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## **NIRMALYA NARAYAN CHAKRABORTY**

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### **Career Objectives**

Make original contribution in philosophy. Keep myself continuously abreast with new developments in the discipline. Devote myself in encouraging young students to engage in serious research and generally work for the benefit and over-all well being of the student community. To initiate a research center for comparative study in Western and Asian philosophy.

### **Education**

1993	Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Canada. Research Area: Analytic Philosophy of Language
1989	M.A. in Philosophy Brock University, Canada. Average Grade: A
1985	M.A. in Philosophy Jadavpur University, India. Class: II
1983	B.A. Major in Philosophy. University of Calcutta, India. Class: I
1980	Higher Secondary Examination West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education, India. Division: I
1978	Secondary Examination West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, India. Division: I

### **Thesis**

- Currently working on a project of translating a text on history of

<b>Topic/Research Project</b>	<p>Navya-Nyaya philosophy of 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century Bengal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working on <i>Bhartrhari's Philosophy of Language and the Analytic Tradition</i>.</li> <li>• <i>An Examination of Frege's Context Principle</i> (Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship)</li> <li>• <i>Intrinsic Value of Nature: An Examination of Some Indian and Western Philosophical Theories</i>. (Minor Research Project)</li> <li>• <i>The Philosophy of Sentence and its Meaning</i> (Post Doctoral)</li> <li>• <i>And Inquiry Into Meaning: In the Light of W.V. Quine and D. Davidson</i>. (Ph.D.)</li> <li>• <i>The Problem of Knowledge and Language: With Reference To Classical Indian Thought</i>. (M.A..)</li> </ul>
<b>Research Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow 2004-2005. Attached to the Department of Philosophy, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, U. K. Worked with Professor Bob Hale.</li> <li>• General Fellow of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research. New Delhi, 1994-95. Attached to the Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta 700 032. Worked with Professor Pranab Kumar Sen.</li> <li>• Research Associate in Philosophy at the Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta 700 032, during 1995.</li> <li>• Research Fellow at The Asiatic Society, 1, Park Street, Calcutta 700 016, 1993-94. Worked on <i>Environmental Awareness in the Indian Tradition</i> with Professor Ramaranjan Mukherjee.</li> <li>• Research Scholar at The Asiatic Society, 1, Park Street, Calcutta 700 016, 1986-87. Worked on <i>Language and Thought</i> with Professor Arindam Chakrabarti.</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata 700 050, 2010 onward</li> <li>• Associate Professor in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata 700 050, 2007-2010</li> <li>• Reader in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata 700 050, 2004 – 2007</li> </ul>

- Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata 700-50, 2000 - 2004
- Lecturer in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, 56 A, B. T. Road, Calcutta 700 050, 1995 - 2000
- Guest Lecturer in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal, India, 1994-95.
- Part-Time Lecturer in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy at Jadavpur University, Calcutta 700 032, 1994-95.
- Teaching Assistant in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

**Present Occupation** Professor in Philosophy  
 Rabindra Bharati University  
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**Scholarships and Fellowships**

- National Scholarship, Jadavpur University, 1983-85.
- Brock University Fellowship, 1988-89.
- University of Waterloo Arts Scholarship, 1989-93.
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University, 2003.
- Commonwealth Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Glasgow, Scotland, U.K. 2004-05
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Pune, 2007.
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, 2007.
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Assam University, Silchar, 2008
- Visiting Professor, University of Naples “L’Orientale”, Italy, 2009.
- Visiting Professor, University of Naples “L’Orientale”, Italy, 2010.

- Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University, 2018.
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, 2018

## Publication

### In English:

#### Books

- *A History of Navya-Nyaya Scholarship in Bengal* (translation), Motilal Banarasidas, New Delhi, Forthcoming
- Edited *Language, Thought and Reality*, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, 2010
- Edited *Perspectives on Radhakrishnan*, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, 2007
- Co-edited *Knowledge Truth and Realism --- Essays in Philosophical Analysis by Pranab Kumar Sen*, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, 2007.
- Co-edited *Empiricism and The Two Dogmas*, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, 2006.
- *Pursuit of Meaning*, New Age, Calcutta, 2004.
- *In Defense of Intrinsic Value of Nature*, New Age, Calcutta, 2004.
- Edited *Different Aspects of Environmental Concern*, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, 2001. (Also contributed essay on 'On the Very Idea of Intrinsic Value of Nature'.)

