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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad, Dhanbad, April 2022- Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad, Dhanbad, December 2014- April 2022.

Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani- K. K. Birla Goa Campus, November 2012-December 2014

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.

M.A. in Philosophy, Banaras Hindu University.

B.A. in Philosophy, Banaras Hindu University.

Research

Areas of Specialization –Early Buddhist Philosophy, Metaphysics,

Area of Competence - Metaphysics, Indian philosophy,

Awards and Grants

Erasmus+MOBILE UNLIMITED scholarship for visiting faculty, 2019(at Universidade do Porto - Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto, Portugal)

Award for Associateship of the U.G.C Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (IUC) for the year 2018, Indian Institute of Advance Study, RashtrapatiNivas, Shimla (2018)

Award for the Excellence in Thesis Work for the year 2010-2012, IIT Bombay, (2012)

Research Assistantship in IIT Bombay, Mumbai, (2006-11)

Project

“*Traversing the Territory of Comparative Philosophy*” ICPR Project, February 2015- January 2017. (**Completed**)

“*The Study of Evidences of Oral Transmission of the oldest Indian Buddhist Text*” Indian Council of Philosophical Research Project, December 2020 to Present (**On-going**)

“The Study of Evidences of Deep Ecology in the Early Buddhist Text” Indian Council of Historical Research, August 2022 to Present (**On-going**)

Publications

Book

Rayson Alex, Susan Deborah, Reena Cheruvalath and **Gyan Prakash**. *Ecocultural Ethics: Critical Essays*, Lanham: Lexington Books, 2017.

Papers:

Gyan Prakash, “Dynamics of Emotion and Action in Vasubandhu’s *Abhidharmakośabhāṣyam*”, *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*. (**Manuscript submitted**).

Gyan Prakash, “Eco-Anxiety: A Philosophical Investigation from the Early Buddhist Perspective”, *International Journal of Fear Studies: Interdisciplinary & Transdisciplinary Approaches*, 3(1), 2021, pp. 26-34. University of Calgary, Canada.

Gyan Prakash, “An Implication of Buddhist Ethical Teaching on Sustainable Development”, *Journal of Problemy Ekorozwoju/Problems of Sustainable Development*, Journal of The European Academy of Science and Arts, Salzburg, Austria, 16, 1(2021), pp. 187-191. doi.org/10.35784/pe.2021.1.20.

Gyan Prakash, “The Path of a Saint: Buddhaghosa's Argument for Sustainable Development”, *Journal of Problemy Ekorozwoju-Problems of Sustainable Development*, Journal of The European Academy of Science and Arts, Salzburg, Austria, 15, 2(2020), pp. 205-209. doi.org/10.35784/pe.2020.2.20

Gyan Prakash, “The Notion of Bodily Recognition: An Examination of Early Buddhist and XuFuguan’s Perspective”, *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Universities*, 11, 1(2018), pp.217-230. ISSN: 1906-8190

Gyan Prakash, “Early Buddhism and Ryle on Thinking Thought”, *Philosophy Pathways:*

Electronic Journal (ISSN 2043 0728), Issue No.226, 2018, Published by International Society for Philosophers and distributed by the University of Sheffield.

Gyan Prakash, "Buddhist Attitudes towards Sustainable Development", *Journal of ProblemyEkorozwoju/Problems of Sustainable Development*, Journal of The European Academy of Science and Arts, Salzburg, Austria,13, 1(2018), pp.215-218.

Gyan Prakash, "Early Buddhist Attitude: Female Body and Arhatship", *Journal of Dharma*, 41, 3 (2016), pp.333-344.

Gyan Prakash, "Ryle and Subjectivity", *The Philosophical Quarterly*, XIII (1-4), 2014, pp. 50-60.

Gyan Prakash, "Buddhist Approach to Ryle's Mind", *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol.39 (No. 1-2), 2012,ISSN 0376-415X, Pp. 63-76.

Gyan Prakash, "Atheism and Non-Religion in Buddhism: The Fundamental Tenets", *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, 5 (1), 2011, (ISSN 0974-0090)Pp.91-106

Conference Presentations

The Early Buddhist Concept of Avidya in Translation in the international conference on Asian Philosophical Text, organized by Research Centre for East Asian Studies at the Universitilibre de Bruxelles (ULB), during October 25-27, 2018.

The Unfinished Dialogue between King Milind and the Buddhist Sage Nagasena, in the national conference on South Asian Cultural Heteroglossia, organized by Department of English, St. Aloysius College, Elthuruth, Kerla, during 9-10 March 2017.

A Comparative Philosophy of East and West by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, in UGC sponsored national seminar on Revisiting the Thoughts and Writings of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan organized by department of Philosophy, Annamalainagar, Tamil Nadu, during 07-08 October 2016.

Early Buddhist Attitude Towards Female Body and Mysticism, in the national conference on Feminine Genius: Women Leadership for a Just and Compassionate Society, held at DharmaramVidyaKshetram, Bengaluru, and organized under the auspices of Journal of Dharma and Globethics.net India, during 29-30 July 2016.

