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Personal Details

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Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Gender- Male

Citizenship: India

Area of Specialization

Philosophy of Collectivity (Social Ontology), Ethical Theory, and Applied Ethics

Area of Competence

Moral and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, and Philosophy of Mind

Academic Awards and Honors

- Scholar-in-Residence at the Management Centre for Human Values in the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, February, 2018.
- Endeavour Post Doctoral Research Fellowship by the Government of Australia, 2016
- Erasmus Mundus Fellowship by the European Union 2006
- Doctoral Research Fellowship, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, 2007
- Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, 2004
- Top Position (Gold Medal) in Master of Arts, Gauhati University, India, 2004

Education

- Ph.D Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India Thesis Title: Making Sense of Collective Moral Responsibility: A Non-individualist Approach
- Double MA in Applied Ethics from Utrecht University, the Netherlands and Linköping University, Sweden (Thesis: on Common Morality)
- MA in Philosophy, Gauhati University, Assam.
- BA in Philosophy Cotton College, Gauhati University, Assam.

Professional Engagements

- ❖ Assistant Professor in the Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, October 1, 2012 to Present
- ❖ Endeavour Post Doctoral Research Fellow at the School of Philosophy, Australian National University and Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, Charles Sturt University, Australia, (From Feb to Sept, 2016). (Host and Guidance- Alan Hajek, Philip Pettit, and Suzanne Uniacke)

- ❖ Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Assam University, March 15, 2008-September 30, 2012.
- ❖ Associateship in the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, UGC Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences, Years: 2011, 2012

Publications

A. Editorial Work

- Edited a special issue entitled “*Norms, Values and Human Condition*” in *Journal of Human Values*, Sage, Vol. 25, Issue 1, January 2019.
- Edited a graduate (MA in Philosophy) level course on Philosophy of Religion (39 essays) for the University Grants Commission’s (UGC) E-pathashala Programme. Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Project under its National Mission on Education Through ICT (NME-ICT), Government of India, 2015/16.

B. In Journals and Books

- 1) “Metaphysics of Group Moral Responsibility”, *Journal of Human Values* (IIM Calcutta), Vol. 26, Issue 3, 2020. (Firstview 22 May)
- 2) “An Essay on New Atheism”, *Gaubati University Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 4, December 2019: pp. 89-102. (RNI No. ASSENG/2017/75792 ISSN 2456-3285)
- 3) Forthcoming: A special introduction to a new student friendly publication of the “Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics” by Immanuel Kant. (Length: 35 pages), Classics in Philosophy Series, South Asia Press, New Delhi. June, 2020-21.
- 4) “Norms, Values, and Human Conditions: An Introduction” for a special journal issue on *Norms, Values and Human Condition* in *Journal of Human Values*, Vol. 25, Issue 1, January, 2019, Sage.
- 5) “Derek Parfit: The Philosopher’s Philosopher”, *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* (JICPR), February 2017, DOI: 10.1007/s40961-017-0101-2
- 6) “Business Cannot be as Usual: Business Ethics Education in India” in *Management Education in India: Trends and Pathways*. Edited by Manish Thakur and R. Rajesh Babu. Springer, 2016. PP. 127-140.
- 7) “Liberal Arts Education and Tagore,” in *The Idea of Surplus: Tagore and Contemporary Human Sciences*. Edited by Mrinal Miri. Routledge, 2015.
- 8) “Collective Agency and Social Action,” with Bijoy H. Boruah in *Self-Knowledge and Agency*. Edited by Manidipa Sen, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2012.
- 9) “Collective Agency,” with Bijoy H. Boruah, *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* (JICPR), Vol. XVIII, Issue 3, 2011.
- 10) “Call of the Humanities: A Tagorean Engagement,” *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* (JICPR). Vol. XXVIII, Issue 1, 2011.
- 11) “Moral Responsibility of Collectives,” *Swidya: Journal of Philosophy and Religion*, Vol. 5, Issue 1, 2011.
- 12) “The Formation of Collective Intention,” *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* (JICPR), Vol. XXVII, Issue 4, 2010.
- 13) “Morality, Rationality and Human Contingency: The Question of Moral Luck,” *Indian Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, Vol. III, Issue 2, 2010.