#### Articles

- 'On the very Idea of the Authority of the Vedas', *Reason, Revelation and Peace* (ed.) Ashok Vohra, ICPR and Motilal Banarasidass Publishers, New Delhi, 2020
- 'The Ethics of Deceit in Mahabharata: Rationality and Virtue', *Studies in Humanities and Social Science* (Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla), XXVI, No.1 2019
- 'Religion and Religions: Unity, Universality and Pluralism in the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda', *The Nature of Reality: Philosophical Discourses on Language, Religion and Culture*, (ed.) Jyotsna Saha et al, Levant Books, Kolkata, 2020

- ‘Scepticism, Rule-following and Knowledge of Language’, *Studies in Epistemology: Knowledge, Its Anti-Thesis, Their Dialectic*, (eds.) A.V.Singh and A. Varshney, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, 2020
- ‘Tagore and the idea of Emancipation’, in *The Cambridge Companion to Rabindranath Tagore*, (ed.) Sukanta Chaudhuri, Cambridge University Press, 2020
- ‘Word, Sentence and Meaning’, *Indian and Western Philosophy of Language*, (eds.) P.K.Mukhopadhyay and K.D.Tripathi, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi, 2019
- ‘A brief Conceptual Historical Survey of Classical Indian Philosophy’, *Ravenshaw Journal of Philosophy*, V, 2019
- ‘Ethics of Globalization’, in *Essays in Philosophy* (ed.) Bijoy H. Boruah, Dibrugarh University, 2018
- ‘Language, Communication and the Logic of Recognition’, in *Language and Communication*, (ed.) Kanti Lal Das, Levant Publishers (NBU Studies in Philosophy), Kolkata, 2018
- ‘Methodology in Indian Philosophy’, *Routledge History of Indian Philosophy*, (ed.) Purushottam Bilimoria et al, 2018
- ‘Rationality, Morality and Objectivity’, *Morality, Objectivity and Defeasibility* (eds.) R.C.Majhi et al, Concept, New Delhi, 2017
- ‘A Cautionary Note on Matilal’s way of doing Indian Philosophy’, *American Philosophical Association Newsletter*, September, 2017
- ‘Tagore and The Problem of Evil’, *The Idea of Surplus*, (ed.) Mrinal Miri, Routledge, New Delhi, 2016
- ‘The Ethics of Feeding the Hungry’, *Refugees, Marriage, Asuras and Varied*, (ed.) Indrani Sanyal and Ratna Dutta Sharma, Jadavpur University and Mahabodhi Book Agency, 2015

- ‘From Language to Metaphysics’, *Alternative Standpoints*, (ed.) Madhumita Chattopadhyay, Suryodaya Books, New Delhi, 2015
- ‘The Self and its Knowledge: The Legacy of Rasvihary Das’, *Philosophy in Colonial India*, (ed.) Sharad Deshpande, Springer in association with IAS, Shimla, 2015
- ‘Psychologism, Necessity and Indian Logic’, *Philosophical Papers* (Journal of the Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University), Vol. X, 2014
- ‘History of Navya-Nyaya scholars in Navadvipa’, *The Contribution of Traditional Pandits of Bengal*, (ed.) Karunasindhu Das, Sanskrit Sahitya Parishat, Calcutta, 2012
- ‘On the Irreducibility of the Semantical’, *Linguistic Representations: The Road Ahead*, (ed.) R.C.Pradhan, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2012
- ‘The Logic of Vidhi Sentences’, *Moral Language*, (eds.) DebikaSaha&LaxmikantaPadhi, Northern Book Centre, Delhi, 2010
- ‘Rationality, Thought and Language’, *Epistemology, Science and Cognition*, (eds.) Prajit K. Basu and S. G. Kulkarni, Decent Book, New Delhi, 2010
- ‘From Naturalised Epistemology to Naturalised Semantics’, *Indian Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, Volume III, Number 2, 2010.
- ‘On the very idea of our Obligation to Future Generation’, in *Applied Ethics and Human Rights: Conceptual Analysis and Contextual Applications*, (ed.) Shashi Motilal, Anthem Press, New Delhi, 2010.
- ‘Ethics in Indian Attitude Towards Nature: Organic and Inorganic’, *A Historical-Developmental Study of Classical Indian Philosophy of Morals* (ed.) Rajendra Prasad, Concept, New Delhi, 2009
- ‘Interpreting Interpretation: Indian Philosophical Perspective’,

*Time, Space and Text*, (eds.) Chinmoy Guha and Tirtha Prasad Mukherjee, University of Calcutta, Calcutta, 2008

- ‘On the Nature of Word and our Knowledge of it’, *Language and Mind*, (ed.) K.S.Prasad, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2008

- ‘On What There Was’, *Language and Ontology*, (eds.) K.L.Das and Anirban Mukherjee, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2008

- ‘Religion : an Important Nonsense’, *Wittgenstein: Ethics and Religion*, (ed.) K.C.Pandey, Rawat, New Delhi, 2008

- ‘Flight from Proposition’, *Indian Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, 1, 2007

