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Area of Specialisation	Philosophy of Mind (especially Philosophy of Perception)	
Areas of Competence	Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Metaphysics	
Academic Appointments	Associate Professor of Philosophy, Ashoka University	2022–present
	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Ashoka University (founding faculty)	2013–2022
	Research Associate, Harvard University	2014–2018
	Assistant Professor of Philosophy (ad hoc), University of Delhi	2012–2013
	Guest Lecturer in Philosophy, Miranda House College	2012
	Fellow in Philosophy, Harvard University	2011–2013
Visiting Appointments	Visiting Associate Professor, Global Humanities Initiative, Faculty of History, Cambridge University	February 2023
	Campus Visitor, Australian National University	July 2018
	Visiting Fellow, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	2011–2012
	Visiting Fellow, Dan Simon's Visual Cognition Lab at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	2006–2007 & Spring 2008
Education	Ph.D. in Philosophy, Harvard University	2011
	Dissertation: <i>Bodily Sensations: Nature, Location, and Extent</i>	
	Committee: Susanna Siegel, Alex Byrne, Sean D. Kelly, Alison Simmons	
	Doctoral Program in Philosophy, University of Virginia	1999–2002
	M.A. in Philosophy, University of Delhi, First Division	
	B.A. (Hons.) in Philosophy, University of Delhi, First Division	
Publications (Peer Reviewed)	(1) Experience without cognitive contact with the world: Comments on Anil Gupta in Vuletić, M. and Beck, O. (eds) <i>Empirical Reason and Sensory Experience</i> . Logic, Epistemology, and the Unity of Science, vol 60, pp. 33–38. Springer. 2024.	
	(2) Does Mole's argument that cognitive processes fail to suffice for attention fail? <i>Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy</i> , 18 (18): 487-505. 2018.	
	(3) Meditative attention to bodily sensations: Conscious attention without selection? <i>Journal of Consciousness Studies</i> , 25 (5-6): 156-178. 2018.	
	(4) Faith and the structure of the mind. <i>Sophia</i> , 53 (4): 467-477. 2014.	
Forthcoming	(1) Reformed naïve realism: prospects and problems To appear in <i>Reformed Empiricism and its Prospects</i> , ed. Raja Rosenhagen, Springer.	
Invited Talks (* = keynote)	Rethinking the distinction between top-down and bottom-up attention	
	★ Annual Conference of Cognitive Science, IIT-Bombay	December 2024
	● Conference on Buddhism and Pragmatism, BHU, Benares	December 2024
	Constitution in reality	
	● Conference on Grounding Consciousness, Meaning and Understanding in Natural and Artificial Minds, hosted by Stockholm University in Thiruvananthapuram	January 2024
	What's at stake in perceptually discerning reality?	
	● Conference on Mind and Reality, Dharamsala	October 2023

Selected Refereed Talks	Experience without cognitive contact with the world: Comments on Anil Gupta	
	• Perceptual Experience and Empirical Reason, University of Pittsburgh	December 2021
	Reformed naïve realism: prospects and problems	
	• Conference on Anil Gupta's Reformed Empiricism, Ashoka University	February 2020
	Philosophy of perception: metaphysics, epistemology, phenomenology	
	• ICPR Periodic Lecture, Indraprastha College for Women	January 2020
	Naïve Realism and cognitive penetration: how to have your cake and eat it too	
	• Workshop on Observation and Background Effects, WWU Münster	July 2019
	There is no <i>quale</i> of ownership	
	• Seminar on Understanding the Self, Jadavpur University	March 2019
	The moral significance of introspection	
	• PhilSoc Colloquium, Australian National University	July 2018
	Mimicry, power, and the invasion of alien physiognomies	
	• Conference on Embodied Consciousness, Presidency University	January 2018
	A case of exploding vehicles	
	• Colloquium talk, NYU-Abu Dhabi	February 2017
	Karma and justice	
	• ICPR Periodical Seminar, Laxmibai College, Delhi	February 2017
	On anger: Srinivasan <i>vs.</i> Śāntideva	
	• Conference on Divergences, Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi	April 2016
	'My-ness' isn't positive	
	• 3rd IIT-Delhi-NBRC Workshop, Delhi	January 2016
	The nature of perception: McDowell <i>vs.</i> Travis	
	• Mind-Epistemology Workshop, NYU-Abu Dhabi	April 2015
	• Conference on Embodied Cognition, University of Hyderabad	February 2014
	<i>Svaraj</i> in ideas: Autonomy, authenticity, and respect	
	• Symposium on the Future of Philosophy, Lady Shri Ram College	March 2015
	• Conference on Rethinking <i>Svaraj</i> , Manipal University	January 2015
	Cognitive penetration: What's under the hood?	
	• Conference on Problems of the Self, Centre for Philosophy, JNU	January 2013
	Against GOTHic hallucination	
	• 26th ASSC, Concurrent Session, NYU	June 2023
	• Towards a Science of Consciousness, Concurrent Session, Taormina	May 2023
	The moral significance of introspection	
	• Introspection Sucks!: Workshop with Eric Schwitzgebel, Antwerp	May 2017
	'My-ness' isn't positive	
	• 19th ASSC, Concurrent Session, Paris	July 2015
	Meditative attention to bodily sensations	
	• 23rd ESPP, Concurrent Session, Tartu	July 2015
	• Workshop on Mind and Attention, Harvard University	September 2013
	Cognitive penetration: What's under the hood?	
	• Pacific APA, Colloquium on Perception and Cognitive Penetration	April 2014
	• Conference on Cognition, Emotion, and Action, IIT-Gandhinagar	December 2013
	• 21st ESPP, Concurrent Session, University of Granada	July 2013
	Faith and the structure of the mind	
	• Conference on Faith, India International Centre	December 2012
	A case of exploding vehicles	
	• 20th ESPP, Concurrent Session, University of London	August 2012

