

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION:

Associate Professor, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

AREAS OF RESEARCH:

Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Language
Epistemology
Problem of Self-knowledge

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS:

2011 Visiting Scholar, Centre for Subjectivity Research,
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

2009 Visiting Faculty, Department of Philosophy, University of
Hyderabad, Hyderabad, from 20th to 27th of October, 2009.

2009 Visitor at the Department of Philosophy and Humanities at the

Freie University, Berlin from 26th to 30th of April, 2009.

- 2007 Research Fellowship of the Endeavour Research Fellowship Programme to pursue research at Monash University, Melbourne, and Australian National University, Canberra, from August 2007, to January 2008.
Research Topic: *Our Knowledge of and Reference to the First Person*
- 2003 Visiting fellowship under the Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme of the University Grants' Commission and Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, August-September, 2003.
Research topic: *Externalism, Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind*
- 1996-97 Fellowship (post-doctoral) of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
- 1992-95 Commonwealth Scholarship to pursue Ph.D. in Philosophy in the U.K.
- 1988-92 J.R.F. followed by Senior Research Fellowships of the U.G.C.
- 1985-87 U.G.C. National Scholarship for M.A. under the CAS Programme in Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta.
- 1988 University gold medal for having stood first in the M.A. (Philosophy) examination of Jadavpur University, Calcutta.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1996 Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland (UK).

Thesis topic: *Attitudes and their Attributions.*
Thesis supervisors: Professors Crispin Wright and Bob Hale.

- 1992 M.Phil. from the Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy,
Jadavpur University, Calcutta.
Obtained 69% marks (A+) in the comprehensive qualifying examination.
- Dissertation topic: *Abstract Entities*.
Supervisor: Prof. Amita Chatterjee.
- 1988 M.A. in Philosophy (with Logic as special paper)
from Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy,
Jadavpur University, Calcutta. 61.1% of marks.
First class. First rank.
- 1985 B.A. with honours in Philosophy from the
Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Jadavpur University,
Calcutta. 56.5% marks
- 1982 Higher secondary examination of the West Bengal Council of
H.S. Education with English, Bengali, Sanskrit, Philosophy,
History and Political Science as the main subjects.
First division. 60.8% marks.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

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| 2008-till date | Associate Professor of Philosophy, J.N.U. |
| 2004-2008 | Assistant Professor in Philosophy, J.N.U. |
| 2000-2004 | Lecturer, Miranda House, Delhi University. |
| 1999-2000 | Lecturer (ad hoc) in Philosophy, Lady Shri Ram College,
University of Delhi |
| 1999 | Lecturer (ad hoc) in Philosophy at Hindu College,
University of Delhi |
| 1998 | Lecturer (ad hoc) in Philosophy at Miranda House,
University of Delhi. |
| 1997-98 | Lecturer in Philosophy at Bidhannagar College,
Calcutta, under the West Bengal Public Service Commission, |

for six months, from September 1997 to February 1998.

- 1993-95 Tutor in Philosophy at the Departments of Logic & Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy, University of St. Andrews.
- 1991-1992 Tutor at the Department of Philosophy Jadavpur University, Calcutta.
- 1989 (January to March) Part-time lecturer in Philosophy, Muralidhar Girls' College, Calcutta

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION:

- 2015-2017 Chairperson, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, JNU

COURSES TAUGHT:

M.Phil Courses

Concepts in Philosophy (Core course)
Philosophical Methods (Core Course)
Self-Knowledge (Optional Course)

M.A. Courses:

Logic and Scientific Methods (Core course)
Philosophy of Language (Core course)
Analytic Philosophy (Core course)
Philosophy of Mind (Optional course)
Personal Identity (Optional Course)

B.A. (Hons.) Courses

Philosophy of Language
Epistemology
Logic
History of Western Philosophy
Ethics

B.A. (optional) Course

Philosophy of Language
Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method

PUBLICATIONS:

Articles:

“The Qualitative and the Intentional Content of Consciousness”, in Kuntala Bhattacharya, Madhucchanda Sen, Smita Sirker (eds), *Mind and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Sharing, Essays in honour of Amita Chatterjee*, D.K. Printworld, New Delhi, 2019

"A Russellian Account of Belief ascriptions", Manidipa Sen, in Gauhati University Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 3, 2019, ISSN no. 2456-3285, pp.117-28

“Introduction” in *Problem of the Self: Consciousness, Subjectivity and the Other*, Manidipa Sen (ed.), Aakar Books, New Delhi, 2019

“Layers of Self- consciousness”, in *American Philosophical Association Newsletter*, special issue on “Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies”, vol. 16, no.1, Fall 2016, ISSN No: 2155-9708

“Understanding Intersubjectivity” in *Sandhan*, vol.IX, no. 2, July-December, 2009 (appeared in 2012).

