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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University	2023 -
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay	2022 - 2023
Visiting Faculty, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University	2021 - 2022
Lecturer, Christ Junior College - Residential (IB World School)	2015 - 2016

EDUCATION

PhD (“Kant’s Theory of Moral Motivation”), Manipal University	2016 - 2022
Junior Research Fellow, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR)	2019 - 2021
TMA Pai PhD Scholarship, Manipal University	2016 - 2019
MA in Philosophy, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram	2012 - 2014
BA in Psychology, Sociology & English (PSEng), Christ University	2009 - 2012

AREAS OF INTEREST

Areas of Specialization: Kant’s Philosophy and Moral Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Ancient Greek Philosophy (Plato & Aristotle), Early Modern European Philosophy and Modern Indian Philosophy (Krishna Chandra Bhattacharyya)

PUBLICATIONS**Edited Books**

Reading Kant Today: Perspectives from India and Beyond, co-editing with Kanchana Mahadevan, 2026. Under contract with Springer India.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Reconciling Kant’s History of Reason with Transcendental Freedom”, *Con-Textos Kantianos - International Journal of Philosophy*, 2026. Under review for an author-meets-critics issue.

“Feeling and Moral Motivation in Kant: A Response to the Frierson-Grenberg Debate”, *Con-Textos Kantianos - International Journal of Philosophy*, 2023, 17, pp. 111-123. DOI: [10.5209/kant.88709](https://doi.org/10.5209/kant.88709)

“Kantian Moral Motivation: An Affectivist Interpretation”, *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, 2020, 37, 2, pp. 225-241. DOI: [10.1007/s40961-020-00199-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40961-020-00199-2)

“Revisiting the Maxim-Law Dynamic in the Light of Kant’s Theory of Action”, *Kantian Journal*, 2019, 38, 2, pp. 45-72. DOI: [10.5922/0207-6918-2019-2-3](https://doi.org/10.5922/0207-6918-2019-2-3)

“The Duty of Knowing Oneself as One Appears: A Response to Kant’s Problem of Moral Self-Knowledge”, *Problemos*, 2019, 96, pp. 23-35. DOI: [10.15388/Problemos.96.2](https://doi.org/10.15388/Problemos.96.2)

Chapters in Edited Books

“Motivational Skepticism about Practical Reason in Kant” in Kanchana Mahadevan & Vivek Radhakrishnan (eds.), *Reading Kant Today: Perspectives from India and Beyond*. Forthcoming.

“Dharma: Agent of Social Cohesion and Equilibrium” in Jose Nandhikkara (ed.), *Ethical Interface: Literature, Economics, Politics, and Religion*. Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications, 2014, pp. 427-452.

Articles in Newspapers & Magazines

“Tāṇṇāṭṭciye Cutantiram: Kāṇṭtin Pakutarvāta Aṛam” (“Autonomy as Freedom: Kant’s Moral Rationalism”), *Kālachuvadu*, November 2025, 37, 11.

Link: <https://kalachuvadu.com/magazines/kalachuvadu/issues/311/articles/13-thanaatchiyesuthanthiram>

“Immanuel Kāṇṭ: Maṇithaṇai Ariyum Vaḷi” (“Immanuel Kant: Knowing the Human”), *The Hindu - Tamil Thisai*, 22 April 2024.

Link: <https://www.hindutamil.in/news/opinion/columns/1234211-a-way-to-know-man.html>

Translations (into Tamil)

Plato, “Crito (allathu, Naṇṇaṭatai Paṭri)”, *Kanali - Online Cultural-Literary Magazine*, 2024, 34. Link: <https://kanali.in/crito/>

Immanuel Kant, “Maṇithaneya Nokkathilirunthu Pōi Pesalām Eṇḍrēṇappatta Ōru Urimaiyai Paṭri” (“Über Ein Vermeintes Recht aus Menschenliebe zu Lügen”), *Kanali - Online Cultural-Literary Magazine*, 2023, 30. Link: <https://kanali.in/manithaneya-nokathilirundhu-poi-pesalam-endrenapata-oru-urimaiyai-patri/>