- ‘The Continuity of Tradition: Emergence of Contemporary Approaches’, *Suvidya*, Vol. 1, 2007

- ‘Whereof one cannot speak’, *Language and Reality*, (eds.) K.L. Das & Jyotish Ch.Basak. Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, 2006

- ‘What is There in a Name’?, *Language and Communication: A Philosophical Study*, (eds.) Sandhya Basu and Madhuchhanda Sen, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, 2006

- ‘An Imaginary Dialogue of Bhartrhari and Quine’, *JICPR*, vol. XXII, 2005

- ‘Knowledge and Language in Classical Indian Philosophy’ in Raghunath Ghosh (ed.), *Language and Meaning*, Allied Publishers New Delhi, in collaboration with University of North Bengal, 2003.

- ‘Breaking the Boundaries: Davidson and Derrida on Language and Meaning’, in Dikshit Gupta and Priyambada Sarkar (eds.) *Post Modernism and the Philosophical Tradition*, Calcutta University Press, Calcutta 2003.

- ‘On the Very Possibility of Cognitive Science’, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. VII, 2002.

- ‘Towards a Phenomenological Origin of Logic’, *Rabindra*

*Bharati Journal of Philosophy*, Calcutta, 2001

- ‘Reference Withers Away’, *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 10, No.2, 1998.
- ‘Did Husserl misunderstand Brentano?’, *Rabindra Bharati Journal of Philosophy*, Vol.4 1998.
- ‘The Purpose of St. Anselm’s Ontological Argument’, *The Journal of Indian Academy of Philosophy*, Vol. XXXV, 1996.
- ‘Some Aspects of Conscience’, *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, 1996-97.
- ‘Semantic Indeterminacy and Semantic Externalism’, *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 6, No. 1, 1994.
- ‘If There Be A God, From Whence Proceed so many Evils?’, *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. XX, No.2, 1993.
- ‘Derrida’s Deconstruction of Husserl’s Theory of Meaning’, *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Vol. IX, 1992.

### **In Bengali:**

#### **Book**

- Edited *Bingsha Shatabdite Bharatiya Darshan Cinta*, Paschim Banga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 2020
- *Paribesh o Nitividya*, Paschim Banga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 2018
- Edited *Smarane Manane Brajendranath Seal*, Alocana Cakra, Kolkata, 2016
- *Darsaner pathe: Pube o Paschime*, Gangchil, Kolkata, 2010



## Articles

- ‘Sattar khoje Heidegger’, *Ebong Mushaera*, 81, 2020
- ‘Darshan o Prajuktividya’, *Philosophy and Life-World*, 21, 2019
- ‘Arthamulya ebong vacya: prasanga Frege’, *Darsan-Biksha*, Vol. 25, 2015-16
- ‘Bangalir Europe darshan: tin prajanmerbangalirkantchahcha’, *Bangalir Europe charcha*, (ed.) Arindam Chakrabarti, Anustup, Kolkata, 2016
- ‘Ja chilo kalpamaya: Wittgenstein prasange kichu prathamik katha’, *Bakalam*, 2016
- ‘Basanta Kumar Mallik: Jiban o Darshan’, *Alocana cakra*, 2015
- ‘Bhalobasa kare koy’, *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, 2014
- ‘Bhasa, bhavana, karma; Prasanga Arindam Chakrabarti’, *Alocana cakra*, 2012
- ‘AtikrantirDarshan: Prasanga Kalidas Bhattacharya’, *Alocana cakra*, 2011
- ‘Bhasa theke bhalobasa’, *Alocana chakra*, January, 2010
- ‘Pascaty Darsan O Bharatio Darsan - ei bibhajon krtrm na prakrto?’ *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, vol.X, 2007
- ‘Nirniyam Advaita-Vada’ (Anomalous Monism) in A. Chatterjee, M.N. Mitra and P. Sarakar (eds.), *Manodarsan – Sarir-Vada O Tar Bikalpa*, Ashima Prokashan and Jadavpur University, Calcutta 2003.
- ‘Muktir Sandhane Naiyayika’(Naiyayika in search of liberation),

*Darsan*, 2002.