“Introduction” and “Intentionality and First-Person Authority”, in *Self-Knowledge and Agency*, (ed.) Manidipa Sen, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2012.

“Intentionality and First-person Authority” in *Self-Knowledge and Agency*, Decent Books, 2012

“Content Externalism and Eliminative Materialism: A Case Against Scientism”, (eds.) Prajit Basu and S. G. Kulkarni *Epistemology, Science and Cognition*, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2011.

“Self-knowledge and the Subject/object Dichotomy”, in *Indian Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, Vol. IV, No. 1, September 2010.

“Strawson on the Notion of the First Person, in *Organon F 16, no.4*, 2009, pp.4777-92

“Singular Thought, Communication, and Interpretation”, (eds.) Kanti Lal Das and Anirban Banerjee, *Logic and Ontology: North Bengal Studies in Philosophy*, Northern Book Centre,

New Delhi 2008.

“Understanding Intersubjectivity” Goutam Biswas (ed.), *Language, Meaning and Socio-Cultural Understanding* (forthcoming).

“Knowing Our Own Minds: Ascriptions versus Expressions”, in *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* (JICPR), vol. XXI, no.1, 2004, pp.49-70.

“De Re thoughts: issues in the relationship between thought and reality” in *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* (JICPR), vol. XVIII, no.2, 2001, pp.21-52.

“Translational Indeterminacy and Meaning Facts’, in *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. XXVII, no.4, 2000, pp.369-92

“What is an abstract entity?” in *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, vol.10, no.2, 1998, pp.15-36.

“Frege on what there is”, in *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, vol.8, no.2, 1996, pp.75-88.

“A Re-look into the Externalist vs. Internalist Theories of Justification” in *Signification in Buddhist and French Tradition*, edited by H.S. Gill, Shimla, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, 2002.

“On the Notion of Fregean Sense in Belief Reports”, 2006 (eds.)Kanti Lal Das & J.C. Basak, *Language and Reality*, North Bengal University Studies in Philosophy, vol.6 , Northern Book Centre, New Delhi

“Nikunja Vihari Banerjee” in *Bingsha Shatabdir Bangiya Darshan*, (ed.) Nirmalya Chakraborty and Tirtha Mukhopadhyaya, in *Bangla* (forthcoming).

Encyclopedia or Other Entries:

UGC E-pathshala entries:

Three modules on “Self-knowledge” in *Philosophy of Mind* Course, entitled “Problem of Self-knowledge”, “Self-knowledge and the Externalist account of the Mind and “Self-knowledge and Agency”

Two modules in *Philosophy of Language* Course, entitled “Frege’s Theory of Meaning” and “Russell’s Theory of Denotation”

One module on “Ontological Argument for the Existence of God” in the course *Philosophy of Religion*.

Book reviews:

“Play of Reason in Indian Philosophy”, review of *Philosophy in Classical India* by Jonardon Ganeri, Routledge, London, 2001, in *Hindi: Language, Discourse, Writing* (a journal of Mahtma Gandhi International Hindi University), vol.2 no.2, 2001. (p.195-202.)

“Reasons and religious attitudes,” review of *Hume on Religion* by Edward Craig, in *Summerhill IAS Review*, vol. IV, no.2, Dec 1998, p.30.

Books:

Problem of the Self: Consciousness, Subjectivity and the Other, edited by Manidipa Sen, Aakar Books, New Delhi, 2019

Self-Knowledge and Agency, edited by Manidipa Sen, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2012

Thinking about the world: An essay in de re thoughts and the externalist / internalist debate. (Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. 2008)

Knowledge, Truth and Reality: Essays in Philosophical Analysis, collection of articles by Pranab Kumar Sen, edited by Manidipa Sen, Madhucchanda Sen, Nirmalya N. Chakraborty, ICPR, New Delhi, 2006.

TALKS, SEMINARS, & WORKSHOPS:

“**What is it to think about the world? – A case for *de re* thoughts**”, paper presented in the national seminar on “What is thinking?” in the Centre for English Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 4-6 November, 2019

“**Meaning, Understanding and Interpretation: A Relook into Davidson's Holism**”, paper presented at the National Seminar on "Hermeneutical Turn in Thinking", organised by Department of Philosophy, Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala, 19-20 March, 2019.

