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

Area of Competence Moral and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind and Action, Philosophy of Religion

Awards and Honors

- ❖ Small grant for workshop, International Social Ontology Society (ISOS), Vienna
- ❖ Scholar-in-Residence, Management Centre for Human Values, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
- ❖ Endeavour Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Government of Australia.
- ❖ Erasmus Mundus Fellowship, European Union.
- ❖ Doctoral Fellowship, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
- ❖ Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission
- ❖ Top Position (Gold Medal) in Master of Arts, Gauhati University

Education

- ❖ Ph. D, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India
- ❖ MA in Applied Ethics, Utrecht University (joint)
- ❖ MA in Applied Ethics Linköping University (joint)
- ❖ MA in Philosophy, Gauhati University
- ❖ BA in Philosophy, Cotton College, Gauhati University

Professional Positions

- ❖ Associate Professor, Centre for Philosophy, SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2023- onward.
- ❖ Assistant Professor, Centre for Philosophy, SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2012 to 2023.
- ❖ Endeavour Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, School of Philosophy, Australian National University and Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE), Charles Sturt University, Australia (Hosts- Alan Hajek, Philip Pettit, and Suzanne Uniacke)
- ❖ Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Assam University, 2008-2012.
- ❖ Associateship, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, UGC Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences, Years: 2011, 2012

Publications

Books:

What Responsibility? Whose Responsibility? Intention, Agency and Emotions of Collective Entities, Routledge, 2023.

Critics' Views-

"This book offers an engaging and enlightening discussion of corporate or collective responsibility. Accessible and elegant, it offers a valuable perspective on the many issues it addresses"- *Philip Pettit, L. S. Rockefeller University Professor of Human Values*,

Princeton University, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, Australian National University

"*What Responsibility? Whose Responsibility?* is an important new contribution to the literature on collective responsibility. Neog deftly avoids the many pitfalls and temptations that we find in much philosophical writing about the topic. He recognizes the full variety of phenomena that we regard as falling under it, along with their varying moral significance. He neither assimilates one kind to another, nor any of them to the paradigm case of individual agency. Most importantly of all, he reminds us that individuals are socially formed, and so it is crucial to avoid an overly individualistic interpretation of the paradigm case."- *Carol Rovane, Violin Family Professor of Philosophy, Chair Contemporary Civilization, Columbia University*

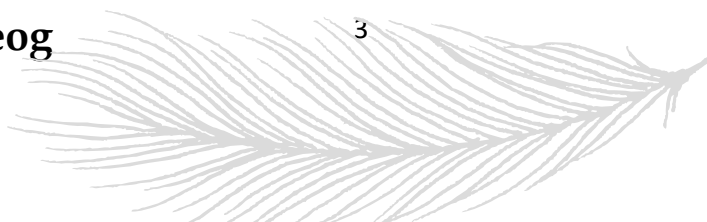
"A compelling argument that we need a coherent notion of collective agency in order to account for the collective responsibility of groups. Neg carefully articulates a non-individualist conception of collective agency that does justice to the phenomenon in a way that individualism cannot, but which avoids the more extravagant commitments of collectivist accounts. The quasi-collectivist account offered here is a convincing and valuable contribution to the literature on collective agency."- *Jeremy Randel Koons, Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University- Qatar*

Edited Works:

- ❖ *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics: With a New Introduction*, Aakar Books, 2022.
- ❖ A special issue "Norms, Values and Human Condition" *Journal of Human Values*, Sage, vol. 25, 2019.
- ❖ Graduate course on Philosophy of Religion (39 essays), UGC EPG Pathashala, MHRD, GOI, 2015/16.

Articles in Journals and Books:

- ❖ "Possibility of Collective Akratic Agency: Groups, Gangs and Gatherings" In *Moral Matters: Ethics and Human Behavior*, ed. Nirmalya N Chakraborty, RMIC, 2023.
- ❖ "Religion and Morality: Tracing the Point of their Convergence", In *De Natura Fidei: Rethinking Religion Across Disciplinary Boundaries*, ed. Jibu Mathew George, 2021.
- ❖ "Metaphysics of Group Moral Responsibility", Sage, *Journal of Human Values*, 26: 3, 2020.
- ❖ "An Essay on New Atheism", *GUJP*, 4, 2019
- ❖ "Norms, Values, and Human Conditions: An Introduction" A special issue on *Norms, Values and Human Condition* in Sage *Journal of Human Values*, 25: 1, 2019.
- ❖ "Derek Parfit: The Philosopher's Philosopher", *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, 34:1, 2017.
- ❖ "Business Cannot be as Usual: Business Ethics Education in India" In *Management Education in India: Trends and Pathways*, ed. Manish Thakur and R. Rajesh Babu, Springer, 2016.
- ❖ "Liberal Arts Education and Tagore," In *The Idea of Surplus: Tagore and Contemporary Human Sciences*, ed. Mrinal Miri, Routledge, 2015.
- ❖ "Collective Agency and Social Action," (jointly with Bijoy Boruah) In *Self-Knowledge and Agency*, ed. by Manidipa Sen, DL Printworld, 2012.
- ❖ "Call of the Humanities: A Tagorean Engagement," *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, XXVIII: 1, 2011.
- ❖ "Collective Agency," (jointly with Bijoy Boruah), *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, XVIII: 3, 2011.
- ❖ "The Formation of Collective Intention," *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, XXVII: 4, 2010.
- ❖ "Morality, Rationality and Human Contingency: The Question of Moral Luck," *Indian Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, III: 2, 2010.



