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**WHAT IS PHILOSOPHY?
EXAMPLE: RACISM
(NECRO-BEING AS
MORALLY WORST FORM)**

AN ONLINE LECTURE BY
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5:00 TO 7:00 PM IST**

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The School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University organized an online guest lecture titled "**What is Philosophy? Example: Racism (Necro-being as morally worst form)**" by **Dr Leonard Harris on 30 September 2022 (Friday) from 5:00 to 7:00 PM IST**. Dr Leonard Harris is a Professor at the Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, Indiana, USA. He is the author of "struggle philosophy," the ethics of insurrection, critical pragmatism, advocacy aesthetics, and the concept of racism as "necro-being." Dr Harris has received several awards such as the Herbert Schneider Award for "Distinguished contributions to the understanding of American Philosophy" in 2018, the College of Liberal Arts Discovery Excellence Award for the Humanities in 2017, and the Franz Fanon Lifetime Achievement Award, Caribbean Philosophical Association, in 2014.

In this lecture the speaker described racism [and ethnocentrism] as an instantiation of necro-being (i.e., that which makes living a kind of death), a seminal form of oppression, its corporal being. Racialized populations are subjected to conditions of life that confer upon them the status of living dead; necro-tragedy (utter suffering and irredeemable loss in this non-moral universe) and undue death. This approach is intended to be compatible with a view of "philosophy" that places emphasis on the importance of corporal existence rather than metaphysical questions or questions about the nature of the self or the pursuit of wisdom. The guest lecture aims to expand the knowledge of philosophical perspectives and research among philosophy students, faculty, and the general public interested in philosophy.

The talk witnessed the participation of around 25-30 attendees including students, faculty members, research scholars, and participants from Goa University, affiliated colleges and outside Goa.

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