C. Book Reviews in International Journals

1. Iakovos Vasiliou’s (ed.) *Moral Motivation: A History*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2016. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Springer, 2017. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-017-9831-0>

2. Cheshrie Calhoun's, *Moral Aims: Essays on the Importance of Getting it Right and Practicing Morality with Others*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2016. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Springer, November 2016. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-016-9771-0>
3. Sarah Conly's *Against Autonomy: Justifying Coercive Paternalism*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013. *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 53, Issue 4, (2014): 773-775. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/s0012217314000249>
4. Subha Chakraborty Dasgupta, Goutam Biswas and Samantak Das, eds. *Literature and Oratures as Knowledge Systems: Texts from Northeast India*, New Delhi: Akansha Publishing House, 2011. *Recherchelittéraire/Literary Research (Journal of International Comparative Literature Association)*, Vol. 30, 2014.
5. Mark Alfano's *Character as Moral Fiction*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013, *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 52. Issue 4 (2013):814-816. DOI:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/20071005.20011.5846S001221731300070X>
6. Martha C. Nussbaum's *Not For Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities*, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2010, *British Journal of Educational Studies*, Taylor and Francis, Vol. 59, Issue 2, (2011): 208-210. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00071005.2011.584671>
7. Bernard Gert's *Common Morality: Deciding What to Do?*, Oxford University Press, 2007, *Ethical Perspectives*, Vol. 14, Issue 4 (2007): 531-534. Catholic University, Leuven.

D. Electronic Publications

- “Collective Intentionality and Collective Responsibility,” *Societas Ethica Annual Report*, Societas Ethica: European Society for Research in Ethics (2008): 50-65.
- “An Understanding of Common Morality,” MA thesis published by Linköping University Electronic press, Sweden, 2007.
- “Religion and Morality” Module for the course on Philosophy of Religion for University Grants Commission’s (UGC) E-pathshala Programme. 2015.
- “Atheism” Module for the course on Philosophy of Religion for University Grants Commission(UGC) E-pathshala Programme. 2015.
- “Introduction to Philosophy of Religion” Module for course on Philosophy of Religion for University Grants Commission (UGC) E-pathshala Programme. 2015.

Academic Reviewer

- ❖ Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review (Cambridge University Press)
- ❖ Journal of Social Philosophy (Wiley)
- ❖ Journal of Human Values (Sage)
- ❖ Gauhati University Journal of Philosophy
- ❖ Journal of Applied Philosophy (Wiley)
- ❖ Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (Springer)
- ❖ UGC E-PGC Pathshala, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Project under its National Mission on Education Through ICT (NME-ICT), Government of India.

Projects

- “Frugal Innovation and CSR Interactions: Creating Value for Development, 2021-2022” involved as a founding Member of Trans-disciplinary Research Cluster on Frugality Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), 2020.
- Ethics of Globalization: Theoretical and Experiential Challenges, Principle Investigator. Agency: Jawaharlal Nehru University. Under UAE-II. Duration: 5 years, 2014-2019.
- Project for associateship at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India. UGC Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences. Year: August, 2011; June, 2012.
- “Frugal Innovation and CSR Interactions: Creating Value for Development, 2021-2022” involved as a founding Member of Trans-disciplinary Research Cluster on Frugality Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), 2020.

Lectures and Presentations

1. “Moral Dilemmas and Indian Metaethical Tradition” A Week-long Lecture series organized by the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Assam with the help of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Occasion: Indian Philosophers’ Day, 14th July, 2021.
2. “Matilal and Moral Realism”, A Week-long Lecture series organized by the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Assam with the help of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Occasion: Indian Philosophers’ Day. 14th July, 2021.
3. “Philosophy and Literature”, Faculty Development Programme organized by the Department of Assamese in Collaboration with Teaching Learning Centre, Tezpur University, 30st December, 2020.
4. “Ethics During Pandemics: A Utilitarian Approach” One day National Webinar on “Ethics During Covid 19 Pandemic”, Organized by IQAC Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Assam, 24th July, 2020.
5. “New Education Policy and Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research”, Education System: Challenges and Solutions, Department of English, Madhya Kamrup Collge, Gauhati University, 9th August, 2020.
6. “Ethics and Pandemics A Methodological Engagement” 7 Day Faculty Development Programme on Research Methodology on Humanities and Social Sciences, Centre of Advance Study, Assamese Department and Centre for Studies in Philosophy, Dibrugarh University, Date 8th August, 2020.
7. “New Educational Policy 2020: Critical Thinking at the Crossroads”, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Komargaron College (Dibrugarh University), Golaghat, Assam, 29th Sept, 2020.
8. “Ethical Leadership” UGC- HRDC Doctor Harisingh Gour Viswavidyalaya Sagar, Sagar Rajasthan, India 17th Sept, 2020.
9. “Environment and Responsibility: No Blame Game Anymore”, Special Invited ICPR lecture on the occasion of World Philosophy Day, Dibrugarh University, Assam on 21st November, 2019.
10. “Dilemmas and Classical Indian Metaethics” National Seminar on Indian Philosophy: Contemporary Perspectives, Dibrugarh University, Assam 22nd November, 2019.
11. “Ethics of Development: Moral Responsibility of Collectives in the Forward-looking sense of Collective Responsibility”, ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on “Critique of Development in Indian Context: A Philosophical Appraisal”, March 29 to 31st March, 2019. Organized by the Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion in association with Daya Krishna Academic Foundation, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.

