

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Walter Menezes
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Educational Qualifications

Ph. D. thesis in Advaita Vedānta titled, “Reality and Experience in Advaita Vedānta: A Thematic Study of the Conception of Ātman in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi of Śaṅkara,” IIT Bombay, 2014.

M.A. in Philosophy (*First Rank and Gold Medal*), Goa University, 2007
B. Ph., Pallotti Institute of Philosophy & Religion, Goa, 1997
B.Th., Pontificia Studiorum Universitas A. S. Thoma AQ, URBE, 2004
MA (Sanskṛt), Pune University May 2018
NET, Philosophy, UGC 2008
AIBE, Law 2011

Additional Qualifications

LLM, University of Pune, India, 2015
LLB, University of Bangalore, India, 2010.
B.Com, Nagpur University, India 2000

Post-Doctoral Research Topic

- 1) Is *Viveka* a *Pramāṇa* in the Advaita?: *Exploring the Indubitable Path towards the Non-duality*, at Department of Philosophy, Goa University, Panaji, Goa, India, 2014-2015.
- 2) *The Symbolism of the Metaphysical Cross in the Sāṅkhya System*.

Area of Specialization

Advaita Vedanta, Vedanta Philosophy, Indian Metaphysics & Epistemology.

Areas of Competence

South Asian Philosophy

Vedic-Epic Culture: Religion & Philosophy, Upanisads, Orthodox Systems (Sāṅkhya-Yoga, Nyaya-Vaiśeṣika, Mīmāṃsā); Heterodox: (Buddhism, Jainism, Cārvāka), Trika Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Aesthetics (Indian/Western)

South Asian Religions

The Sacred texts of India, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sects of Hinduism (Vaiṣṇavism, Kashmir Śaivism & allied areas), Comparative Religion

Ethics & Western Philosophy

Indian Ethics, Applied Ethics,

Pre-Socratic Philosophers, Greek Philosophers, Modern Western Philosophy, Logic (Formal Logic & Inductive), Legal Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Critical Thinking (*Seminar: 1) Suicide; 2)*

Ethical Decision Making)

Experience

Teaching Experience

Lecturer in Philosophy: Pallotti Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Assagao, Goa, 2007-2009.

Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy: Pallotti Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Assagao, Goa, 2009-2013.

Assistant Professor in Indian Philosophy & Religion: Pallotti Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Assagao, Goa, Jan 2014-Dec. 2014.

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, New Delhi, from Jan 2016 to May 2016

Visiting Faculty, Pallotti Institute of Philosophy & Religion, Assagao, Goa from June 2016 to June 2017.

Assistant Professor, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, New Delhi, from July 2017 to June 2020.

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Goa University from June 2020 to till date.

Research Experience

General Fellow of the Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR) for the Post Doctoral Research at Goa University, Goa, India, July 2014-Dec 2015.

Awards and Recognitions

General Fellow, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 2014-2015

Awarded *Shri Dilip Kumar Rayu Prabhu Mhambre Gold Medal* for standing first in Philosophy at M. A. examination held in April, 2007.

Qualified and Awarded 'National Eligibility for Lectureship' in Philosophy, UGC 2008.

Awarded Research Scholarship at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay under **Teaching Assistant** category from 2010 to 2014.

Selected and Awarded Financial Assistance to participate in the Second Summer Workshop on "Kashmir Śaivism" at ICPR, Lucknow from 28th May to 10th June 2012.

Awarded scholarship by DAAD, Germany to participate in the International Summer School on "Metaphysics or Modernity" at the University of Bamberg, Germany from 4 to 18th August 2012.

Granted Financial Assistance by IIT Bombay for Participating and Presenting Papers in "The Fifth World Conference on Metaphysics at Rome, Italy from 7th to 11th November 2012.

Awarded scholarship from John Templeton at the University of Mainz to participate in the Summer School and Conference titled: "Philosophical Perspectives on Theological Realism" from 26/08 to 11/09/2013 at Erbacher Hof, Mainz, Germany (declined under unforeseen circumstances).

Selected and Awarded Financial Assistance to Participate in the Summer Workshop on "*Vākyapadīyam*" at ICPR, Lucknow from 1st March to 11th March 2014 (declined under unforeseen circumstances).

