Mentor: Dr. Gautam Bhan, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS), Bengaluru, India

May 2017 **IELTS Academic**
 Band Score: 8.0

INTERNSHIPS

Apr – Jun 2013 **Project Management Intern**
 Radio Active CR 90.4 MHz, Bengaluru, India

Apr – May 2012 **Sub-editing Intern**
 Bangalore Mirror, Bengaluru, India

Oct 2011 **Reporting Intern**
 The New Indian Express, Kochi, India

2009 – 2011 **Student Public Relations Officer**
 The Hindu, Kochi, India

VOLUNTEERING

2025 – Present **Graphic Designer & Website Designer**
 Asian Zonal Center for Marianist Studies, Bengaluru, India

2024 – Present **Graphic Designer**
 Speaking From Margin (SFM), India

2021 – 2024 **Guest Lecture Coordinator**
 School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, 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

REFERENCES

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