“On the Possibility of Extending the extended mind hypothesis” paper presented in the national seminar on “Perspectives on Embodied Consciousness”, in the Department of Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata, 24-25 January, 2018.

“Extended Mind Hypothesis: Some Ontological and Ethical Implications”, paper presented in the panel discussion on “Mind, Machines, and Ethics” organized by Department of Philosophy, Kamla Nehru College, as part of their annual day event EIDOS, 7 April, 2017

“Problem of the Self” a keynote talk delivered in the annual fest “Aletheia” of the Department of Philosophy, Lady Shri Ram College, 24 March, 2017

“Self Identity and Memory”, paper presented in the national conference on “Mind and Memory: An Enquiry into the Nature of Cognition” in the Department of Philosophy, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, 20-22 March, 2017

“Self-Identity, Narrativity and the Other”, key-note lecture delivered in the Teachers’ Meet on “Crisis of Multiple Identities in the Contemporary World”, organized by Department of Humanities and Social sciences, IIT-Guwahati and ICPR, New Delhi, on 15-17 February, 2016.

“Phenomenal intentionality: Bridging the Gap between Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind”, in the Conference on “Life-World and Consciousness”, organized by Department of Philosophy, Loyola College, Cheenai and Centre for Phenomenological Studies, Pondocherry, on 3-5 March, 2016.

“Nature of Mental Content” and **“Self-knowledge and Agency”** 2 presentations in the Workshop on “Philosophy of Mind” organized by Department of Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata, on 11th March, 2016.

Resource Person in the Philosophy Teacher’s Meet sponsored by ICPR at the School of Philosophy and Culture, SMVDU, Jammu & Kashmir, 25-27 February, 2015. Talks delivered: **A. Self-knowledge and Agency. B. Phenomenal and Intentional Contents of Consciousness.**

Resource Person in a workshop on “Russell’s *Problems of Philosophy*” organized by the Academic Centre of ICPR, Lucknow, 20-29 August, 2015. Talks delivered: **A. Russell on Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description, B. On Induction, C. Russell on General Principles.**

“Agency and First-person Authority: Revisiting the Commitment Model of Self-knowledge” in the International Conference on “Self-knowledge and Moral Identity” organized by the

Department of Humanities and the Social Sciences, IIT-Bombay, Mumbai, on 14-16 January, 2015.

“Knowledge and Its Limits: A Critique of Daya Krishna’s account of Knowledge”, paper presented in the Colloquium on Philosophical engagement with Daya Krishna”, organized by Centre for Philosophy, SSS, JNU, on 17-18 September, 2012.

“Language and Philosophy”, lecture delivered to the participants of the 34th Refresher Course in Sociology in Academic Staff College, JNU, on 26th March. 2012.

“Intentionality and First-person Authority”, talk given at the Department of Philosophy, Delhi University, New Delhi on 11th November, 2011.

“Intersubjectivity-A way forward in Understanding Mind and Meaning”, paper presented in the International Conference on “Language, Mind and Reality: A Reflection on Philosophical Thoughts of R.C. Prandhan” held in Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Bombay on 5-7 February, 2012

“Layers of Self-Consciousness”, paper presented at the Centre for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen, and in the Graduate Workshop on Philosophy of Consciousness in the Research Programme on Knowledge and Values, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, in May, 2011.

“The Problem of Self-knowledge”, Inaugural address in “*Prasanga*”, the Annual Inter-college Academic Meet of the Department of Philosophy, Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi, on 15th March, 2011.

Panelist in the Seminar on “The Wider Significance of Nature” with Akeel Bilgrami, held in NISTADS, Delhi, on 13 January, 2011

“Self-Consciousness and the Problem of Subjectivity”, paper presented in the World Philosophy Day Colloquium on “Reading of Discourses on Consciousness”, held in the Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 29 November, 2010.

A series of lectures given to the M.Phil/Ph.D. students of the Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies on “Philosophy of Science” in September-October, 2010.

“Memory, Narrativity and the Sense of the Self”, paper presented in the U.G.C. sponsored National Seminar on “Memory and Beyond”, held in the Department of Philosophy, Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur, Kolkata, on 3-4 September, 2010.

“Self-knowledge and the Subject/Object dichotomy: Another look at the Debate from an Indian Philosophical Perspective”, paper presented in the International meeting of The Society for Indian Philosophy (in UK) held at the University College Dublin on 12th July,

2010.