Selected and granted the Financial Award to participate in the second Summer School on "Eurasian Religions in Contact II, at University of Bochum, Germany from 21 to 31 July 2014.

Received Financial Award for Organizing ICPR Periodical Lectures, 2020 under the Department of Philosophy, St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

Awarded the Certificate of Legal Practice for Clearing All India Bar Council Exam, 2011.

Other Contributions:

Unit Writer: BA Philosophy Honors Students, Indira Gandhi National University, New Delhi, 2018-19

- 1) Philosophy of Suicide
- 2) Ethics & Technology

List of Publications

BOOKS

1. Walter Menezes, *Exploring Ātman from the Perspective of the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi* (ISBN: 9783319627601), Palgrave MacMillan, USA 2017.

Books in Progress

1. U. A. Vinay Kumar Rao & Walter Menezes (eds.), *The Metaphysics of Religious Symbols: Tracing the Metaphysical Meaning of Religions through Symbols*.
2. Walter Menezes (ed.), *Plurality and Logical Mysticism: Exploring Logical Mysticism in Indian Religions*.
3. Walter Menezes, (ed.), *Is Religion Secular?: Depolarizing Faith & Reason for a Practical Definition of Religion*.
4. Walter Menezes, *Is Viveka a Pramāṇa in the Advaita?: Exploring the Indubitable Path towards the Nonduality*, under consideration for the publication with 'Indian Council of Philosophical Research' as part of Post-Doctoral Project.

Chapters in Books:

1. Walter Menezes, "Theodicy" in *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*, Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands 2017: Edited by K.T.S. Rao and Jeffery D. Long, ISBN: 9789402408515.
2. Walter Menezes, "PratyakṣaJñāna and AparokṣaJñāna: Exploring the Scientific Nature of Metaphysics in Vivekacūḍāmaṇi of Śaṅkara" in *Perception: An Interdisciplinary Exploration*, S. Painadath & Sreekala M. Nair (eds.) (Delhi: ISPCK, 2013) (ISBN 9788184652697), 66-85.

Published in International Journals

1. Walter Menezes, "Is Viveka a Unique Pramāṇa in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi?," *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, Springer, vol. 42 (2-3) 2016 (ISSN 0022-1791), 155-177.
2. Walter Menezes, "Symbiosis, Paradoxes and Dialectics: A Narrative of the Nondual Path in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi," *JICPR*, Springer, 33(1), (ISSN: 0970-7794) 2016. 137-149.
3. Walter Menezes, "Freedom and Grace in Advaita Vedānta: Śaṅkara's Perspectives in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi," *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology*, ARIPD, March, 2014, Vol. 2, No. 1 (ISSN: 2333-5769), 17-33.
4. Walter Menezes, "Theory and Practise: Tracing Symbiotic Relations in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi of Śaṅkara," *Humanities and Social Sciences Review*, 2 (1) 2013 (ISSN: 21656258), 197-206.
5. Walter Menezes, "The Fading Boundaries of Analysis and Speculation: Discussing the Role of Philosophy in the Path of Self-Realisation," *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Springer, (ISSN: 0970-7794), (Doi.org/10.1007/s40961-019-00182-6), Vol. 36 (3), 2019, 447-467.
6. Walter Menezes, "The Primacy of Language in the Sacred Texts: An Inference from the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi," *Journal of Asian Philosophy*, Taylor & Francis Group (doi.org/10.1080/09552367.2020.1766843).

International Conference Proceedings

1. Walter Menezes, "Metaphysics to Mysticism: The Role of Language in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi," in *Proceedings Metaphysics 2012. 5th World Conference*, Varios Autores, Fundación Fernando Rielo, Madrid (Spain), ISBN 9788486942960.
2. Walter Menezes, "Dialogue & Education: Revisiting the Non-dualistic Vedic Curriculum," in *Proceedings Metaphysics 2012. 5th World Conference*, Varios Autores, Fundación Fernando Rielo, Madrid (Spain), ISBN 9788486942960.

