

# Curriculum Vitae

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**Asst. Prof. Philosophy (JKHED)**

## **Education**

PhD IITD (2023- )

M.A. (Philosophy): University of Delhi

B.A. Philosophy (Hons): University of Delhi

Sr. Sec. School (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English): JKBOSE

## **Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of mathematics

## **Areas of Competence**

Logic, Frege-Wittgenstein, Nietzsche, aesthetics of cinema, sufism

## **Some Courses Attended (in B.A. and M.A.)**

Logical fallacies, Aristotelian logic, propositional logic, predicate logic, modal logic, philosophy of language, analytic philosophy, continental philosophy, meta-ethics, foundations of the cognitive sciences, philosophy of mind, philosophy of religion, philosophy of science (read on my own), contemporary epistemology, Greek philosophy, western philosophy, naturalizing philosophy, Indian philosophy and logic.

## **Research Experience**

### **1. Thesis(Graduate):**

“On the Physicalist Interpretation of Mathematical Truth”

### **2. CoursesWork:**

- Knowing-How (G. Ryle, Stanley-Williamson, J. Koethe, A. Noe, A.

Ditter, B. Abbott, J. Brown, K. Hawley, C. Pavese, J. Birch)

- Non-Conceptualism (Kant, W.Sellars, J. McDowell, C. Peacocke, D. Davidson, S. Sedivy, T. Crane, D.H. Mellor, A. Raftopoulos, J. Bermudez, R. Stalnaker)
- Phenomenology Naturalized.
- Research Methodologies (Analytic, western, phenomenological, post-modernist, Indian)

### **3. Short Critical Essays Submitted:**

- *Ryle's Regress: A Defence.* (I argue against Stanley-Williamson's critique of Ryle using Anscombe's idea of the intentional acts)
- *Skill and Habit: In Defence of Ryle.* (Here, I have argued how Ryle's core idea of anti-intellectualism can be summed up in a skill-habit distinction, and how SW miss the point)
- *Not A Nothing Either.* (It simply doesn't make sense to bring Wittgenstein's attack on PLA into the debate whether there is non-conceptual Given that grounds our concepts)
- *Perceptual Beliefs: Reconsidering McDowell on Davidson.* (criticizing McDowell's 'shallowness' charge on Davidson's coherentism)

### **Technical Skills**

## 1. (MOOCs; edX/Coursera)

- Introduction to Mathematical thinking (Stanford)
- Mathematical Thinking in Computer Science (UC San Diego)
- The Semantics of first-order logic (Stanford)
- Quantum mechanics for everyone (Georgetown)
- Introduction to the philosophy of the physical sciences (Edinburgh)
- Introduction to the philosophy of science (Penn State)
- The Epistemic Quest for Truth: Introduction to epistemology (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- 8. Reality Bites: Introduction to metaphysics (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- TOEFLx: TOEFL® Test Preparation: The Insider's Guide (ETS)
- Ancient Philosophy: Plato and His Predecessors (Susan Meyer, Penn State)
- Getting Started with Essay Writing (UC Irvine)
- Advanced Writing (UCI)
- Introduction to Research for Essay Writing (UCI)
- Aristotle and His Successors (Susan Meyer, PenU)

## 2. Competitive Exams Qualified:

**UGC NET (JRF) Philosophy** (National Eligibility Test: Points=238/300)

**SET Philosophy** (State Eligibility Test)

**GATE Philosophy** (Graduate Aptitude Test: All India Rank= 21)

**3. Administrative and related skills:**

- Member of the college IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell)
- Member of college PMSSS scholarship committee
- Setting of papers for undergraduate philosophy courses
- Served as Presiding Officer in JK General Assembly Elections Sept. 2024

**Assistant Professor** in JKHED (2024- )

**Conferences/Workshops/Seminars Attended**

Five day INSPIRE (innovation in science pursuit in inspired research) Science Camp on “nanoscience and nanotechnology”, organized by the Department of Science and Technology,

New Delhi at NIT, Srinagar. It is attended by the top 1% students at sr. sec. school level.

One day Workshop by Prof. Stephen Stich (Rutgers University) on Experimental Philosophy and the Philosophical Tradition at the Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi.

One week workshop on Logic, **Speaker:** Dr. Paul Schweizer (Edinburgh University) held at the Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi.

### **Seminars**

A talk on the “Philosophical Angle of the Gravitational Waves” organized by *The Monist*, and delivered by Dr. Mohd. Ehsan, Delhi University. (I summed it up along with a brief overview of the relevant physics)

**Topic:** Prospects for Realism about Natural Kinds. **Speaker:** Prof Anjan Chakravartty (University of Miami). Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Venue: Library, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi.

**Topic:** Should free speech be beneficial speech? An Indian tradition from Ashoka to Gandhi. **Speaker:** Prof Richard Sorabji [Formerly Director at Institute of Classical Studies (London) and Honorary Fellow of Wolfson College (University of Oxford)]. Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Venue: Library, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi.

### **Languages skills**

Kashmiri (native); English (proficient); Urdu (proficient); Hindi (basic); Arabic (reading and writing); Persian (reading)

### **Interests/Hobbies**

Cycling, hiking

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