- ‘Radhakrishnan-er Rabindranath’ (Radhakrishnan’s Rabindranath), in *Rabindra Carca*, Rabindra Carca Kendra, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, 2002.
- ‘Madhyajugiyo Kavyatattva’ (Aesthetics in the medieval times) in *Ekhon Sarjan*, 2001.
- ‘Bauddhikata, Cintan O Bhasa’ (Rationality, Thought and Language), *Darsan*, Vol. 45, 2000.
- ‘ParamTattver Sandhane Krishna Chandra Bhattacharya’ (Krishna Chandra Bhattacharya in Search of the Absolute), *Alocana Cakra*, 2001.
- Three entries in *The Encyclopedia of Bangladesh Project* on:
  1. Nyaya Kusumanjali
  2. Yoga Philosophy
  3. History of Nyaya Tradition in Bengal.
- ‘Abeg, Kavya O Rastra Prasange Plato’ (Plato on Passion, Literature and State), in *Ekhon Sarjan*, 1999.
- ‘Farashi Uttaradhunikata Banam German Adhunikata’ (French Post-Modernism Versus German Modernism), *Avarta*, 1998.
- ‘Samsayavader Nirarthakata Prasange Wittgenstein’ (Wittgenstein on the Absurdity of Scepticism), in T. K. Sarkar et al. (ed.), *Wittgenstein: Jagat Bhasa O Cintan*, Allied Publishers in collaboration with Jadavpur University, Calcutta, 1998.
- ‘Wittgensteiner Jagat Barnana’ in *Darsan o Darsanik*, 1997.

**Seminars and  
Conferences  
attended**

- Contributed a paper on ‘Logic without Necessity’, in an International Conference organized by Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, January 6-8, 2020
- Contributed a paper on ‘Rammohan Roy and Constructive Modernity’, in a National Seminar organized by ICPR, Lucknow, December 18-20, 2019
- Contributed a paper on ‘The Ethics of Deceit in Mahābhārata: Rationality and Virtue’, in an International Seminar organized by IAS, Shimla, October 17-19, 2019
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘Environment and Ethics’, at Bethune College, September 24, 2019
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘Europiya Adhunikata’, Department of Bengali, Jadavpur University, March 27, 2019
- Contributed a paper on ‘Scepticism, Rule-following and Knowledge of Language’ in an International Seminar on ‘Samsaya evam Prama, Doubt and Knowledge: Indian and Western Philosophical Perspectives’, organized by University of Rajasthan, March 15-17, 2019
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘Conceptual Historical Survey of Indian Philosophy’, Ravenshaw University, March 8, 2019
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘Svaraj in Philosophy’, in Visva-Bharati, February 2, 2019
- Contributed a paper on ‘The nature of Philosophical Engagement’, in a national Seminar organized by Utkal University, January 30, 2019
- Contributed a paper on ‘Environmental Awareness in Ancient

India' in a National Symposium on 'Eco-sustainability and Renewable Energy: Challenges Prospects and Ethics', organized by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Government College, January 19-20, 2019

- Contributed a paper on 'Religion and Religions' in an International Seminar on 'Language, Religion and Culture' organized by University of Gour Banga, January 21-22, 2019
- Contributed a paper on 'Swami Vivekananda on Unity of Religions', in a national Seminar organized by Shailabala Women's College, Bhubaneswar on January 7, 2019
- Contributed a paper on 'Political Svaraj and Beyond: Bipin Chandra Pal in retrospect', in a National Seminar organized by North Bengal University during February 8-9, 2018
- Contributed a paper on 'Comparative Philosophy: Why and How?' in an International Seminar to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sister Nivedita, organized by Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata during January 2-4, 2018
- Contributed a paper on 'Remnants of Death' in a National Seminar organized by South Calcutta Girls' College, Kolkata during November 21-22, 2017
- Contributed a paper on 'Davidson and the Socratic Tradition', in an International Seminar on 'The Philosophy of Donald Davidson' organized jointly by University of Mumbai and IIT Bombay, during November 25-26, 2017.
- Contributed a paper on 'From 'Freedom to' to 'Freedom from': Free will, Agency and Transcendence' in a National Seminar organized by Presidency University, April 25-25, 2017
- Contributed a paper on 'Memory and Self' in a National Seminar on 'Mind and memory: An Enquiry into the nature of Cognition' organized by University of Hyderabad, March 20-22, 2017
- Contributed a paper on 'Future people and Our Obligation to Them', in a National Seminar on 'Practical Ethics', organized by Tripura University, February 20-22, 2017

- Contributed a paper on ‘What if Sriharsa did not meet Gettier! A Cautionary Note on Matilal’s Way of Doing Indian Philosophy’, in an International Seminar on ‘Logic, Ethics and Epics: Homage to Professor Bimal Krishna Matilal’, organized by Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, on December 27, 2016
  
- Delivered ‘Acharya Brojendranath Seal Memorial Lecture’ in University of Gour Banga on December 21, 2016
  
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘ Knowledge and The Limit Within’, in World Philosophy Day, Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga on December 21, 2016
  
- Contributed a paper on ‘Why be Moral?’ in a seminar organized by Acharya Prashanta Chandra Mahalanabish College on December 9, 2017
  
- Contributed a paper on ‘Analytic Philosophy of Language: History and Nature’, Alipurduar College, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016
  