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th ASSC, Poster Session, University of Sussex 	July 2012
	Bodily sensation objects	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minds, Bodies, and Problems, Bilkent University, Ankara 	June 2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psycho-Ontology, The Shalem Center, Jerusalem 	December 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metaphysics and Ontology of Phenomenal Qualities, Hertfordshire 	September 2011
	Is naive introspection really unreliable?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th ASSC, Concurrent Session, Kyoto University (Awarded a Travel Grant by the ASSC) 	June 2011
Selected Other Talks	Irreconcilable values, working together	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach-in on Academic Freedom, Ashoka University, 	September 2023
	The presentational character of perceptual experience	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashoka Philosophy Department Faculty Workshop 	December 2022
	Sectarian premises, liberal conclusions: from <i>karma</i> to an overlapping consensus	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analytical Political Philosophy Workshop 	January 2022
	The nature of perception: McDowell vs. Travis	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanner Workshop in Metaphysics and Epistemology, Boston University 	June 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Delhi 	December 2013
Selected Comments Presented	On Sun-Joo Shin's "Diagrammatic Properties: Case Study on Arabic vs. Roman Numerals"	
	Conference on Iconic Representation, NYU-Abu Dhabi	January 2024
	On Arindam Chakrabarti's "What does 'what' mean?"	
	ICPR Lecture Programme	July 2022
	On presentations by Jonardon Ganeri & Michael Puett	
	Cambridge Global Humanities Symposium	December 2021
	On Rami El Ali's "The Illusionist View of Hallucination"	
	NYU-Abu Dhabi Workshop on Normativity	February 2016
	On Alex Watson's "God, No-God and Indian Logic"	
	NYU-Abu Dhabi Workshop on Normativity	February 2016
	On Arindam Chakrabarti's "Is There a World Out There? God/No One Knows"	
	Conference on "God, No-God, and the Argumentative Indian"	
	Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla	July 2015
	On John Schwenkler's "Vision, Self-Location, and the Phenomenology of the 'Point of View' "	
	4th Online Consciousness Conference	February 2012
Selected Guest Lectures	On meditation and attention, for Jonardon Ganeri (NYU-Abu Dhabi)	February 2017
	Three talks on Chalmers, Levine, and Kim, for R.M. Singh (Delhi)	December 2012
	Three talks on Kripke, Searle, and Stich, for R.M. Singh (Delhi)	November 2012
Selected Teaching Experience	<i>at Ashoka University unless indicated otherwise:</i>	
	Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2025
	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	Spring 2025
	Upper-level, Attention: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives	Monsoon 2024
	Foundation Course in Mind and Behaviour	Monsoon 2024
	Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2023
	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	Spring 2023
	Foundation Course in Mind and Behaviour	Monsoon 2023
	Independent Study Module on Perception and Cognition	Monsoon 2023
	Upper-level course on Recent Work in the Philosophy of Perception	Spring 2023
	Foundation Course in Mind and Behaviour	Monsoon 2022
	Introduction to Philosophy	Monsoon 2022

