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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

Gītā'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-Humbolt, 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**

Sophia

### **Languages known**

English (Proficient, Research language)

Hindi (Proficient, Mother language)

Sanskrit (Intermediate)

### **References**

Available on request