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘Indian Philosophical Research Methodology’ in Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University on September 15, 2016
  
- Contributed a paper on ‘Why be Moral?’ in a Seminar on ‘Existence and Morality’ organised by Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga on March 10-11, 2016
  
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘Emotion, Knowledge and the Externalist Model’ in a Seminar organised by Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University, on November 20, 2015
  
- Delivered a lecture on ‘Ethics of Globalization’ on World Philosophy Day, Organised by Dibrugarh University on November 18, 2015
  
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘Advaita Vedanta: Excellence in Human Life’, at Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vidyamandir, on September 26, 2015

- Delivered a Lecture on 'The Philosophical Contribution of Kalidas Bhattacharya' organised by ICPR, Lucknow on September 2, 2015
- Contributed a paper on 'God as the Cause of Creation: The Argumentative Indian' in an International Seminar on 'God, No God? : The Argumentative Indian', organised by IAS, Shimla, during July 20-23, 2015.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Sikshay Svaraj: Prasanga Brajendra Nath Seal', in Darsan o Samaj, on May 17, 2015
- Contributed a paper on 'Rationality, Morality and Objectivity' in a national Seminar on 'The Moral Philosophy of P.K.Mohapatra' organised by Chowdar College, Cuttack, during February 14-16, 2015.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Why be Moral'? in Bethune College, on February 19, 2015
- Delivered a talk on 'The Moral Philosophy of Kant and Mill' in a Workshop on 'Value Education' organized by IIT, Gauhati on January 22, 2015.
- Presented a paper on 'Self-knowledge: The Moral Dimension' in an International Seminar on 'Self-knowledge and Moral Identity' organized by IIT, Bombay during January 14-16, 2015.
- Presented a paper on 'Knowledge, Known and Unknowable: The Limit Within' in a National Seminar on 'Transgression' organized by IAS, Shimla on October 27-19, 2014.
- Contributed a paper on 'The Grammar of the Unsayable' in a National Seminar on 'The Post-Modern Paradigm in Philosophy' organized by University of North Bengal during February 13-14, 2014.
- Resource Person in a National Level Workshop on 'Reading Quine's Two Dogmas of Empiricism' organized by Indian Council

of Philosophical Research at Lucknow during February 3-13, 2014.

- Contributed a paper on ‘Making it Explicit: Implicit knowledge and Theories of Meaning’ organized by Jadavpur University during January 30-31, 2014.
- Contributed a paper on ‘The Role of Humanities in University Education’ in a National Seminar on ‘The Role of Humanities in University Education’, organised by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi during January 13-15, 2014.
- Contributed a paper on ‘The Concept of Man in Classical Indian Philosophy’ in a National Seminar on ‘Who is a Worthy Being?’ jointly organised by Indian Council of Philosophical Research and Phule-Ambedkar Chair, Bombay University during January 3-5, 2014.
- Resource Person in Refresher Course on ‘Philosophy of Mind: Indian and Western’, organized by Jadavpur University on December, 2013.
- Contributed a paper on ‘Philosophy and Self-knowledge: A Brief Note on RashviharyDas’ in a national Seminar on ‘Centenary of Philosophy Department: Past Masters’ organized by University of Calcutta during November 11-12, 2013.
- Presented a paper on ‘Why am I an orthodox? A reply a la Kalidas Bhattacharya’ at a national seminar organised by Department of Philosophy, Visva Bharati during 3-5 March, 2012.
- Presented a paper on ‘From Language to Metaphysics’ at a National Seminar organised by Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University during 20-21 March, 2012
- Presented papers on ‘On the very possibility of God-Man Dialogue’ and ‘God and Vagueness’ at Banaras Hindu University during 22-23 March, 2012

- Presented a paper on ‘The Ethics of Feeding the Hungry’ at the National Seminar organised by Assam University during 26-27 March, 2012
  
- Presented a paper on ‘The poet and the philosopher’ at a National Seminar organised by South Calcutta Girls’ College, on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2012
  
- Presented a paper on ‘Tagore and The Problem of Evil’ at a National Seminar on ‘Tagore and The Contemporary Social Sciences’ organised by ICSSR, Shillong, September, 2011.
  
- Presented a paper on ‘On The very idea of the Authority of the Vedas’ at a National Seminar organised by Department of Philosophy, Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam, September, 2011.
  
- Presented a paper on ‘Ki samachar? YaksaYudhisthirkathopakthan’ at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, July, 2011
  
- Presented a paper on ‘Expression and Indication: The Play of *Différance*’ at a national Seminar organised by University of North Bengal, Siliguri, March. 2011
  
- Presented a paper on “Word, Sentence and Meaning” at a National Seminar organised by Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Varanasi, February 2011.
  