Book Reviews:

- ❖ Iakovos Vasiliou's (ed.) *Moral Motivation: A History*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2016. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Springer, 2017.
- ❖ 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, 2016.
- ❖ Sarah Conly's *Against Autonomy: Justifying Coercive Paternalism*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013. *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, Cambridge University Press, 53: 4, 2014.
- ❖ 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)*, 30, 2014.
- ❖ Mark Alfano's *Character as Moral Fiction*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013, *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 52: 4
- ❖ 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, 59: 2, 2011:
- ❖ Bernard Gert's *Common Morality: Deciding What to Do?*, Oxford University Press, 2007, *Ethical Perspectives*, 14: 2007, Catholic University, Leuven.

Online Only Publications:

- ❖ "Collective Intentionality and Collective Responsibility," *Annual Report*, Societas Ethica: European Society for Research in Ethics, 2008.
- ❖ "An Understanding of Common Morality," MA thesis, Linkoping University Electronic press, Sweden, 2007.
- ❖ "Religion and Morality" *Philosophy of Religion*, UGC EPG Pathashala, 2015.
- ❖ "Atheism", *Philosophy of Religion*, UGC EPG Pathshala Programme. 2015.
- ❖ "Introduction to Philosophy of Religion" *Philosophy of Religion*, UGC EPG Pathashala 2015.

Academic Review

- ❖ *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-PG Pathshala, MHRD, GOI

Lectures and Presentations

1. Forthcoming: Book Talk on "What Responsibility? Whose Responsibility", HSS, IIT Delhi, 10th Nov, 2023.
2. Forthcoming: "Ethical Leadership and Management", Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon, 12 Oct, 2023.
3. Applied Ethics: Issues and Challenges, JDM College, Delhi University, 29th Sept, 2023.
4. "Epistemology of the Oppressed: Whose Knowledge Matters", Manipur University, 1-3, March, 2023.
5. "Unstructured Collectives and Representative Agency", Bilkent University, Turkey, 23rd Dec, 2022.
6. "Values of Critical Thinking, ICPR Lecture, MC College, Gauhati Univeristy, 15th Dec, 2022.
7. "Values and Ethics in Indian Management Thoughts" MIT-WP University, Pune, 19th Nov, 2022.
8. "In Calling out the Collective", Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic, Aug 29, 2022.
9. "Interplay of Responsibility in Collective Context", ISOS Conference, University of Vienna, Aug 17, 2022
10. "Possibility of Collective Akratic Agency: Groups, Gangs and Gatherings" Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, 19th Mar 2022.
11. "Medical Ethics and Bioethics" Miranda House, University of Delhi, 7th April. 2022.