Immanuel Kant, “Ariṅvōḷirthal Eṇḍrāl Eṇṇa?: Keḷvikku Ōru Pathil” (“Beantwortung der Frage: Was ist Aufklärung?”), *Kanali - Online Cultural-Literary Magazine*, 2023, 28. Link: <https://kanali.in/arivu-olitharal-endral-enna/>

Bertrand Russell, “Mēyyiyalin Mathippīdu” (“The Value of Philosophy” from *The Problems of Philosophy*), *Kanali - Online Cultural-Literary Magazine*, 2022, 25. Link: <https://kanali.in/meiyiyalin-mathipidugal/>

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Kant in India”, *International Seminar on Celebrating 300 Years of Immanuel Kant: Legacy, Influence & Contemporary Relevance* organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University & Indian Council of Philosophical Research, February 12-14, 2026.

“KC Bhattacharyya’s Kant: Indian Reception with Universalist Spirit”, *Critical Philosophy for Cosmopolitan Justice and Perpetual Peace: Immanuel Kant 300th Anniversary Conference* organized by University of Lisbon, Portugal, September 17-19, 2024

“Motivational Skepticism and Moral Feeling in Kant”, *14th International Kant Congress: Kant’s Project of Enlightenment* organized by Kant-Gesellschaft and University of Bonn, Germany, September 08-13, 2024.

“Kant and India: ‘Seeing through a Glass Darkly’”, *Kant Studies in India* panel at *Virtual Kant Congress with a Cosmopolitan Purpose* organized by North American Kant Society and the Leuven Research Group in Classical German Philosophy, July 29, 2024.

“Why Should the Incentive of Morality be a Feeling?”, *W.H. Werkmeister and Southern North American Kant Society (SNAKS) Study Group Conference* organized by Florida State University, USA, April 28-29, 2023.

“A Revised Transcendental Interpretation of Kant’s Account of Moral Motivation”, *2021 Midwest North American Kant Society (NAKS) Study Group Meeting* organized by Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, USA, October 15-16, 2021.

“Motivational Skepticism about Practical Reason in Kant”, *2021 Hong Kong Kant Society (HKKS) Workshop* organized by The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, June 16, 2021.

“Acting on Maxims and Imperatives”, *International Wuhan Kant Conference* organized by Wuhan University, China, June 04-05, 2019.

“Conceptions of Self in Kant and *Pudgalavāda*: A Comparison”, *International Conference on Self, Omniscience and Morality* organized by Jain University, January 04-05, 2019.

“Kantian Moral Motivation and Respect as the Moral Motive”, *Young Scholars Conference, Second International Kant Summer School* organized by Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, Russia, July 29-August 05, 2018.

“Ramana Maharishi’s Philosophy of Self”, *National Conference on Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis, Mind-Body Practices and Happiness* organized by Indian Society of Clinical Hypnosis & Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, November 21, 2015.

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

“Kaṭamai, Kaṭṭalai, Kaṭṭupāṭu: Kāṅṭiya Ciṅṭaiyīṅ Nīraikuṛaikal”, *International Philosophy Seminar* organized by Tamil Nadu Philosophical Forum (TNPF), March 29, 2025

“How ‘Humean’ was Kant?”, *Symposium on “Why Read Kant Now?”* jointly organized by Goethe Institut Mumbai and Department of German, Mumbai University, November 29-30, 2024

“Feeling and Moral Agency: Recalibrating Kant towards Okin”, *Workshop on Reason, Feeling and Experience* jointly organized by Krea University and IIT Tirupati, February 10, 2024.

“The Nature of ‘Ought-Motivation Gap’ in Kant’s Moral Theory”, invited job talk for the position of Assistant Professor at Krea University, August 12, 2022

“Kantian Ethics and Social Policies”, *Lecture Series on Policy Matters*, Centre for Social and Policy Research (CSPR), Christ University, August 03, 2022.