“Intentionality and First Person Authority”, paper presented in the National Seminar on “Mind and Meaning” held in the Department of Philosophy, Hyderabad University, Hyderabad, on 15-17 March, 2010.

Principal commentator on the paper “Sectarian Identity, Sanskritization and the Question of Classical-Vernacular, presented by Anindita Chakraborty, in International Seminar on “Language, Culture and Identity”, jointly organized by Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University and ICSSR, New Delhi, on 8-10 February, 2010

Theme Presentation on the International Conference on “From Experience to Thought: Debates in Consciousness, Cognition and Agency” held at the Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, on 7-9 January, 2010

“Bridging the gap between the mind and the world: A Relook into the Phenomenal/Intentional Distinction”, paper presented in the Department of Philosophy, Central University, Hyderabad, in 23rd October, 2009.

“Strawson on the notion of the First Person”, paper presented in the International Colloquium On the “The Ground of Sense: Philosophy of P.F. Strawson”, organized by the Department of Analytical Philosophy in the Philosophical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, on April 21-24, 2009.

“Logical Consequence”, Lecture delivered in the 64th Orientation Course of the Academic Staff College, JNU, on 13th March, 2009.

“Bridging the Gap between the Mind and the World: A Relook into the Qualitative/intentional Distinction”, paper presented in the Centre of Cognitive Science, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, on 17th February, 2009.

“On the Very Distinction between the Phenomenal and the Intentional”, paper presented at the International Workshop on “ The Intentionality of Phenomenology and the Phenomenology of Intentionality” held in the Department of Social, Quantitative and Cognitive Sciences, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy on April 28-29, 2008.

“The Qualitative and the Intentional Contents of Consciousness”, paper presented at the staff seminar of the School of Philosophy and Bioethics, Monash University, Melbourne, September, 2007; and at the Philosophy Society (Philosoc) seminar of the Philosophy Programme, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, November 2007.

“Content Externalism versus Eliminative Materialism: A Case Against Scientism”, paper

presented at the National Seminar on “Language, Science and Cognition” held in the Department of Philosophy, Central University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad in March 2006.

Participated in an ICPR sponsored workshop on “Holism and its Alternatives” at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindrabharati University, Kolkata, February 2006. Title of the presentation “Dancy on Quine on Holism”.

“On the Myth of the Subjective: A Wittgensteinian Perspective”, paper presented at the National Seminar on “Language, Meaning and the Problem of Socio-Cultural Understanding”, held in the Department of Philosophy, Assam University, Silchar, in February 2006.

“Singular Thought and Communication”, paper presented at the Workshop on *Language, thought and Reality*, held at Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University, in January 2005.

“Wittgenstein on Linguistic Expressivism” paper presented at the National Seminar on *Language, Meaning and Text*, held at Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in November, 2004.

“Knowing our own minds: ascriptions versus expressions”, paper presented at the NAMICONA workshop at the University of Aarhus, Denmark, in October, 2003

“From the Linguistic to the Mentalistic Turn,” paper presented at the International Seminar on *Beyond the Linguistic Turn: Literature, Culture and Philosophy*, at JNU, 2002.

“A Re-look into the Externalist vs. Internalist Theories of Justification”, paper presented at the *International Symposium on Signification in Buddhist and French Tradition*, held at IAS, Shimla, in September, 2001.

Discussant at the panel discussion of the International Seminar on *Naturalised Epistemology: Western and Indian Philosophies*, held at Rabindrabharati University, Calcutta, in December, 2001.

Principal commentator on a paper presented in the National Seminar on *Grammar and Language* held at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, in December 1996.

SEMINARS ORGANISED:

International Conference on *Problem of the Self: Debates in Consciousness, Subjectivity and Otherness*, held at the Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, January 23-25, 2013.

International Conference on *From Experience to Thought: Debates in Consciousness, Cognition and Agency*, held at the Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, January 7-9, 2010.

International Seminar on *Self-knowledge and Agency*, held at the Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, January 10-12, 2007.

National Seminar on *Language, Meaning and Text*, held at Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in November, 2004.

MEMBERSHIP TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

Member of the Editorial Committee of Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (2014-)

Member of the Board of Studies, School of Social Sciences, J.N.U. (2004-2012)

Member of the Library Committee, School of Social Sciences, J.N.U. (2004)

Co-ordinator of monthly talks at the Centre for Philosophy, J.N.U. (2004-2007, 2009)

Acted as reviewer for *JICPR*, *ERKENNTNIS*