- Presented a paper entitled “On the Irreducibility of the Semantical” at a National Seminar at Central University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, January 2011.
  
- Presented a paper entitled “On the Nature of Knowledge by Testimony” at Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, December 2010.
  
- Presented a paper entitled “Society, Democracy and Philosophy” on International Philosophy Day at North Bengal University, November 2010.



- Presented a paper entitled “Feeding the Poor: Some Ethical Issues”, at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, August 2010.
- Presented a paper entitled “Ethics of Deceit in the Mahabharata”, at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, July 2010.
- Contributed a paper on ‘Self and its knowledge: The legacy of RasveharyDas’ in a Reading Week organised by IAS Shimla, October, 2009
- Contributed a paper on ‘From Language to Love’ in an international seminar organised by Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay, February, 2009.
- Contributed a paper on ‘ The Ethics of Deceit in Mahabharata: A case for Moral Particularism’ in a seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, February, 2009.
- Contributed a paper on ‘Self-knowledge: The legacy of Rasvehary Das’ in an international seminar organised by Department of Philosophy, University of Pune, January, 2009.
- Contributed a paper on ‘On being a Cautious Realist’ in a seminar organized by Women’s College, Tinsukia, December, 2008.
- Contributed a paper on ‘Interpretation and its role in Indian Philosophy’ in a seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, NEHU, Shillong, November, 2008.
- Contributed a paper on ‘Knowing a Language and Knowing one self’, in a seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, Utkal University, January. 2008.

- Contributed a paper on 'Frege's Context Principle and The Primacy of the Semantical' in a seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, RabindraBharati University, March, 2008.
- Contributed a paper on 'The Logic of *Vidhi* Sentences', in a seminar on Language and Morals, organized by Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, March, 2008.
- Contributed a paper on 'The Significance of Frege's Context Principle' in a seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, University of Burdwan, February, 2008.
- Contributed a paper on 'The nature of Indian Logic' in an International seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, January, 2007.
- Contributed a paper on 'Psychologism, Necessity and Indian Logic' in a seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, Sri Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kochi, January, 2007.
- Contributed a paper on 'Language, Thought and Rationality' at a seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, March, 2006.
- Contributed a paper on 'Language and Love' at a seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, Assam University, February, 2006.
- Contributed a paper on 'Religion: An important Non-sense' at a seminar on Wittgenstein organized by Govt. College, Dharamshala, February, 2006.
- Contributed a paper on 'Ancient Indian Ethical attitude towards Nature: Organic and Inorganic' at a seminar organized by Center for Studies in Civilizations, New Delhi, December, 2006.
- Lecture at Department of Sanskrit, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, on 'Environmental Thinking in Ancient India', March 2005.

- Contributed paper at a National Seminar on *Contemporary Perspectives on Indian Philosophy* on 'Subject as Freedom : K.C. Bhattacharya's Neo-Vedanta' at Department of Philosophy, University of Silchar, Assam, 21-23 February 2004.
- Contributed a paper at a seminar on *The Philosophy of Rashbehari Das*, on 'Flight from Proposition' at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, on 28 March 2004.
- Contributed a paper on 'The Continuity of Tradition: Emergence of Contemporary Approaches' at a National Conference on Pedagogy and Epistemology at North-Eastern Hill University (Tura Campus), 2003.
- Contributed a paper on 'The Distinction between Western and Indian Philosophy and their Relevance in Future Philosophical Discourse', at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, 2003.
- Contributed a paper on 'Phenomenology and the Problem of Meaning' for a National Conference on Phenomenology held at Madras, 2002.
- Presented a paper on 'Krishnamurti and the Problem of Suffering' at the Krishnamurti Foundation India, Calcutta, 2002.
- Contributed a paper entitled 'From Language to Love' at a Seminar on Love organised by Rasvehari Das Memorial Trust Calcutta in January 2001.
- Contributed a paper entitled 'Suffering and Beyond' at a UGC sponsored Seminar on 'Understanding Sorrow' at DinabandhuMahaVidyalaya, Bongaon, West Bengal, in February, 2001.
- Contributed a paper entitled 'Bhartrhari on Sentence Meaning', at a Seminar on Knowledge in Indian Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, March 2000.

- Paper accepted at the XIth World Sanskrit Conference, Turin, Italy, April, 2000. Paper entitled 'Weak Anthropocentrism and the Upanisadic Model of Environmental Concern'.
- Lecture delivered at the Calcutta Greek Society, on 'Samkhya Philosophy', November, 1999.
- Delivered lecture on 'Rationality, Thought and Language' at the Indian Academy of Philosophy Calcutta, February 1999.
- Contributed a paper entitled on '*A Priori* Knowledge' at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, March 1998.
- Participated in the Annual Conference of Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Bologna University, September 1998.
- Delivered keynote address on Donald Davidson's Philosophy of Language at the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Philosophy Post-Graduates' Association, Stirling University, September, 1998.
- Contributed a paper entitled 'Reference Withers Away' at the Seminar on Meaning and Metaphysics at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, March, 1997.
- Participated in the American Philosophical Association (Western Division) Conference at Portland, Oregon, September 1991.

