

# Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Dr. Pralayankar Bhattacharyya

**Designation:** Associate Professor

**Department:** Philosophy, University of Calcutta

**Academic Qualification:** M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.

**Experience:**

**2008- Present**

Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta

**2001-2008**

Department of Philosophy, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur.

**Areas of Specialization:** Political Philosophy, Ethics, Existentialism

**Areas of Interest & Research:** Political Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Ethics, Existentialism and Phenomenology, Metaphysics, Postmodernism, Philosophy of Mind, Postcolonialism, Kantian Ethics, Contemporary Indian Thinkers.

**Research Guidance:**

**Mphil: No of candidates degree awarded: 07**

**PhD: No of candidates registered: 04**

**Other Information:** Member, Board of Studies, Department of Philosophy, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College (Autonomous), Narendrapur; associated (as a guest faculty) with the PG section, Department of Philosophy, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira (Autonomous), Belur Math.

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## Articles Published:

1. 'Environmental Ethics and Consumer Society', in the book entitled *Towards a Better Tomorrow*, published by Puran Gabeshana Samstha, 2004.
2. 'Consumer Culture and Beyond: An Existential Understanding', in *The Journal of the Indian Academy of Philosophy*, edited by Sanat Kr. Sen and Rabindranath Banerjee, 2006.
3. 'Utilitarianism Revisited: A Comparative Account of J. Rawls and A. Sen', in *Ethics: Classical and Contemporary*, edited by P. Sarcar, (September, 2010).
4. 'Swami Vivekananda's Thought About Jati and Varna System' (Bengali), in *Tattva o Prayog* (Bengali Journal), published by Darshan O Samaj Trust, (Sept, 2013), edited by Prahlad Kr. Sarkar.
5. 'Marxism, Capitalism and the Middle Class Intellectuals', (in Bengali), in *Darshan* (Bengali Journal), edited by Karuna Bhattacharyya and Subirranjan Bhattacharyya.
6. 'Phenomenological and Existential Ethics: Revisiting Kantian Formalism', in the Anthology *The Concept of Morality: Indian and Western*, edited by Samim Ahmed and Arup Kr. Dhabal, (in February, 2016). ISBN : 978-81-928 110-8-6
7. 'Alienation: Hegel, Marx and the Existential Tradition', (Patr-I), in *The Journal of the Indian Academy of Philosophy*, in 2016, edited by S. K. Sen, R. Banerjee, and S. R. Bhattacharyya, ISSN: 0019-4271.
8. 'Kierkegaard on Moral Love' in the journal entitled *Philosophy and the Life-World*, Vidyasagar University Journal of Philosophy, edited by Bhupendra Chandra Das, vol-18 (2015-2016) (ISSN 0975-8461).
9. 'Hegel's Dialectic: Understanding Metaphysical Logic', in the peer reviewed journal *Swaprakasa*, published by RKM Vidyamandir, Belur Math.
10. 'Sartre on Pre-reflective Consciousness: Some Reflections', in the refereed journal *Journal of the Department of Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, (ISSN: 2277-985x, vol- xi).
11. 'Understanding Belief in God: Rationalist Approach vs Kant's Critical Approach', in the Anthology *Exploring the Edges of Belief: A Cognitive Myth*, (ISSBN: 978-81-32156-12-7), published by Papyrus, (April, 2017)
12. 'Existence and Morality: Heidegger and the Call of Conscience', in the Anthology *Interpreting the Self*, (ISBN 978-93-84106-92-8), published by Levant Books, ( June, 2017).
13. 'Affluence, Advertising and Morality', in *Rabindra Bharati Journal of Philosophy*, ,ytisrevinU itarahB ardnibaR(yaM, ,(2017

14. 'A Marxian Interpretation of Subjectivity and the Politics of Praxis', in the refereed Journal *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, Jadavpur University, (ISSN: 0975, 6833), (2018).
15. 'A Critical Survey of Gandhi 's Ethics of Non -violence ',in the book entitld *Relevance of the Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi and B.R. Ambedkar*, published by Rohini Nandan, (ISBN: 978-81-937379-7-2), (2018).
16. 'Heidegger on the Ontological Orientation of Dasein', in the *Journal of the Department of Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, (ISSN: 2277-985x), 2018.
17. 'আত্মপরিচয়ের দিগদিগন্তঃ একটি দার্শনিক প্রতিবেদন', in the refereed journal বাংলা বিভাগীয় পত্রিকা, যাদবপুর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, (2019) ।
18. 'Alienation: Hegel, Marx and the Existential Tradition', (Part-II), in *The Journal of the Indian Academy of Philosophy*, in 2019, (ISSN: 0019-4271), (2019).