12. "In Passing the Buck to Collectives", Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India, 22nd March, 2019.
13. "In Passing the Buck to Collectives", Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 8th march, 2019.
14. "Advance Directives and Passive Euthanasia: The Indian Story" presented at the 14th World Congress of Bioethics, St. John Medical College, Bangalore, December 5- 7, 2018.
15. "Moral Responsibility: Individual vs Collective" delivered a special lecture in the School of Philosophy and Culture, 1st August, 2018, SMVDU, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
16. "Moral Matters: On Making Up on One Mind" presentation made for the Induction Program for newly admitted B. Tech students at the SMVDU on 31st July, 2018, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
17. "The Delusion of Death" Department of Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata, 22nd February, 2018.
18. "Collective Moral Agency Looking Under the Hood", Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, 20th February, 2018.
19. Conducted a workshop titled "The Operational System of Ethics" in the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, 18th February, 2018.
20. Invited to chair and delivered a lecture on "A Child of One's Own" in a panel discussion on "Assisted Reproductive Technology: Some Ethical Issues in the Present Time" organized by Gargi College, University of Delhi, 9th February, 2018.
21. "The Delusion of Death" in one day international colloquium on "Death: From Different Philosophical Perspectives" jointly organized by the Centre for Philosophy, JNU and the Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, Israel, 31st January, 2018.
22. "Moral Dilemmas and Incommensurable Values" in the national seminar on "Moral Dilemma between Life and Death: East and West" organized by South Calcutta Girl's college (University of Calcutta), 21st and 22nd November, 2017.
23. Invited as an expert by the Georgetown University, Qatar for a workshop on a book manuscript titled *The Ethics of Wilfred Sellars* written by Jeremy Koons, 5th November, 2017.
24. "Moralism as the Limits of Morality" lecture delivered in the Institute of Philosophy, Ruhr-University Bochum, Bochum, Germany, August 25, 2017.
25. "Guilt Feelings in Collective Contexts" in the European Society for Analytic Philosophy, ECAP 9, Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy, Munich University, Germany, August 21-26, 2017.
26. "The Metaphysics of Group Moral Agency" in the national seminar on *Agency and Values: Ethical Challenges in 21st Century* organized by the Department of Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata on 24th and 25th April, 2017.
27. "An Essay on Moralism" in the national seminar on *Towards a Better Understanding of Indian Ethics and Religion: Some Contemporary Perspectives*, organized under the UGC-SAP (DRS) programme by the Department of Philosophy, Assam University, Silchar, Assam, date 27th to 29th March, 2017.
28. Invited to chair a session titled "Language, Literature and Law" in a national seminar on *The Tribes of North East India: Exploring Identities, Culture, Politics and Philosophy*, organized by the Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University, date 9th to 11th March, 2017.
29. "Guilt Feeling in Collective Context," WiP, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, Charles Sturt University, August 17, 2016, Australia.
30. "Moralism and the Limits of Morality," Australian Association of Philosophy Conference (AAP), Monash University, July 3-7, Australia.
31. "Guilt and Moral Responsibility in Collective Context," lecture delivered at the Research School of Philosophy, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, May 26, 2016.

