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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 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Ashoka University (founding faculty) Research Associate, Harvard University Assistant Professor of Philosophy (ad hoc), University of Delhi Guest Lecturer in Philosophy, Miranda House College Fellow in Philosophy, Harvard University	2022–present 2013–2022 2014–2018 2012–2013 2012 2011–2013
Visiting Appointments	Visiting Associate Professor, Global Humanities Initiative, Faculty of History, Cambridge University Campus Visitor, Australian National University Visiting Fellow, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Visiting Fellow, Dan Simon’s Visual Cognition Lab at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	February 2023 July 2018 2011–2012 2006–2007 & Spring 2008
Education	Ph.D. in Philosophy, Harvard University 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 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Delhi B.A. (Hons.) in Philosophy, University of Delhi	2011 1999–2002
Publications (Peer Reviewed)	(1) 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. (2) Meditative attention to bodily sensations: Conscious attention without selection? <i>Journal of Consciousness Studies</i> , 25 (5-6): 156-178. 2018. (3) 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), 2023 (2) Experience without cognitive contact with the world: Comments on Anil Gupta To appear in <i>Empirical Reason and Sensory Experience</i> , eds. Ori Beck & Miloš Vuletic, (Springer), 2023	
Selected Invited Talks	Experience without cognitive contact with the world: Comments on Anil Gupta • Perceptual Experience and Empirical Reason, University of Pittsburgh Reformed naïve realism: prospects and problems • Conference on Anil Gupta’s Reformed Empiricism, Ashoka University Philosophy of perception: metaphysics, epistemology, phenomenology • ICPR Periodic Lecture, Indraprastha College for Women Naïve Realism and cognitive penetration: how to have your cake and eat it too • Workshop on Observation and Background Effects, WWU Münster There is no <i>quale</i> of ownership	December 2021 February 2020 January 2020 July 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on Understanding the Self, Jadavpur University 	March 2019
	The moral significance of introspection	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhilSoc Colloquium, Australian National University 	July 2018
	Mimicry, power, and the invasion of alien physiognomies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference on Embodied Consciousness, Presidency University 	January 2018
	A case of exploding vehicles	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colloquium talk, NYU-Abu Dhabi 	February 2017
	Karma and justice	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICPR Periodical Seminar, Laxmibai College, Delhi 	February 2017
	On anger: Srinivasan <i>vs.</i> Śāntideva	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference on Divergences, Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi 	April 2016
Selected Refereed Talks	The moral significance of introspection	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introspection Sucks!: Workshop with Eric Schwitzgebel, Antwerp 	May 2017
	‘My-ness’ isn’t positive	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th ASSC, Concurrent Session, Paris 	July 2015
	Meditative attention to bodily sensations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd ESPP, Concurrent Session, Tartu • Workshop on Mind and Attention, Harvard University 	July 2015 September 2013
	Cognitive penetration: What’s under the hood?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific APA, Colloquium on Perception and Cognitive Penetration • Conference on Cognition, Emotion, and Action, IIT-Gandhinagar • 21st ESPP, Concurrent Session, University of Granada 	April 2014 December 2013 July 2013
	Faith and the structure of the mind	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference on Faith, India International Centre 	December 2012
	A case of exploding vehicles	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th ESPP, Concurrent Session, University of London • 16th ASSC, Poster Session, University of Sussex 	August 2012 July 2012
	Bodily sensation objects	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minds, Bodies, and Problems, Bilkent University, Ankara • Psycho-Ontology, The Shalem Center, Jerusalem • Metaphysics and Ontology of Phenomenal Qualities, Hertfordshire 	June 2012 December 2011 September 2011
Selected Other Talks	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 • University of Delhi 	June 2015 December 2013
Selected Comments Presented	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) On Chalmers, Levine, and Kim, for R.M. Singh (Delhi)	February 2017 December 2012
Selected Teaching Experience	<i>at Ashoka University unless indicated otherwise:</i> Upper-level course on Recent Work in the Philosophy of Perception Foundation Course in Mind and Behaviour Introduction to Philosophy Foundation Course in Mind and Behaviour Upper-level Topics in the Philosophy of Mind Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Introduction to Philosophy Independent Study Module on Introspection Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Introduction to Philosophy Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Introduction to Philosophy Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Introduction to Philosophy Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Foundation Course on Indian Civilisations Upper-level Course on Naïve Realism and its Critics Introduction to Philosophy Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Upper-level Philosophy of Mind Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Upper-level Philosophy of Mind Introduction to Philosophy Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Upper-level Philosophy of Perception Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Introduction to Philosophy Upper-level Philosophy of Mind Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Introduction to Philosophy Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour Topics in Philosophy (Young India Fellowship Programme) Foundation Course on Mind and Behaviour; x2 Mind and Behaviour (Young India Fellowship Programme) Co-taught M.A. course on the Philosophy of Language (Delhi) Co-taught M.A. course on Philosophical Logic (Delhi) Co-taught M.A. course on Theories of Consciousness (Delhi) Introductory to Epistemology (Miranda House) Upper-level Philosophy of Perception (JNU)	Spring 2023 Monsoon 2022 Monsoon 2022 Spring 2022 Spring 2022 Monsoon 2021 Monsoon 2021 Spring 2021 Spring 2021 Spring 2021 Monsoon 2020 Spring 2020 Spring 2020 Monsoon 2019 Monsoon 2019 Spring 2019 Spring 2019 Monsoon 2018 Monsoon 2018 Spring 2017 Spring 2017 Monsoon 2016 Monsoon 2016 Spring 2016 Spring 2016 Monsoon 2015 Monsoon 2015 Spring 2015 Spring 2015 Spring 2015 Monsoon 2014 Spring 2014 Spring 2013 Spring 2013 Spring 2013 Monsoon 2012 Monsoon 2011
Selected Honours and Awards	Cambridge Global Humanities Initiative Staff Mobility Scheme Award Martin Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University Mind/Brain/Behavior Graduate Student Award, Harvard University Graduate Student Council Conference Grant, Harvard University	2022 2010–2011 2002–2007 2006 2006

	Ivor Masses Jr. Fellowship, University of Virginia	2001–2002
	Dean of Faculty Fellowship, University of Virginia	1999–2001
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>	
	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	Member of the Cambridge Global Humanities Initiative Committee	2020–present
	Head of the Philosophy Department	Summer 2022–present
	Member of the University Examinations Committee	Monsoon 2022–present
	Member of the University Academic Council	2020–present
	Member of the Philosophy Search Committee	2014–present
	Department Faculty Workshop Talks co-ordinator	Monsoon 2021–present
	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	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	