

Curriculum Vitae

Name of the Faculty: Dr. Sharmistha Dhar

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Qualifications:

B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy from Jadavpur University

M.Phil in Cognitive Science from Jadavpur University

PhD in Philosophy from Jadavpur University

Research Experience

- I was awarded a full-time Project fellowship by the School of Cognitive Science, Jadavpur University, for pursuing research in the area of haptic cognitive capabilities of the visually challenged population. The project was funded by the Department of Information and Technology, Government of India, under the National project on perception and cognition.
- I was awarded the UGC-Junior Research Fellowship for pursuing doctoral studies tenable at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata-700032. The area of my research was at the intersection of

metaphysics, philosophy of mind and neuroscience where I was trying to embark on an in-depth understanding of the roles of lineal neurophysiological activities in the prefrontal cortices and the stochastic unified conscious mental field in hewing out a model of the genesis of intentional behaviour.

Administrative Experience

I served as the Coordinator of the Department of Philosophy, Diamond Harbour Women's University from 20.09.2017 to 01.12.2017 and again from 28.11.2018 to 19.12.2018.

Teaching Experience

In the odd semester of the PG Programme I taught the following courses:

- Indian epistemology (*Vivaraṇāprameyasamgraha*)
- Indian metaphysics (*Samkhya-Tattvakaumudī*)
- Western epistemology (Kant)
- Early and Later Wittgenstein (Philosophy of Language)
- Healthcare issues and Genethics in Indian and western applied ethics
- Prācīna Nyāya

In the even semester of the PG Programme I taught the following courses:

- Western metaethics
- Buddhist ethics and Pūrva Mīmāṃsā ethics (*Arthasamgraha*)

- Philosophy of religion
- Indian and western Environmental Ethics and Animal Ethics, Moral Psychology in the Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā texts.
- Existentialism

Post Graduate Supervision

I supervised the M.A. dissertation of 4th semester students working in different areas of Applied ethics such as Buddhist view of abortion, the concept of respect for life in Buddhist environmental ethics, the moral problem centring around commercial surrogate motherhood, active vs. passive euthanasia, animal rights debate to name a few.

Publications

International

- “Morphological Intentionality: Tracing the Unconscious Trajectory of Free Will”, forthcoming in the Spring Volume (9) of *Journal of East West Thought*, International Association for East West Studies, California Institute of Polytechnic, Pomona, ISSN No.: 2161-7236 (Print), 2168-2259 (Online).
- “The Ontology of Agency in the Light of Deterministic Causation: A Folk-Psychological Study”. (2018). *Journal of East West Thought*, International

Association for East West Studies, California Institute of Polytechnic, Pomona, 8(2), 61-76. ISSN No.: 2161-7236 (Print), 2168-2259 (Online).

- “Affective Intuition and Rule Deployment: The Dénouement of Moral Judgment”. (2010). *International Journal On Humanistic Ideology: Studies Into The Nature And Origin Of Humanistic Ideas*, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj University Press, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 3(1), 141-152. ISSN No.: 1844-458x.
- “Compatibilism vs. Incompatibilism: An Integrated Approach from Participant Stance and Affect”. (2009). *Logos Architekton: Journal of Logic and Philosophy of Science*, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj University Press, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 3(2), 247-269. ISSN No.: 2065-0469.
- “Determinism: Do Untutored Intuitions Feed the Bugbears?”. (2009). *International Journal On Humanistic Ideology: Studies Into The Nature And Origin Of Humanistic Ideas*, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj University Press, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2(1), 167-189. ISSN No.: 1844-458x.

National

- “A Metaphysics for Phenomenal Freedom: An Analysis from Classical Indian and Western Philosophical Perspectives”. (2018). *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*. Published online first by **Springer** on

27th June, 2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40961-018-0153-y>). Online ISSN No.: 2363-9962.

- “The Ontology of Intentional Agency in Light of Neurobiological Determinism: Philosophy Meets Folk Psychology”. (2017). *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, 34 (1), 129-149, ISSN No.: 0970-7794.
- “The Metaphysical Prospect of Free Will in the Light of Deterministic Causation: A Comparative Study from the Perspectives of Some Leading Indian Schools of Thought and Western Philosophy”. (2015). *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, 24 (1), 83-100. ISSN No.: 0975-6833.
- “Can Determinism Give a Causal Explanation of Intentional Behaviour? Revisiting the Concepts of Determinism, Fatalism and Rational Agency”. (2015). *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, 32(1), 79–91. ISSN No.: 0970-7794.
- “Determinism and Freedom of Agency: Through the Lens of Folk-Psychology”. (2011). *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, 21(1), 131-142. ISSN No.: 0975-6833.
- “Affect and Moral Judgment: An Empirical Perspective”. (2008). *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, 35(1-4), 185-200. ISSN No.:0376-415x.

Paper Presentation

- I presented a paper titled **“Is Man a Free Causal Agent?: Some Insights from Folk Theories”** in a Two Week National Workshop on Vaiśeṣika Ontology organized by the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University in collaboration with the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, during 18-29th August, 2008.
- I presented a paper titled **“Transcending the Gender Dualism: The Hindu Woman of Swami Vivekananda’s Vision in Light of Sister Nivedita’s Living Portrayal”** in a Two-Day National Seminar on Women’s Studies: Concepts, Facets, Prospects organized by the Faculty of Arts, Diamond Harbour Women’s University and sponsored by Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal, held on 8th and 9th March 2017.
- I presented a paper titled **“Respect for Nonhuman Form of Life”** in a one-day State-level Seminar themed on Man and environment: Some Philosophical Reflections on 15th November, 2018 in commemoration of **World Philosophy Day** organized by the Department of Philosophy, Diamond Harbour Women’s University.

Other Activities

- Jointly organized a **One-Day State level Seminar** themed on **“*Man and Environment: Some Philosophical Reflections*”** in

commemoration of World Philosophy Day on 15th November, 2018 at Diamond Harbour Women's University.

- I was invited by the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University to act as a rapporteur for the ICPR-sponsored National Seminar on Dalit Epistemology and Feminism organized by the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University held between 26th and 27th February, 2015.
- I was invited to review scholarly papers titled “On revisiting the Ethical structure of Economics in the light of Bhagavad gita” and “The Knowing Self” submitted to the *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* for publication.

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