### **Chapter in Book:**

1. 'Understanding Marxian Humanism: Challenges and Prospects', in the book entitled *Marxian Theory: Assessment and Relevance in the Post Reform Era*, published by Madhav Books (p) Ltd., (A Unit of Serials Publication).

### **Anthologies/Books Edited**

1. *Epistemic Problems: Some Reflections*, (as an associate editor), with Prof P. Sarkar, Prof, R. Chakraborty, Prof. U Chattopadhyay, published by Radiance.
2. *Some Essays on Utilitarianism*, with Dr, M. Jahan, published by the Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, in collaboration with Maha Bodhi Book Agency.

### **Invited Lectures / Papers Presented**

1. Presented a paper entitled "Violence and the Illusion of Tolerance" at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on 'Violence versus Tolerance, at the Department of Philosophy, Vidyanagar College, on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.
2. Presented a paper entitled "Understanding the Utilitarian Concept of Well-being" at the National Seminar on 'Utilitarianism and beyond', organized by the department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, (2011).

3. Delivered an invited lecture on “Self-knowledge And its Conditions”, at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, on March, 27, 2014.
4. Delivered an invited lecture on “Plato’s Philosophy of State”, at the Department of History, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College (Autonomous), Narendrapur, on April, 24, 2014.
5. Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Consumerism and Morality”, at the Department of Philosophy, Sarat Centenary College, Hooghly, on December, 12, 2014.
6. Presented a paper entitled “Nationalism and Contemporary Liberal Democracy”, at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on ‘Sub-nationalism, Regionalism and Terrorism’, at the Department of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, on February, 27, 2015.
7. Delivered a course of six lectures on “Political Philosophy of John Rawls”, to a group of teachers from Jain Vishwa Bharati University, Rajasthan, from June, 20, 2015, to July, 5, 2015.
8. Presented a paper entitled “Phenomenological and Existential Ethics”, at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on ‘The Concept of Morality: Indian and Western’, at the Department of Philosophy, R.K. Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, on September, 29, 2015.
9. Presented a paper entitled “Deontological Liberalism”, at the National Seminar on ‘Theories of Ethics: Teleological and Deontological’, at the Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, on February, 24, 2016.
10. Presented a paper entitled “Existence and Beyond: Heidegger and Sartre”, at the National Seminar on ‘Existence and Morality: Philosophical Perspectives’, at the Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga, on March, 11, 2016.
11. Presented a paper entitled “Kierkegaard on Personal God”, at the National Seminar on ‘Spirituality: Within and Beyond Religion’, at the Department of Philosophy, West Bengal State University, on March, 18, 2016.
12. Delivered an Extension Lecture on “Theories of Ethics”, at the Department of Philosophy, Mahishadal Raj College, Midnapore, (2016).
13. Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Existentialism”, at the Department of English, R.K.M. Residential College (Autonomous), Narendrapur, on September, 27, 2016.

14. Presented a paper entitled “Rationality, Religious Belief and Social Coherence”, at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on ‘Exploring the Edges of Belief: A Cognitive Myth’, at the Department of Philosophy, Vidyannagar College, (2016).
15. Presented a paper entitled “Understanding Marxian Humanism”, at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on ‘Assessment and Relevance of the Concepts of Marx’, at the Department of philosophy, Prabhu Jagatbandhu College, Andul, on November, 15, 2016.
16. Presented a paper entitled “Gandhi on Nonviolence”, at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on ‘Relevance of the Thoughts of mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, organized by the Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, Maharaja Manindra College, Kolkata, on February, 7, 2017.
17. Delivered an Extension Lecture on “Rawls on Theory of Justice”, at the Department of Philosophy, R.K. Sarada Vidyabhavan, Kolkata, on Feb, 16, 2017.
18. Presented a paper entitled “Concept of Freedom: Kant, Mill and Rawls”, in the State-level Seminar on ‘Concept of Freedom’, at the Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, on March, 16, 2017.
19. Presented a paper entitled “Subjectivity and the Politics of Praxis: In the Context of Binary and Beyond”, at the State-level Seminar on ‘Binary and Beyond’, at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, on March, 30, 2017.
20. Delivered an Extension Lecture on “The Concept of Democracy”, at the Department of Philosophy, Victoria Institution, Kolkata, on September, 15, 2017.
21. Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Capital Punishment”, at the ICPR National Seminar on ‘Moral Dilemma’, at the Department of Philosophy, South Calcutta Girls’ College, Kolkata, on November, 21, 2017.
22. Presented a paper entitled “An Excursion into Gandhi’s Cosmopolitanism”, in a National Seminar on ‘Gandhi: The Man and His Thoughts’, organized by Indian Psychoanalytical Society, on March, 2, 2019.
23. Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Communitarianism and Multiculturalism”, at the Department of Philosophy, The University of Burdwan, on March 28, 2019.
24. Presented a paper entitled “Kantian Autonomy and Beyond”, at the State-level Seminar on ‘Philosophical Explorations’, at the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, on May, 10, 2019.