Foundation Course in Mind and Behaviour	Spring 2022
Upper-level Topics in the Philosophy of Mind	Spring 2022
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Monsoon 2021
Introduction to Philosophy	Monsoon 2021
Independent Study Module on Introspection	Spring 2021
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Spring 2021
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2021
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Monsoon 2020
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2020
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Spring 2020
Foundation Course on Indian Civilisations	Monsoon 2019
Upper-level Course on Naïve Realism and its Critics	Monsoon 2019
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2019
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Spring 2019
Upper-level Philosophy of Mind	Monsoon 2018
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Monsoon 2018
Upper-level Philosophy of Mind	Spring 2017
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2017
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Monsoon 2016
Upper-level Philosophy of Perception	Monsoon 2016
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Spring 2016
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2016
Upper-level Philosophy of Mind	Monsoon 2015
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Monsoon 2015
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2015
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour	Spring 2015
Topics in Philosophy (Young India Fellowship Programme)	Spring 2015
Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour; x2	Monsoon 2014
Mind and Behaviour (Young India Fellowship Programme)	Spring 2014
Co-taught M.A. course on the Philosophy of Language (Delhi)	Spring 2013
Co-taught M.A. course on Philosophical Logic (Delhi)	Spring 2013
Co-taught M.A. course on Theories of Consciousness (Delhi)	Spring 2013
Introduction to Epistemology (Miranda House)	Monsoon 2012

Honours and Awards	Cambridge Global Humanities Initiative Staff Mobility Scheme Award	2022
	Martin Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2010–2011
	Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University	2002–2007
	Mind/Brain/Behavior Graduate Student Award, Harvard University	2006
	Graduate Student Council Conference Grant, Harvard University	2006
	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, for Philosophy of Mind	Spring 2006
	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, for Introduction to Ancient Philosophy	Fall 2004
	Ivor Masses Jr. Fellowship, University of Virginia	2001–2002
	Dean of Faculty Fellowship, University of Virginia	1999–2001
	Swami Vivekananda Chicago Memorial Prize, St. Stephen's College	1998
	K.S. Manvendrasinhji of Gondal Philosophy Prize, St. Stephen's College	1996
	A.S. Brar Award for a paper on Nagarjuna, St. Stephen's College	1994

Service to the Profession	Member of the Editorial Board of the Asian Journal of Philosophy. Referee for <i>Erkenntnis</i> , <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Dialectica</i> , 4th Online Consciousness Conference, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, <i>The Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research</i> , <i>Philosophical Psychology</i> , MIT Press, <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , Pittsburgh University Press, <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i>	
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Workshop on editing philosophical writing for the Indian Philosophy Network	August 2023
ICPR Refresher Course, "The Moral Significance of Introspection", JNU	January 2023
Workshop on philosophical research at Ramanujan College	September 2017

	Speaker at the ICPR's Orientation Programme on Research, Delhi	March 2013
	Speaker at the University of Delhi's Workshop on Research Methodology	October 2012
Service to the University	"Changes of View, Changes of Vision", Ashoka Faculty Lecture, O-Week	September 2023
	Member of the Cambridge Global Humanities Initiative Committee	2020–present
	Member of the Department Midterm Tenure Review Committee	Summer 2022–present
	Head of the Philosophy Department	Summer 2022–2024
	Member of the University Examinations Committee	Monsoon 2022–2024
	Member of the University Academic Council	2020–2024
	Member of the NEP Curriculum Review Committee	2022–2023
	Member of the Philosophy Search Committee	2014–present
	Department Faculty Workshop Talks co-ordinator	Monsoon 2021–2022
	Department Colloquium co-ordinator	Monsoon 2021–2022
	Acting Head of the Philosophy Department	2020
	Member of the Review Committee on Foundation Courses	2018
	Member of the Selection Committee for the Dean of Academic Affairs	2017
	Member of the Review Committee of Academic Records	2017
	Member of the Programme Co-ordinator Committee	2015–2016
	Member of the Library Committee	2015–2016
	Member of the University Tenure and Promotion Committee	2013–2016
	Member of the Committee on Rules and Regulations	2013–2016
	Member of the University Disciplinary Committee	2014–2016
	Director of Undergraduate Admissions	2013–2014
Public Engagement & Outreach	Interviewed by the APA's "Reports from Abroad" blog	April 2023
	Speaker at the Bengal Club Annual Debate, Kolkata	January 2023
	Chaired a panel on interdisciplinary education, MentorED Conference	February 2021
	Karma and Justice, public webinar for Manthan India	June 2020
	Does morality require God?, webinar for Ashoka's Beyond the Classroom series	April 2020
	Two day workshop on philosophy and public policy, Takshashila Institution	May 2019
	Lectures for executive education, Mahindra Group	February & April 2018
	The <i>Bodhisattva</i> and the disposition to justice	
	Peer reviewed blog post, Duke Center for Comparative Philosophy	September 2016
	Review of Hindol Sengupta's "Being Hindu", <i>Business Standard</i>	24/5/2016
	The Mentality of Ressentiment, <i>Business Standard</i>	15/4/2016
	The Shifty Strategy, <i>Business Standard</i>	13/11/2015
	Tolerance, For Its Own Sake, <i>Indian Express</i>	4/11/2015
	Sanitising 'Indian culture', <i>Business Standard</i>	25/9/2015
	Review of Ananya Vajpeyi's "Righteous Republic", <i>Business Standard</i>	14/12/2012
References	Available on request	