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Samiksha Goyal

Areas of Specialization (AOS)

Indian Philosophy, Ethics, Comparative Philosophy (Indian and Western), Social and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence (AOC)

History of Western Philosophy, Logic, Applied Ethics

Employment

2025- Current Simon Fraser University
Postdoctoral Fellow, Extending New Narratives in Philosophy

2024-2025 Australian Catholic University (Sessional)
Teaching Assistant, Moral and Political Philosophy

2020-2025 Monash University
Teaching Assistant (Sessional)
Philosophy

Education

Monash University
PhD—conferred November 1st, 2023
Title: Gandhi's Anāsakti Yoga, Disinterest and Moral Inquiry
Supervisors: Prof. Justin Oakley and Prof. Jacqueline Broad

Philosophy Department, University of Delhi
Master of Philosophy 2016 (First Division)
Title: An Ethical Critique of Capitalism: Gandhian thought
Supervisors: A/Prof. K.P. Shankaran and Prof. P. Kesava

Indraprastha College, University of Delhi
Master of Arts Philosophy 2013 (First Division)
Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) Philosophy (First Division) 2011

Publications

Peer-reviewed

1. Mukherji, Nirmalangshu and Samiksha Goyal. 2022. "Gandhi's Moral Agents." *Economic and Political Weekly* LVII, no.13: 70-76.
2. Goyal, Samiksha. 2022. "Gandhi and Moral Agency: A Study of Political Literature." In *APA Studies, Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*, edited by Douglas Allen, Yarran Hominh, and Minh Nguyen 22, no. 1(Special issue on The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi): 15-20.
3. Goyal, Samiksha and Nirmalangshu Mukherji. 2020. "Gandhi and Saintliness." *Economic and Political Weekly* LV, no. 36: 49-55.

Other publications

1. Goyal, Samiksha. 2024. "Approaching Gandhian Metaethics: Some methodological issues." In *The Routledge Companion to Indian Ethics: Gender, Justice, Ecology*, edited by Purushottam Bilimoria and Amy Rayner. Routledge. 444-543.
2. Goyal, Samiksha. 2020. "Gandhi: Philosopher or Pragmatic Politician? Gandhi Against Caste by Nishikant Kolge, Oxford University Press 2017; Total Pages 316; ISBN 13: 978-0-19-947429-5 (Hardcover) Price 695 INR." *Journal of Dharma Studies* 3: 197-206. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42240-019-00045-y> (Review discussion).

Under review

1. Goyal, Samiksha. "The Problem of Interest-relativity in Bernard Williams and a Gandhian Response"

Funding Received

2023	Monash Postgraduation Publication Award
2019-2023	Monash Graduate Scholarship Monash International Tuition Scholarship
2013-2016	Non-Net Fellowship, University of Delhi

Teaching

As a primary instructor (Undergrad)

Guest Lecturer

2022: Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) Global Study Abroad-Summer
Topic: Gandhi's philosophy: self-rule

Course Instructor at University of Delhi

2016-17 *Kamala Nehru College*

Ethics in the Public Domain (General Elective)

Aesthetics II (Hons)

Ethics (Hons)

2017 *Miranda House College*

Art and Film Appreciation (Hons)

Symbolic Logic (General Elective)

As a Teaching Associate

Monash University (Undergrad)

2020 Ethics of Global Conflict (Robert Sparrow)

2020 Critical Thinking Summer Intensive (Andrew Mckilliam)

2021 Ethics (Daniel Muñoz)

2021 Life, Death and Morality (Daniel Muñoz)

2022 Ethics of Global Conflict (Robert Sparrow)

2023 Ethics of Global Conflict (Gene Flenady)

2023 Life, Death and Morality (Gene Flenady)

2023 Critical Thinking (Luke Fenton-Glynn)

2024 Ethics of Global Conflict (Gene Flenady)

2024 Time, Self, and Mind (Tim Bayne and Michelle Liu)

Australian Catholic University (Undergrad)

2024 Ethics and the Good Life (Nick Trakakis)

2025 A Just Society (Caleb Perl)

Keynote Address

Gandhi, a Philosopher

Keynote address, Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference

November 14-15, 2024

Select Presentations

Reinterpreting *Aparigraha*: Bridging the householder and ascetic divide in Jain view
Peace and Dharma Conference

Fresno State October 2025

Gitā’s Karma, Gandhi’s Dharma, and Individual Agency in War
Cross-Cultural Reflections on Political Philosophy – Indian, Chinese, and Anglo-American Perspectives in Dialogue
MANCEPT Workshops 2024

Approaching Gandhian Metaethics
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 2024

Gandhi and Williams on the problem of Interest Relativity
Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2023

Anger Coaching and the Case for Righteous Anger
James Wells (Co-presenter), York University
Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2023

Berlin and Gandhi on Value Pluralism (peer reviewed)
Prof. Joseph Campbell (co-presenter), Washington State University
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2022 (In person)

Moral agency in Gandhi’s thought (peer reviewed)
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2021 (Online)

Is Anāsakti yoga a form of disinterest?
Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2021 (Online)
Melbourne Uni Postgraduate Colloquium, March 2021 (In person)

Approaching Gandhian Metaethics
Australasian Philosophy Postgraduate Conference, December 2019

Was Gandhi a Moral Saint?
Victoria Postgraduate Philosophy Workshop, University of Melbourne, July 2019

Reading Akeel Bilgrami’s Gandhi (and Marx)
Summer Institute Princeton-ANU-Humboldt, July 2019

Gandhi’s notion of Anāsakti
Australasian association of Philosophy, July 2019

The Religious and the Moral in Gandhi’s Anāsakti Yoga
Gandhi and Religion- Multidisciplinary Perspectives
Hindu College, University of Delhi, February 2019

Commentator

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2021

Swaraj as free will and positive liberty: Gandhi's unfettered compatibilism

Prof. Joseph Campbell, Washington State University

Referee

Journal of Dharma Studies, Springer

Book Reviews Editor

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Languages known

English (Proficient, Research language)

Hindi (Proficient, Mother language)

Sanskrit (Intermediate)

References

Available on request