32. Commentator on the special lecture delivered by philosopher Prof. Carol C Gould on “Motivating Solidarity with Distant Others: Empathic Politics, Responsibility and the Problem of Global Justice,” Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, January 19, 2016.
33. “The Normative Colour of Minimal Sociality,” Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, India. March 5, 2015.
34. “Ethics and Politics,” UGC Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia (University), New Delhi, India. December 3, 2014.
35. “The Primacy of the Moral,” UGC Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia (University), New Delhi, India. November 19, 2014.
36. “The Autonomy of Secular Ethics,” UGC Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia (University), New Delhi, India. November 25, 2014.
37. “Non Mihi, Non Tibi, Sed Nobis: A Case for Minimal Sociality,” Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India. November 14, 2014.
38. “Aristotle on Moral Responsibility,” paper presented in the International Conference on Greek Studies: An Asian Perspective, February 25-28, 2014. School of Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
39. “Responsibility in the Context of Environment,” in the National Seminar on “Contemporary Perspective on Contextualizing Human Rights: From Development Values to Environmental Rights”, organized by UGC-SAP (DRS) Department of Philosophy, Assam University, Assam, India. March 5-6, 2013.
40. Invited as discussant to the National Workshop on “Women in Traditional Worldviews and Institutional Practices: Exploring the Aesthetic and Ethical Discourses in India’s Northeast,” Organised by IGNCA, NEIPS- JNU and Nagaland University, Japfu Christian College, Kohima, Nagaland, India. December 10-11, 2013.
41. Invited as discussant to the North-East “Philosophy Teacher Meet” 2013 sponsored by ICPR. Presentation on the theme “Teaching and Research in Philosophy: Problems and Prospects,” organized by North-East Hill University, Shillong, India. July 3-5, 2013.
42. “Moral Responsibility in the Context of Environmental Issues,” at Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, India. June 26, 2012.
43. “Moral Responsibility and Environment,” in the National Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Applied Ethics, organized by the Department of Philosophy, Ravenshaw University, Orissa, India. February 3-4, 2012.
44. Theme Presentation of the national Seminar on “Ethics in Theory and Ordinary Moral Practice,” Assam University, Assam, India. UGC SAP (DRS) Sponsored. March 26-27, 2012.
45. “Framing Collective Intention” paper presented at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India. August 24, 2011.
46. “Liberal-Arts Education and Tagore” (Invited Paper) in the National Seminar on Rabindranath Tagore and Contemporary Indian Social Science. Organized by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India. September 15-17, 2011.
47. “The Issue of Moral Responsibility”, and “What is Ethics?” delivered two lectures in the Krishnakanta Handique State Open University, Guwahati, Assam. June 14, 2010.
48. Invited as discussant to the “National Workshop on Sovereignty and Political Discourse in North-East India” organized by ISCARD in collaboration with ICSSR-NERC, held in North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India. June 11-12, 2010.
49. “Collective Responsibility and Collective Intention” in the annual conference of Societas Ethica- a European Society for Research in Ethics, held in Lammi, Finland. August 20-24, 2008.

Research Guidance

MPhil

- ✚ M.Phil dissertation “The Possibility of Collective Knowledge” by Max Karp, awarded by JNU, April, 2015.
- ✚ M.Phil dissertation “Self and Morality: A Critique of Charles Taylor’s Sources of the Self” by Parnika Goel, 2014 (Co-supervisor) awarded by JNU, Feb 2014.
- ✚ M.Phil dissertation “The Idea of Group Mind: Investigating the thesis of Collective Intentionality” by Lovey Vikram, awarded by JNU, March 2015.
- ✚ M.Phil dissertation “The Moral Status of Children” by Mattimai Bakor Syiem, awarded by JNU, May 2017.
- ✚ M.Phil dissertation “Interrogating Gender Inequality: A Philosophical Study” by Tonina Tangtanga, awarded by JNU, July 2017.
- ✚ M.Phil dissertation “Personal Autonomy: A Moral Philosophical Inquiry” Jenia Kakchingtabam, awarded by JNU, July 2017.
- ✚ M.Phil dissertation “Interrogating Paternalism”, Lilzashree Hazarika, awarded by JNU, April 2019.

PhD

- ✚ PhD dissertation “World, Language, and Communication: A Study of Wittgenstein” by Rajsree Paul, (Co-supervisor) Degree awarded by Assam University (Central University), Silchar, 2015.
- ✚ PhD Dissertation “Experimentation on Sentient Beings: An Ethical Investigation” by Tapan Talukdar Degree awarded by Assam University (Central University), July, 2017.
- ✚ PhD dissertation “Collective Emotions” by Lovey Vikram, Submission due in December 2019, JNU.
- ✚ PhD dissertation “Autonomy in Biomedical Ethics” by Jenia Kakchingtabam Synopsis confirmed, May 2019.
- ✚ PhD Dissertation “Ethical Issues of Same-sex Relationship” by Tonina Tangtanga, Synopsis confirmed, May, 2019.

Other Academic Engagements

- ✓ Editorial board Member, *Journal of Human Values*, Sage Publication.
- ✓ Editorial Board Member, *Gauhati University Journal of Philosophy*, Assam.
- ✓ Member of Ethics Committee, Sitaram Bharatiya Institute of Science and Research, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi, 2013 onwards.
- ✓ Seminar coordinator, Centre for Philosophy, JNU.
- ✓ Member of Australian Association of Philosophy (AAP), Australia. 2016 Autumn onwards-
- ✓ Co-organizer of a workshop on *Critical Thinking and Philosophizing*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, November 11, 2015.
- ✓ One day Workshop with Prof. Raghuramraju on Viability of Philosophy Festival and Reading Philosophical Texts, October 13, 2015.
- ✓ Organized National Seminar on “Ethics in Theory and Ordinary Moral Practice” in Assam University, Sponsored by UGC SAP (DRS), March 26-27, 2012.
- ✓ Member of Societas Ethica: European Society for Research in Ethics, Switzerland, 2008-09.