### **Refresher Courses and Work Shops attended**

#### **Online Talk**

- Delivered a talk on 'Contemporary Indian Philosophy' in Visva-Bharati University, January, 2021
- Delivered a talk on 'Environment and Philosophy' in Calcutta University, March, 2021
- Delivered a talk on 'Research Ethics in Social Sciences' in

Mizoram University, November, 2020

- Delivered a talk on ‘Dravya and Associated Issues’ in Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, November, 2020
- Delivered a talk on ‘Atma in Classical Indian Philosophy’ in Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, November, 2020
- Delivered a talk on Pranab Kumar Sen’s Contribution to Epistemology; in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, October, 2020
- Delivered a talk on ‘Kant on Religion’ in Uluberia College, West Bengal, September, 2020
- Delivered a talk on ‘Existential Crisis during Covid-19 Pandemic’ in Kumar Bhaskar Barma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Assam, August, 2020
- Delivered a talk on ‘Law and Governance In Mahabharata’ in Kazi Nazrul University, West Bengal, July, 2020
- Delivered a talk on ‘Relevance of Yoga during the Covid-19 Pandemic’ in Contai College, West Bengal, July, 2020

#### **Physically held Talk**

- Delivered a talk on ‘A Conceptual Historical Survey of Classical Indian Philosophy’, on World Philosophy Day, organized by Ravenshaw University, March 8, 2019
- Delivered a talk on ‘The very Idea of Comparative Philosophy’, on World Philosophy Day, organized by Visva-Bharati, February 2, 2019
- Delivered a talk on ‘The Nature of Philosophical Engagement’ on World Philosophy day, Organized by Utkal University, January 30, 2019

- Delivered Gopikamohan Bhattacharya Memorial Lecture on ‘The Nature of Testimonial Knowledge’, Sanskrit Sahitya Parisat, Kolkata, April 22, 2018
- Delivered four lectures on ‘The Philosophy of Rudolf Carnap’ in a National Workshop on ‘The Foundations of Analytic Philosophy’, organized by Department of Philosophy, Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady, Kerala during March 21-22, 2018
- Contributed a paper on Prasanga kalpakatha: Bhasa byabaharer ek abhinaba rup’ in National Seminar organized by Alocana Cakra in association with ICSSR on February 17, 2018
- Delivered a Talk on ‘Philosophy, Science and Technology’, in the Department of Philosophy, Vidyasagar University, December 21, 2017
- Delivered a Talk on World Philosophy day on ‘Ideology and Philosophy’ in the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University on November 18, 2017
- Delivered a talk on ‘Philosophy and Environment’ in Dr. A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Govt. College, Kolkata on September 12, 2017
- Delivered a Talk on ‘The Nature of Morality’, in the Department of Philosophy, Vidyasagar University, March 2, 2017
- Delivered a talk on ‘Philosophy and Environment’ in Dr. A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Govt. College, Kolkata on September 12, 2017
- Delivered a Talk on ‘Analytic Philosophy’ in Vivekananda College, Kolkata on the occasion of World Philosophy day, January 31, 2017
- Delivered a Lecture on ‘Language, Communication and the Logic of Recognition’ in IIT, Guwahati on February 15, 2016
- Resource person at a Refresher Course organised by Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, on January 20, 2016. Course taught: 1. Philosophy as Scepticism 2. Philosophy as

paradoxes

- Resource person at a Refresher Course organised by Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, on April 11, 2015. Course taught: Frege's concept of the a priori.

- Resource person at a Workshop organised by Chinmay International Foundation, in collaboration with Manipal University, July 2014. Courses taught: 1. Nyaya concept of Liberation; 2. Carvaka Emergentism.

- Resource person at a Refresher Course organised by Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, September, 2011. Course taught: The Philosophy of Radhakrishnan.

- Resource person at a Refresher Course organised by Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, September, 2011. Course taught: 1. Navya-Nyaya theory of meaning and 2. Vagueness and Omniscience

- Resource person at a workshop on Professional Ethics at IIT, Kharagpur, August, 2011.

- Resource Person at a Refresher Course at the Department of Philosophy, Calcutta University, on *Sabda Sakti Prakasika*, November 2010.

- Resource Person at a Refresher Course at the Department of Philosophy, BHU, on Object, Content and Knowledge and the Nyaya Theory of Linguistic Understanding.