Mind and Emotion in Early Buddhism, in Conference on Philosophy of Mind, Matter, and Morals in Buddhist Perspective, organized by Center for Mahayana Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, A.P., 12th February-14th February 2016.

The Nature of Thinking Thoughts, in 1st International Avant-Conference 2013 on Thinking with Hands, Eyes and Things organized by the Centre For Philosophical Research, Nicolaus Copernicus University (Torun, Poland), and The Philosophy Department at Villanova University (USA) at Torun, Poland, 8th November-10th November 2013

Desacralizing Philosophical Translation in India, in International Conference on Thinking about Translation: Philosophy on the Way between Languages organized by the Department of Humanities, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain, 24th September- 26th September 2012.

Language, Mind and Paradigm of Subjectivity in Ryle's Framework, in the 3rd International Conference of Young Scientists Humanities and Social Sciences 2011 organized by Lviv Polytechnic National University, Lviv, Ukraine, 24th November-26th November 2011.

Buddhist Approach to Ryle's Mind, in International Conference on Continental and Comparative Philosophy organized by Continental and Comparative Philosophy Circle, University College Cork, Cork, Republic of Ireland, 3rd March -5th March 2011.

Buddhist Perception of Individual Transformation, in International Conference on Individual and Collective Transformation: Insights from Indian Psychology organized by Department of Psychology, University of Delhi, 5th February -7th February, 2011.

Capital Punishment in the Light of Early Buddhist Philosophy, in International Congress of Social Philosophy organized by Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, 22nd November -24th November 2008.

Mind in Early Buddhism, in National seminar of Research Student of Pali and Buddhism organized by Department of Pali, University of Pune, 24th March -25th March, 2008

Sarvastivada and Sautrantika: A historical Tryst in International conference on Sangiti-s (Buddhist Councils): Perspective and prospects organized by Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi, 8th February -10th February, 2008.

Dharma and Justice, a paper presented in Essay Competition-cum-Seminar, organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research at University of Hyderabad, 8th January- 10 January, 2001.

Invited Talks

"The Enigma of Mind and Body Relation: A Buddhist Approach to Rylean Problem" University of Warsaw, Poland, November 2013.

"The Early Buddhist Thoughts and Metaphysics", Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland, November 2013.

"Indian Metaphysics-P", Faculty Development Centre, Indian School of Mines, 17th February

2016.

“*Indian Metaphysics-IP*”, Faculty Development Centre, Indian School of Mines, 20th February 2016.

Contribution to Academics:

Syllabi Framing

At IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

Minor Course in Philosophy

Indian Philosophy Course (HSM17106)

Western Philosophy Course (HSM16104)

Philosophy of Religion (UG Course) (HSM17105)

Buddhist Philosophy (PG Course)

Peer Reviewer

Philosophy East and West (Research Paper Reviewed)

CRC Press Taylor and Francis Group (Book Proposal Reviewed)

Springer (Book Proposal and Full manuscript Reviewed)

M.Phil Dissertation Examination and Oral Committee (Centre for Philosophy, JNU, New Delhi)

Ph.D. Dissertation examiner, University of Lucknow.

Seminars/conferences organized

International Conference on “Towards Ecocultural Ethics: Recent Trends and Future Directions” in collaboration with The Department of Philosophy, Goa University from October 09 to October 11, 2014. The conference is cosponsored by ASLE-USA.

Indian Philosopher’s Day Seminar sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, on July 29, 2022.

Thesis Supervision

- Dr. Nanda Gopal Biswas, Title of thesis: *The Samkhya Theory of Evolution: A Critical Analysis*. (Awarded in 2022).
- Mr. Debasishsarangi, PhD candidate, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Title of thesis: *The Buddhist Theory of Embodied Cognition* (2016 to present)
- Ms. SoumitaMitra, PhD candidate, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Title of thesis: *Swami Vivekananda, Contemporaneity and Social Ethics: A Critical Investigation* (2018 to present)
- Ms. ShwetaKumari, PhD candidate, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Title of thesis: *Theory of Existence in Early Buddhism*(2020 to present)

List of Course Taught

Introductory Philosophy (UG)

Indian Philosophy (UG)

Comparative Religion (UG)

Problem of Indian Metaphysics (PG)

Administrative Experience

- Faculty In-Charge, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad from 21/02/2020 to Present.
- Faculty In-Charge, Central Research Facility, Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad from September 2018 to Present.
- Faculty In-change, Time-table, Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanabd from July 2020 to Present.

- Coordinator, Centralize AMC Services, Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad from June 2019 to Present.
- Faculty In-charge, Alumni Affair, Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad from July 2018 to Present
- Member, IT committee, Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad from August 2020 to Present
- Member, DUGC Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad
- Hostel Warden at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad (2020 to present)
- Member, Departmental Faculty Screening Committee (DFSC), Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad (Dec 2020 to Nov. 2021).
- Organized SRIJAN 2018 IIT ISM Dhanbad campus fest as Faculty Coordinator.