12. "Ethics and Social Sciences" Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (MP) on 7th Dec 2021.
13. "Moral Dilemmas and Indian Metaethical Tradition" Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Assam 14th July, 2021.
14. "Matilal and Moral Realism", Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, 14th July, 2021.
15. "Philosophy and Literature", Tezpur University, 30st December, 2020.
16. "Ethics During Pandemics: A Utilitarian Approach" Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Assam, 24th July, 2020.
17. "New Education Policy and Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research", Madhya Kamrup Collge, Gauhati University, 9th Aug, 2020.
18. "Ethics and Pandemics A Methodological Engagement" Dibrugarh University, Date 8th Aug, 2020.
19. "New Educational Policy 2020: Critical Thinking at the Crossroads", Komargaron College, Dibrugarh University, Assam, 29th Sept, 2020.
20. "Ethical Leadership" Dr. Harisingh Gour Viswavidyalaya Sagar, Rajasthan, India 17th Sep, 2020.
21. "Environment and Responsibility: No Blame Game Anymore", Dibrugarh University, Assam on 21st Nov, 2019.
22. "Dilemmas and Classical Indian Metaethics", Dibrugarh University, Assam 22nd Nov, 2019.
23. "Ethics of Development: Moral Responsibility of Collectives in the Forward-looking sense of Collective Responsibility", Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, 29st Mar, 2019.
24. "In Passing the Buck to Collectives", University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India, 22nd Mar, 2019.
25. "In Passing the Buck to Collectives", University of Delhi, New Delhi, 8th Mar, 2019.
26. "Advance Directives and Passive Euthanasia: The Indian Story", 14th World Congress of Bioethics, St. John Medical College, Bangalore, Dec 5- 7, 2018.
27. "Moral Responsibility: Individual vs Collective" SMVDU, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir, 1st Aug, 2018,
28. "Moral Matters: On Making Up on One Mind", SMVDU Katra, Jammu and Kashmir, 31st July, 2018,
29. "The Delusion of Death" Department of Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata, 22nd Feb, 2018.
30. "Collective Moral Agency Looking Under the Hood", Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, 20th Feb, 2018.
31. "The Operational System of Ethics", Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, 18th Feb, 2018.
32. "A Child of One's Own", Gargi College, University of Delhi, 9th Feb, 2018.
33. "The Delusion of Death" in one day international colloquium on "Death: From Different Philosophical Perspectives", JNU and Tel Aviv University, Israel, 31st Jan, 2018.
34. "Moral Dilemmas and Incommensurable Values", South Calcutta Girl's college (University of Calcutta), 21st and 22nd Nov, 2017.
35. Comments on *The Ethics of Wilfred Sellars* written by Jeremy Koons, Georgetown University Qatar, 5th Nov 2017.
36. "Moralism as the Limits of Morality" Ruhr-University Bochum, Bochum, Germany, 25th Aug, 2017.
37. "Guilt Feelings in Collective Contexts", ECAP 9, Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy, Munich University, Aug 21-26, 2017.
38. "The Metaphysics of Group Moral Agency" Presidency University, Kolkata on 24th and 25th April, 2017.
39. "An Essay on Moralism", Assam University, Silchar, Assam, 27th to 29th Mar, 2017.
40. "Guilt Feeling in Collective Context," WiP, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, Charles Sturt University, 17th Aug, 2016, Australia.
41. "Moralism and the Limits of Morality," Australian Association of Philosophy Conference (AAP), Monash University, July 3-7, Australia.
42. "Guilt and Moral Responsibility in Collective Context," Research School of Philosophy, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, May 26, 2016.
43. Commentator on the special lecture delivered by Carol C Gould on "Motivating Solidarity with Distant Others: Empathic Politics, Responsibility and the Problem of Global Justice," Jawaharlal Nehru University, 19th Jan, 2016.
44. "The Normative Colour of Minimal Sociality," University of Hyderabad, 5th Mar, 2015.
45. "Ethics and Politics," Jamia Millia Islamia (University), New Delhi, 3rd Dec, 2014.
46. "The Primacy of the Moral," Jamia Millia Islamia (University), New Delhi, 19th Nov, 2014.
47. "The Autonomy of Secular Ethics," Jamia Millia Islamia (University), New Delhi, 25th Nov, 2014.

48. "Non Mihi, Non Tibi, Sed Nobis: A Case for Minimal Sociality," University of Delhi, New Delhi, 14th Nov, 2014.
49. "Aristotle on Moral Responsibility," School of Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 25-28th Feb, 2014.
50. "Responsibility in the Context of Environment," Assam University, Assam 5-6th Mar, 2013.
51. As a discussant on "Women in Traditional Worldviews and Institutional Practices: Exploring the Aesthetic and Ethical Discourses in India's Northeast," NEIPS- JNU and Nagaland University, Japfu Christian College, Kohima, Nagaland, 10-11th Dec, 2013.
52. As a discussant to the North-East "Philosophy Teacher Meet", North-East Hill University, Shillong, July 3-5th July, 2013.
53. "Moral Responsibility in the Context of Environmental Issues," at Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, 6th June, 2012.
54. "Moral Responsibility and Environment," Ravenshaw University, Orissa, India. 3rd and 4th Feb, 2012.
55. Theme Presentation "Ethics in Theory and Ordinary Moral Practice," Assam University, Assam 26th- 27th Mar, 2012.
56. "Framing Collective Intention" Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 24th Aug, 2011.
57. "Liberal-Arts Education and Tagore", North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 15th -17th Sept, 2011.
58. "The Issue of Moral Responsibility", and "What is Ethics?" Krishnakanta Handique State Open University, Guwahati, Assam, June 14, 2010.
59. As a discussant in the "National Workshop on Sovereignty and Political Discourse in North-East India", NEHU, Shillong, 11th-12th June, 2010.
60. "Collective Responsibility and Collective Intention" Societas Ethica- a European Society for Research in Ethics, University of Helsinki, Lammi, Finland, 20th -24th Aug, 2008.

Projects

- ❖ "Frugality in Innovation Governance: Learning from Polycentric Human-Animal Conflict Governance", Trans-disciplinary Research Cluster on Frugality Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), 2020-.
- ❖ "Frugal Innovation and CSR Interactions: Creating Value for Development" Under Trans-disciplinary Research Cluster on Frugality Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), 2020-till date.
- ❖ Ethics of Globalization: Theoretical and Experiential Challenges, Principal Investigator. Agency: Jawaharlal Nehru University. Under UAE-II. Duration: 5 years, 2014-2019.
- ❖ Project for Associateship, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India. UGC Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences. Years: Aug 2011; June, 2012.

Other Engagements and Affiliations

- ✓ Editorial board Member, *Journal of Human Values*, Sage Publication.
- ✓ Member of Ethics Committee, Sitaram Bharatiya Institute of Science and Research, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi, 2013 onwards.
- ✓ Editorial Board Member, *Gauhati University Journal of Philosophy*, Assam.
- ✓ Seminar coordinator, Centre for Philosophy, JNU 2014-18.
- ✓ 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, 2008-9.