- Resource Person at a Refresher Course at the Department of English, NEHU, Assam, March 2010. Course taught: Meaning fractured, Meaning transcended.

- Resource Person at a Refresher Course on Philosophy of Language at University of Calcutta, November, 2009. Course taught: The Logic of Vidhi Sentences.

- Resource Person at a Winter school in philosophy at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, January, 2009. Course taught: Contemporary issues in Metaphysics.
  
- Resource Person at Refresher Course on Contemporary Philosophy at University of Calcutta, November, 2008. Course taught: Philosophy of John McDowell.
  
- Resource Person at Refresher Course on Epistemology: Indian and Western at Utkal University, December, 2007 Course taught: Nature of Perception and Testimony In Nyaya.
- Resource Person at Refresher Course on Ethics at Utkal University, December, 2007. Courses taught 1. Theory and Practice 2. Sex and Morality.
  
- Resource person at Refresher Course in English at University of Calcutta, September, 2006. Course taught: Interpreting Interpretation.
  
- Resource person at a Workshop on Holism and Its Alternatives, organized by Rabindra Bharati University, February, 2006. Course taught: Frege's Context Principle.
  
- Resource person at Refresher Course in Philosophy at University of Calcutta, January, 2006. Course taught: On the very idea of obligation to Future Generation'.
  
- Resource person at Refresher Course on Philosophy of Language at North Bengal University, in February 2004. Course taught: From Language to Metaphysics
  
- Resource person at Refresher Course on Ethics at Utkal University Bhubaneswar, Orissa, in March 2004. Course taught: Faking Nature
  
- Participated in a Refresher Course on 'Cognition and Representation' organised by Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, in November 2003.



- Resource person at Refresher Course on Philosophy of Language at Calcutta University, 2002. Course taught: The Problem of Ineffability.
- Resource person at Refresher Course on Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science at Jadavpur University, 2002. Course taught: Mind in a Material World.
- Participated in a Refresher Course on 'Emerging Value in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' organised by the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, in August 2001.
- Resource person at Refresher Course on Post-Modern Thought, at Calcutta University, 2001. Course taught: Davidson and Derrida.
- Resource person at the Refresher Course on Ethics and Social Philosophy, at Calcutta University, 2001. Course taught: Why be Moral?
- Resource person at the Winter Course on Linguistics at Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, 2000. Course taught: History of Semantics.
- Participated in a Refresher's Course on Indian Logic organised by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Lucknow, in December 1999.
- Resource Person at the Refresher Course on Philosophy of Science at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University 1999. Course taught: 'Indeterminacy of Translation and Underdetermination of Theory'.
- Resource Person at the Refresher Course on History of Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, March 1998. Course taught: Davidson and Derrida.
- Resource Person at the Refresher Course on Phenomenology and Existentialism at the Department of Philosophy, VisvaBharati,

Santiniketan, West Bengal, December 1997. Course taught:  
Husserl's Theory of Meaning.

### **Administrative experience**

- Dean, Faculty of Arts, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata (2017-2020)
- Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata (2017- till date)
- Member Secretary, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt.of India (During 2012-13)
- Head of the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta 700 050 during 2006-08 and 2014-15
- Former Executive Editor, *Rabindra Bharati Journal of Philosophy*.
- Former Book Review Editor, *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, 2014 - 2017
- Former Deputy Co-ordinator, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Study Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta.
- Former Deputy Coordinator, U.G.C. SAP Programme in Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta
- Represented Rabindra Bharati University in signing MOU with the University of Naples, Italy and University of Loudz, Poland
- Courses Taught:
  1. Philosophy of Logic
  2. Philosophy of Language
  3. Phenomenology and Existentialism
  4. Ethics
  5. Mimamsa
  6. Nyaya
  7. AdvaitaVedanta

<b>Language</b>	English, Bangla, Sanskrit, German.
<b>Interests and activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading, Travelling, Listening to Indian and Western Classical Music and Cooking</li> <li>• Former Editor of a Quarterly Literary Magazine in Bangla entitled <i>Ekhan Sarjan</i>.</li> </ul>
<b>Research Guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seven students awarded M.Phil.</li> <li>• Five students awarded Ph.D.</li> <li>• Four students engaged in doing Ph.D.</li> </ul>
<b>References</b>	<p>1. Professor Sharad Deshpande Former Professor in Philosophy University of Pune &amp; Former Tagore Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study Shimla Email: sharad.unipune@gmail.com</p> <p>2. Professor Amita Chatterjee Former Vice-Chancellor Presidency University Kolkata, India Email: chatterjeeamita@gmail.com</p> <p>3 Proferssor Jonardon Ganeri Professor In Philosophy New York State University, U.S.A Email: jonardon@gmail.com</p>