Published in National Journals

1. Walter Menezes, "The Vivekacūḍāmaṇi of Śaṅkara: Its Philosophical and Religious Significance in Advaita Vedānta," *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, 5 (2), 2011 (ISSN 09740090), 196-213.
2. Walter Menezes, "The Significance of Mokṣa-mārga in Vivekacūḍāmaṇi," *ASM Journal*, 85, 2011-2012 (ISSN 09720766), 127-146.
3. Walter Menezes, "Role of Intuition in Religious Experience: An Advaitic Perspective with reference to the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi of Śaṅkara," *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, 8 (1), 2014 (ISSN 09740090), 55-78.
4. The Role of Language in Non-Dual Realisation: Śaṅkara's Perspectives in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi," *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, 9 (1), 2014 (ISSN 09740090), 76-96.
5. Walter Menezes, "Randomness and Divine Providence in Brahman: Deciphering the Problem of Theodicy from the Perspective of the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi," *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, 10 (2) 2016 (ISSN 09740090), 105-127.

List of Conferences/Paper Presentations

International

1. Participated in International Conference on "Language, Mind & Reality", A Reflection on Philosophical Thoughts of Prof. R. C. Pradhan, organized at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, in collaboration with the Indian Council for Philosophical Research, on 5-7 March 2012.
2. Participated in 3rd International Interfaith Conference on Promoting Interfaith Dialogue in Multi-Religious Communities at City Montessori School, Asharfabad Campus, Lucknow from 12th to 14th July, 2012.
3. Participated and **Presented Paper** titled: "Theory and Practice: Tracing Symbiotic Relations in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi of Śaṅkara," in the International Conference for Academic Disciplines at **American University of Rome, Italy**, from 29th October to 1st November 2012.
4. Participated and **Presented two Papers** titled: "Dialogue & Education: Revisiting the Non-Dualistic Vedic Curriculum" and "Ātman and Aparokṣānubhūti: The Metaphysics & Mysticism in the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi," in the "Metaphysics 2012: Fifth World International Conference, held at **Fondazioneidentente di Studi e di Ricerca in Rome, Italy**, from 8th to 10th November 2012.

List of Workshops/Paper Presentations

International

1. Participated in the workshop on "Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit", conducted at Indian Institute of Technology- Bombay, in collaboration with the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute on 14 – 18 March 2011.
2. Participated in the second International Workshop on "Kashmir Śaivism" at ICPR, Lucknow from 28th May to 10th June 2012.
3. Participated in the International Summer School on "Metaphysics or Modernity" at **University of Bamberg, Germany**, by **Prof. Saul Kripke, Barry Stroud, Richard King and Jorge Gracia** from 4 to 18 August 2012.
4. Participated and **Presented Paper** titled: "Symbols, Festivals, and Practices in India: Cross-Cultural Encounter and Emerging Trends" in "Eurasian Religions at Contact II, 2014" at **University of Bochum, Germany** from 22-30 July, 2014.
5. Participated and **Presented Paper** titled: "Beyond the Enigma: The Metaphysics of Witnessing in Śaṅkara's Vivekacūḍāmaṇi" in the International Seminar on "Identity and Otherness" from 6 – 7

January 2013 at Department of Philosophy, Panjab University, Chandigarh, In Collaboration with Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, Washington D.C. and ICPR, New Delhi.

National

1. Participated in the National Seminar on Yoga- “Yoga Māla” organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi on 15-17 November 2006 at Goa University.
2. Participated and **presented paper** titled: “The Philosophical Foundations of Education in Advaita Vedanta” in National Seminar on *Philosophy & Distance Learning: Innovation in Knowledge Infusion*, on 28 – 29 October 2010 at Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi.
3. Participated and **presented Paper** titled: “Pratyakṣa-jñāna and Parokṣa-jñāna: Exploring the Scientific Nature of Metaphysics in Vivekacūḍāmaṇi of Śaṅkara,” in the National Seminar on “Philosophy of Perception: A Contemporary Perspective” on 26-27 March 2012 at Sameeksha Research Centre, in collaboration with ICPR and Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.
4. Participated in the Five day Workshop on Philosophy of Science from 4 to 8 March 2014, held at University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India.
5. Participated and **presented a Paper** titled “Reality and Diverse Interpretations: Seeing Violence, Suffering and God in World Religions” in the Three-day International Seminar on “World Religions: Enter, The Metaphysics,” held at International Centre Goa in collaboration with Goa University and ICPR from 25-27 Feb, 2015.
6. Participated and presented a paper titled: “The Fading Boundaries of Analysis and Speculation: Discussing the Role of Philosophy in the Path of Self-Realisation,” in the National Seminar on “Comparative and Critical Study of the Philosophical Systems/Movements and Religions,” held at the Department of Philosophy, Goa University, in collaboration with ICPR, New Delhi on 30th Nov. 2015.
7. Participated in a workshop on Indian Aesthetics, ICPR, International Guest House, New Delhi, 18-22 April, 2016

