

## Gyan Prakash

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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, March 2012.

M.A. in Philosophy, Banaras Hindu University, 2005

B.A. in Philosophy, Banaras Hindu University, 2003

### Research

*Areas of Interest* –Religion, Philosophy and Sustainable Development,

### 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, Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla (2018)

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

IIT Bombay-IRCC Thesis Completion Fellowship (2011)

IIT Bombay Doctoral Research International Travel Award (2011)

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

## **Project**

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PI “Traversing the Territory of Comparative Philosophy” ICPR Project, February 2015- January 2017. (2.00 Lakhs) (**Completed**)

PI “The Study of Evidences of Oral Transmission of the oldest Indian Buddhist Text” Indian Council of Philosophical Research Project, December 2020 to November 2022. (5.0 Lakhs) (**On-going**)

PI “The Study of Evidences of Deep Ecology in the Early Buddhist Text” Indian Council of Historical Research. (2.5 Lakhs) (**On-going**).

## **Publications**

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### **Book**

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

<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498532471/Ecocultural-Ethics-Critical-Essays>

### **Papers:**

#### **International Publications**

Soumita Mitra, Gyan Prakash, “*Moving Beyond the Contemporary Approach of Higher Education: From Vivekananda’s Perspective*”, *Logos: Revista de Linguistica, Filosofia y Literatura*, 33 (2), 2023, pp. 310 – 320. (**SJR Q1**)

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.

Nanda Gopal Biswas, Gyan Prakash, “Samkhya Philosophy, Deep Ecology and Sustainable Development”, *Journal of Problemy Ekorozwoju/Problems of Sustainable Development*, Journal of The European Academy of Science and Arts, Salzburg, Austria, 17, 1(2022) (**Indexed in Thomson Reuters: Social Sciences Citation Index**)

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(**Indexed in Thomson Reuters: Social Sciences Citation Index**)

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 (**Indexed in Thomson Reuters: Social Sciences Citation Index**)

Gyan Prakash, “The Notion of Bodily Recognition: An Examination of Early Buddhist and Xu Fuguan’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 Problemy Ekorozwoju/Problems of Sustainable Development*, Journal of The European Academy of Science and Arts, Salzburg, Austria, 13, 1(2018), pp.215-218. (**Indexed in Thomson Reuters: Social Sciences Citation Index**)

Gyan Prakash, “Early Buddhist Attitude: Female Body and Arhatship”, *Journal of Dharma*, 41, 3 (2016), pp.333-344. (**Indexed in Thomson Reuters: Arts & Humanities Citation Index**).

Gyan Prakash, “Language, Mind and Paradigm of Subjectivity in Ryle’s Framework”, in *Proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of Young Scientists*, Publishing House of Lviv Polytechnic National University, Lviv, Ukraine. 2011, (ISBN 978-617-607-154-9), Pp. 328-331.

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

Gyan Prakash, “Ethical Teachings in the Tamil Veda *Tirukkural*”, *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, 1(2009), (ISSN 0974-0090) Pp.110-114

Gyan Prakash, “Non-Soul/Self Doctrine of Buddhism: Its Meaning and Significance”, *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, 2(2008), (ISSN 0974-0090) Pp.215-226.

### **National Publications**

Gyan Prakash, *A Comparative Philosophy of East and West* by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, in *Proceedings of UGC sponsored national seminar on Revisiting the Thoughts and Writings of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan* organized by department of Philosophy, Annamalainagar, Tamil Nadu, 2016.

(ISBN: 978-1-9253623-1).

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

Gyan Prakash, "Eastern and Western Philosophy", in *Felicitation Volume in Honour of Prof. Sohan Raj Tater*, Co-operation Publications, 2013, Pp. 157-160.

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, "Capital Punishment in the Light of Early Buddhist Philosophy", *Anusilan*, Vol.XI, 2009, (ISSN 0973-8762) Pp.69-76.

Gyan Prakash, "Personhood in Early Buddhism", *Anusilan*, Vol. II 2006, (ISSN0973-762), Pp. 47-54.

### **Conference Presentations**

*Buddha-nature and unity of Beings*, in the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Indian Philosophical Congress (IPC) on the theme: Paradigms of peace and prosperity, held at Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed University), Nalanda-803111, during March 9<sup>th</sup> to March 11, 2019.

