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Research Interest

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

Awards and Distinctions:

- 2011: Visiting Fellow, 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.

- 2007-8: Research Fellowship of the Endeavour Research Fellowship Programme of the Australian Government to pursue research at Monash University, Melbourne, and Australian National University, Canberra. 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: Fellow 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.

Academic Qualifications

1996 Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland (UK).
Thesis topic: *Attitudes and their Attributions*.

1992 M.Phil. from the Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata Dissertation topic: *Abstract Entities*.

1988 M.A. in Philosophy (with Logic as special paper) from Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta.

Teaching Experience

- 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.

Publications

Articles:

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

- “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.

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:

- *Problems of the Self: Debates in Consciousness, Subjectivity and Otherness*, manuscript under preparation.
- *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

- **“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.

Conference/Seminar Organized

- International Conference on *Problems of the Self: Debates in Consciousness, Subjectivity and Otherness*, held at the Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, January 23-25, 20013.
- 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.