Official Respondent

1. Official Respondent to “Immediacy in knowledge Acquisition: Pratyakṣa Jñāna & Aparokṣa Jñāna by Dr. Uma Shankar, at National Seminar on “Philosophy of Perception: A Contemporary Perspective on 26-27 March 2012, Sameeksha Research Centre, Kalady, Kerala.

Panel Discussion

Participated in the Public Panel Discussion with Prof. Saul Kripke, Prof. Uwe Meixner and Prof. Uwe Voigt on “The Future of Metaphysics” at **Villa Concordia, University of Bamberg** from 3.00 to 8.00 pm, 17 August 2012.

Participated in the Round table panel discussion on the topic ‘Values in Aupaniṣadic Concept of Education,’ in “Metaphysics 2012: Fifth World International Conference, held at **Fondazioneidante di Studi e di Ricerca in Rome, Italy**, from 8th to 10th November 2012.

Talks

Delivered a three hour lecture on “An Introduction to Indian Philosophy,” to the Japanese Students of SOKA university under “SOKA University Exchange Programme,” at St. Stephen’s College on March 9, 2016.

Delivered an Inaugural Address on “Philosophy & Formation in John Paul II,” at Pallotti Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Assagao, Bardez, Goa on 13 June 2016.

Delivered a lecture on “Exploring Atman from the Perspective of the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi,” at the department of HSS, IIT Kharagpur on 1st Nov. 2017

Delivered a lecture on “Exploring Atman from the Perspective of the Vivekacūḍāmaṇi” at the department of HSS, IIT Kanpur on 07/02/2018

Organizing Academic Events

Part of the Organizing committee of the National Seminar on Yoga- “Yoga Māla” organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi on 15-17 November 2006 at Goa University.

Convenor of the Three-day International Seminar on “World Religions: Enter, The Metaphysics” at the Department of Philosophy, Goa University held from 25-27th Feb., 2015.

Part of the Organizing Committee of the National Seminar on “Comparative and Critical Study of Philosophical Systems and Religions of India at the Department of Philosophy, Goa University held from 30th Nov., 2015.

Organized ICPR Periodical Lectures on Feb 20-21, 2020 at the Department of Philosophy, St. Stephen’s College, Delhi.

Organized a webinar on WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY 2020 on the topic “The Importance of Philosophy in the NEP 2020” on 19th Nov, 2020 at the Department of Philosophy, Goa University, Goa.

Organized a webinar in association with DRDRM-GU on the topic “The Ethical Treatment of Research Subjects: A Social and Behavioural Sciences Perspective,” on 29th January 2021 at the Department of Philosophy, Goa University, Goa

Core Courses

Teaching Assignment at Pallotti Inst. of Phil. & Rel. PG

A. Indian Religions and Ancient Indian Culture (26)

- a) Vedic-Epic Religion & Culture (6) (PG)
- b) Indian Religions: I (Hinduism and Its Sects) (6) (PG)
- c) Other Religions: II (Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism,) (10) (PG)
- d) Modern Socio-Religious Movements (4) (PG)

B. Asian Philosophy (42)

- a) Sāṅkhya-Yoga, Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika, Mīmāṃsā: I (12) (PG)
- b) Vedānta Philosophy; II (6) (PG)
- c) Buddhism, Jainism, Cārvāka (12) (PG)
- d) Contemporary Indian Thinkers (6) (UG)
- e) Saivism (Kashmir Saivism, Veera Saivism) (6) (UG)

