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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, Christ University	2012 - 2014
BA in Psychology, Sociology & English (PSEng), Christ University	2009 - 2012

AREAS OF INTEREST

Areas of Specialization: Moral Philosophy & Kant’s Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Ancient Greek Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy & Contemporary Indian Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS**Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

“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)

“Dharma: Agent of Social Cohesion and Equilibrium”, *Journal of Dharma*, 2013, 38, 4, pp. 399-418.

Articles in Newspapers & Magazines

“Immanuel Kāṅt: Maṅiṭhanai Aṛiyum Vali” (“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, Nannaṭatai Paṭri)”, *Kanali - Online Cultural-Literary Magazine*, 2024, 34. Link: <https://kanali.in/crito/>

Immanuel Kant, “Maṅiṭhaneya Nokkathilirunthu Pōi Pesalām Endrēṅappatta 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, “Aṛivōlirthal Ēṅṛāl Ēṅṅa?: 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, “Mēyiyaliṅ Mathippīdu” (“The Value of Philosophy” from *The Problems of Philosophy*), *Kanali - Online Cultural-Literary Magazine*, 2022, 25. Link: <https://kanali.in/meiyiyalin-mathipidugal/>

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“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.

“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.

“Critical Overview of Scholarly Interpretations on Kant’s Account of Moral Motivation”, *ICPR Fellows’ Meet 2021* organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, March 23-24, 2021.

“Situating Kant’s Problem of Moral Motivation in Context”, *ICPR Fellows’ Meet 2020* organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, July 20-24, 2020.

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

“Motivational Nature of Kantian Maxims” (Poster), *Manipal Research Colloquium* organized by Manipal University, April 02, 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.

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

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/LECTURES ORGANIZED

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 and Tel Aviv University funded by SPARC, an initiative under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, 2023-2025.

TALKS AND LECTURES

“Introduction to Pre-Socratics and Socrates”, Two Guest Lectures for B.Tech. Students, IIT Bombay, October 03 & 04, 2022.

“The Nature of ‘Ought-Motivation Gap’ in Kant’s Moral Theory”, Invited Talk, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University, August 12, 2022.

“Kantian Ethics and Social Policies”, Invited Talk, *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”, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay, June 21, 2022.

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

“Problems of Knowledge”, Guest Lecture, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University, September 30, 2021.

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

“Introduction to Philosophical Ethics”, Guest Lecture, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University, October 26, 2020.

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

“Introduction to Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*”, Guest Lecture, Manipal Centre for Humanities, Manipal University, September 16, 2019.

“Self-knowledge and Morality”, Guest Lecture, Manipal Centre for Humanities, Manipal University, April 23, 2019.

“Ethics and Existentialism”, Invited Talk, Department of French, Jyoti Nivas College, January 07, 2019.

“Introduction to Kant’s Moral Philosophy”, Three Guest Lectures, Manipal Centre for Humanities, Manipal University, March 08, 14 & 15, 2018.

“Pro-life Perspectives”, Guest Lecture for B.E. Students, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), February 03, 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses

Krea University

“Aristotle’s Ethics (PHIL414)”, Term III, 2024

“Pre-Socratics and the Socratics (PHIL339)”, Term II, 2023-24

“Philosophical Methods (PHIL202)”, Term I, 2023

“Philosophical Perspectives Across Cultures (PHP)”, Term II, 2021-22 & Term I, 2023

Junior College CoursesChrist Junior College - Residential

“Theory of Knowledge (TOK)”, International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Course, 2015-16

“Value Education”, Pre-University Course, 2015-16

Teaching Assistantship (TA)Manipal University

“Kant’s Moral Philosophy”, Spring 2017 (for Dr. Apaar Kumar)

“Hermeneutics and Phenomenology”, Fall 2016 (for Dr. Apaar Kumar)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

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

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

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 “Hindu Ethics Collection” at Globethics Online library, (2013 - 2016)

LANGUAGES

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

Indian Philosophy Network (IPN) (2020 - present)

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

REFERENCES

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