“A Philosophical Reading of Motivational Skepticism in Kant’s Moral Theory”, invited job talk for the position of Postdoctoral Fellow at Humanities & Social Sciences Department, IIT Bombay, June 21, 2022

“The Skeptical Puzzle of Converting Judgements into Actions in Kant’s Ethics”, *Humanities Seminar*, Azim Premji University, January 28, 2022.

“How to Read a Philosophical Text?”, *Workshop on Writing Philosophy*, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University, January 25, 2021.

“Understanding the Philosopher’s Stone in Kant’s Ethics”, Manipal Centre for Humanities, Manipal University, August 28, 2020.

“Role of Dharma in the Ideal Society as Represented in *Manusmṛti*”, *National Workshop on Religion and Ethics* organized by Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, November 21, 2013.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Coordinator of “Kant Studies in India” panel for *Virtual Kant Congress with a Cosmopolitan Purpose* organized by North American Kant Society and the Leuven Research Group in Classical German Philosophy, July 29, 2024.

Convenor of *Workshop on Reason, Feeling and Experience* jointly organized with Humanities and Social Sciences Department, IIT Tirupati, February 10, 2024.

Co-convenor of *International Workshop on Tantra Studies* organized by Centre for Religious Studies, Manipal University, January 23-27, 2017.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research collaborator on the project, “Debates and Dialogues in Modern Indian Philosophy” led by faculty from IIT Tirupati funded by SPARC, an initiative under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, 2023-2025.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses

Krea University

“Ethics”

“Morality and Its Rationality: Aristotle and Kant”

“Justice as a Virtue in Classical Philosophy”

“Early Modern Moral Philosophy: Practical Reason and Moral Emotions”

“Aristotle’s Ethics”

“Pre-Socratics and the Socratics”

“Philosophical Methods”

“Philosophical Perspectives Across Cultures”

Certificate Courses

Liberal Arts Centre

“What is Philosophy?”

Junior College Courses

Christ Junior College - Residential

“Theory of Knowledge (TOK)”

“Value Education”

Teaching Assistantship (TA)

Manipal University

“Kant’s Moral Philosophy”

“Hermeneutics and Phenomenology”

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Course Coordinator of “Philosophical Perspectives Across Cultures”, an undergraduate core course at Krea University (2023 - present)

Discipline Coordinator of Philosophy, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University (2023 - 2025)

Editorial Board Member, *Prāśnika: Journal of Subcontinental Thought and Imagination, Let’s Talk Tattva*, IIT Bombay (2026 - present)

Moderator of Indian Philosophy Network (IPN) Weekly Colloquium (2024 - 2025)

Content writer for Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) undergraduate course unit on “Western Philosophy” (2023)

Extended Essay (EE) Coordinator at Christ Junior College - Residential (2015 - 2016)

Career Counselling Coordinator at Christ Junior College - Residential (2015 - 2016)

Submitter & Reviewer for the “Hindu Ethics Collection” at Globethics.net online library (2013 - 2016)

STUDENT ADVISING

Postdoctoral Mentoring

Dr Henry Vumjou, “Kant’s Practical Philosophy”, Krea University (2025 - 2027)

Graduate Advising

Doctoral Committee Member

Ms Jyothis Franklin, “Role of Advertising Agencies in Greenwashing and Greenhushing”, Krea University (2024 -)

JOURNAL REFEREEING

Kantian Review (Cambridge University Press)

Humanities and Social Sciences Communications (Springer Nature)

LANGUAGES

Tamil (native), Kannada (fluent), Konkani (conversational), English (fluent) and German (beginner)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) (2019 - 2021)

Indian Philosophy Network (IPN) (2020 - present)

Hong Kong Kant Society (HKKS) (2020 - present)

North American Kant Society (NAKS) (2020 - present)

UK Kant Society (UKKS) (2020 - present)