OTHERS:

1. Introduction to South Asian Philosophies (UG)
2. Sects of Hinduism (PG)
3. Reasoning in Indian Philosophy (Pallotti Institute of Philosophy & Religion, UG)
4. Philosophy of Law (UG)
5. Aesthetics (UG)
6. Pre-Socratic Philosophers (UG)
7. **Seminar: (Suicide (Philosophy of), Ethical Decision Making) (IGNOU)**

Teaching Assignments at St. Stephen’s College, Delhi: (Jan-May 2016)

1. Formal Logic (II Sem. BA Prog., MIL)
2. Ethical Theories (IV Sem. BA Prog.)
3. Philosophy of Language (VI Sem. BA Hon.)

4. Logic (IV Sem. BA Hon., GE)

Teaching Assignments at St. Stephen's College, Delhi: (July-Nov 2017)

1. Indian Philosophy (III Sem. BA Prog.)
2. Ethics at Public Domain (I Sem. BA Hon., GE)
3. Socio-Political Philosophy (III Sem. BA Hon.)
4. Technology & Ethics (V Sem. BA Hon., GE)

Teaching Assignments at St. Stephen's College, Delhi: (Jan-May 2018)

1. Philosophy of Religion (VI Sem. BA Hon.)
2. Texts of Indian Philosophy (Nyaya-Bindu Tika, *Vedanta-Paribhāṣa*, *Vivekacūḍāmaṇi*) (IV Sem. BA Hon.)
3. Inductive Logic (VI Sem. BA Hon., GE)

Teaching Assignments at St. Stephen's College, Delhi: (July-Nov 2018)

1. Philosophy of Science (V Sem. BA Hon.,)
2. Critical Thinking and Decision Making (III Sem. BA Hon.)
3. Ethics at Public Domain (I Sem. BA Hon., GE)

Teaching Assignments at St. Stephen's College, Delhi: (Jan-May 2019)

4. Jainism (VI Sem. BA Hon.)
5. Texts of Indian Philosophy (Nyaya-Bindu Tika, *Vedanta-Paribhāṣa*, *Vivekacūḍāmaṇi*) (IV Sem. BA Hon.)
6. Logic (IV Sem. BA Hon., GE)

Teaching Assignments at St. Stephen's College, Delhi: (July-Nov 2019)

1. Modern Western Philosophy (Descartes to Kant) (III Sem. BA Hon.)
7. Indian Philosophy (I Sem. BA Hon.)
8. Ethics in the Public Domain (I Sem. BA Hon., GE)

Teaching Assignments at St. Stephen's College, Delhi: (Jan-May 2020)

9. Jainism (VI Sem. BA Hon.)
10. Philosophy of Religion (VI Sem., BA Hon.)
11. Texts of Indian Philosophy (Nyaya-Bindu Tika, *Vedanta-Paribhāṣa*, *Vivekacūḍāmaṇi*) (IV Sem. BA Hon.)

Teaching Assignment at Goa University, Panaji (Sept-Dec2020)

1. Classical Indian Philosophy (Sept-Dec2020)
2. Schools of Vedanta (Sept-Dec2020)
3. Philosophy of Religion (Jan-May 2021)
4. Philosophy of Mind (Jan-May 2021)

Language Competence & Communication Skills

Language

English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Konkani, Marathi, Kannada and basics of Latin, Greek, Spanish

IT & Communication Skills

Undergone Information Technology Training for 100 hours

Undergone training in Orientation Program for 35 hours.

Undergone training in Advanced General Management and Communication Skills for 210 hours

Administrative Responsibilities:


1. Block Tutor, Mukherjee West, St. Stephen's College (2018-2020)
2. Manager, St. Jacobs Primary & Higher Primary School, Bantwal, Mangalore, 574211 (2007-2010).
3. Staff Advisor, Philosophical Society, St. Stephen's College, New Delhi (2019-2020)
4. Member, Library Committee, Goa University, Goa (2020- continuing)
5. Member, IHEC, Goa University (2020- continuing)
6. Member, DRDRM, Goa University (2021- continuing)

List of Referees

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