<b>Period- March .2017 - December, 2022</b>	<b>Title of Paper Presented</b>	<b>Title of Seminar</b>	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>Whether International/N ational/State/R egional/College/ Univ</b>
1	Concept of Freedom: Kant, Mill and Rawls	Concept of Freedom	Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calcutta	State
2	Is Capital Punishment a Case of Genuine Moral Dilemma between Life and Death?	The Moral Dilemma Between Life and Death: East and West	South Calcutta Girls' College	National
3	Subjectivity and the Politics of Praxis: In the Context of Binary and Beyond	Binaries and Beyond	The Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Jadavpur University Jadavpur University	State
4	An Exploration into Kant's Notion of Autonomy	Philosophical Explorations	Jadavpur University	State
5	Some Basic Ideas of Gandhi's Political Thought	The Socio-Political and Ethical Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi	Department of Philosophy Diamond Harbour Women's University	State
6	Revisiting the Question of National Reconstruction and Tagore's Response	Basic Values Embodied in Indian Culture and their Relevance to National Reconstruction	Government General Degree College, Singur, W.B	National
7	Individual and Free Will: In the Context of Pandemic	Changing Dynamics in the Individual's Relation to Free Will:...In the Context of Pandemic 2020	Chandraketugarh S.S. Mahavidyalaya, W.B.	State
8	The Phenomenon of Anxiety: The Existential Approach	Pandemic and the Existential Crisis: A Philosophical Exploration	Asannagar M.M.T. College, Nadia, W.B.	National
9	Our Goal is to Become the Truth: Tagore and Contemporary Times	Tagore and Contemporary Times	Raja Peary Mohan College, Hooghly, W.B.	National
10	Pandemic and the Interface between Lived Life and Virtual Life	Pandemic and Virtual Life	Serampore Girls' College, W.B.	State
11	Pandemic and Social Cooperation: Readings in Social Ethics	Pandemic and Social Cooperation	Digboi College, Assam	National
12	Modernity and Postmodernity	Culture Beyond Modernism: The	Jadavpur University	National

		Continental Canvas		
13	Free Will, Morality and the Throw of the Dice: An Exposition After Mahabharata	Morality and Values Embedded in Indian Culture	Victoria Institution	National
14	Radhakrishnan's Concept of Democracy	Radhakrishnan: His Social and Political Thought	Rabindra Bharati University	State
15	Let us Live Suprahistorically in History	Philosophy of History	Department of History, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College(Autonomous) Narendrapur	College
16	Pandemic and Social, Economic and Ethical Issues	Covid—19: Some Ethical and Social Issues	Egra S.S.B. College, W.B.	State
17	Courage of Nonviolence	Reflections on Some Philosophical Issues	Barasat Govt. College W.B.	College
18	Pandemic and the Philosophy of Loneliness: An Existential-Psychological Exploration	Pandemic and Loneliness	Narasinha Dutt College, W.B.	College
19	Cessation of Suffering, God and Atheism	Some Issues in Indian Philosophy	Dum Dum Motijheel College, W.B.	College
20	Conceptualizing the form of Greed	Conceptualizing the form of Greed	Asutosh College, Kolkata	College
21	Role of Philosophy in Literature	Refresher Course in Bengali, Jadavpur University		National
22	Hegel's Dialectic	Philosophical Methodology	North Bengal University	National
23	Hiralal Haldar on Realistic Idealism	Refresher Course in Philosophy, CU on Contemporary Indian thinkers	University of Calcutta	National
24	Workshop on New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 (As an EC member, Fortis Hospital, Research Section)	Fortis Hospital Kolkata		National