*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, Annamalinagar, 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 Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, 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., 12<sup>th</sup> February-14<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

*The Nature of Thinking Thoughts*, in 1<sup>st</sup> 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**, 8<sup>th</sup> November-10<sup>th</sup> 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**, 24<sup>th</sup> September- 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

*Language, Mind and Paradigm of Subjectivity in Ryle's Framework*, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of Young Scientists Humanities and Social Sciences 2011 organized by Lviv Polytechnic National University, Lviv, **Ukraine**, 24<sup>th</sup> November-26<sup>th</sup> 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**, 3<sup>rd</sup> March -5<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> February -7<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> November -24<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

*Mind in Early Buddhism*, in National seminar of Research Student of Pali and Buddhism organized by Department of Pali, University of Pune, 24<sup>th</sup> March -25<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> February -10<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

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

### **Invited Talks**

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“*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-I*”, Faculty Development Centre, Indian School of Mines, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

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

### **Academic Research and Training**

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Advanced winter school on *Philosophy for the Social Science* held from 23<sup>rd</sup> January- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009 at the ICSSR Western Regional Centre, Mumbai. Organized by Centre for Philosophy, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore; ICSSR Western Regional Centre, Mumbai; Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies, University of Mumbai.

National summer school on *Philosophy for the Social Sciences and Humanities* held from 2<sup>nd</sup> June-20<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore.

International summer school on *Buddhist studies* held from 2<sup>nd</sup> July-10<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu University, Nepal.

Teachers’ Meet on “*Dimensions of Buddhism: Doctrines and Trends*” organized by Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath and Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Workshop on “*Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit*” conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay in collaboration with the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute from the 14<sup>th</sup> March- 18<sup>th</sup> March. 2011.

International symposium on “*Brain, Cognition and Behavior*” held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 at Jawaharlal Nehru University organized by University of Utrecht, Netherlands and Center for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Workshop on “*Indian Model of Philosophical Enquiry*” organized by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research at ICPR Academic Centre, Lucknow from 17<sup>th</sup> January- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

Workshop on “*Buddhist Philosophy and Modern Science: Matter and Motion*” held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 at Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda organized by Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, Sambhasha, Kolkata, and Center for Philosophy, NIAS, Bangalore.

National workshop on “*Vaisesika Formal Ontology*” held from 2<sup>nd</sup> April- 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at the department of Sanskrit studies, University of Hyderabad.

### **Contribution to Academics:**

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#### **Syllabi Framing**

#### **At IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**

Minor Course in Philosophy  
Indian Philosophy of Mind  
Philosophy and Critical Thinking  
Philosophy of Religion  
Buddhist Philosophy  
Contemporary Indian Philosopher

### **Peer Reviewer**

Philosophy East and West (Research Paper Reviewed)  
CRC Press Taylor and Francis Group Routledge (Book Proposal Reviewed)  
Springer (Book Proposal and Full manuscript Reviewed)  
M.Phil Dissertation Examination and Oral Committee (Centre for Philosophy, JNU, New Delhi)  
M.Phil Dissertation Examination and Oral Committee (Delhi University, New Delhi)  
Ph.D. Dissertation examiner, IIT Bombay, University of Lucknow.  
Member, Board of Studies (Academics), The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. 2023

### **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).

- Dr. Soumita Mitra, PhD candidate, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Title of thesis: Swami Vivekananda, Contemporaneity and Social Ethics: A Critical Investigation (Awarded in 2024).
- Ms. Shweta Kumari, 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**

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Introduction to Ethics and Value (UG)

Introductory Philosophy (UG)

Indian Religion (UG)

Comparative Religion (UG)

Problem of Indian Metaphysics (PG)

Sankara Thought (UG)

Ethics and Meta-ethics (PG)

### **Administrative Experience**

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- Vice Chairman, Data and Ranking Cell, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad from 20/10/2021 to Present.
- 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-charge, 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



- Convener, DUGC, Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad
- Hostel Warden at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad (July 2020 to June 2021)
- Chief Warden, Topaz Hostel, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad (July 2021 to present)
- Member, Departmental Faculty Screening Committee (DFSC), Department of HSS, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad (Dec 2020 to Dec 2021).
- Coordinator Departmental Website, Department of HSS, (May 2021 to present)
- Organized SRIJAN 2018 IIT ISM Dhanbad campus fest as Faculty Coordinator.