



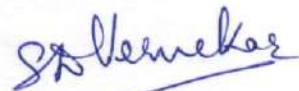
Goa University

Discipline of Philosophy, School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies

Report on Online Guest Lecture "Towards a Metaphysical Anthropology"

1. Title of the Program	Monthly online guest lecture "Towards a Metaphysical Anthropology"
2. Date and Time	19 September 2025 (Friday) – 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM IST
3. Mode of conduct	Online: meet.google.com/meq-pgaw-qbv
4. School	School of Sanskrit Philosophy and Indic Studies (SSPIS)
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Prof Predrag Cicovacki is Professor Emeritus at the Department of Philosophy at the College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, Massachusetts, USA), and Senior Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge (Cambridge, UK). He is the author of thirteen books, among which are: Gandhi's Footprints; Barefoot in Benares; God, Man, and Tolstoy; and The Meaning of Life: A Quick Immersion. In the 2012-13 academic year, Professor Cicovacki was a recipient of the Fulbright-Nehru fellowship of the American and Indian governments for a study and research project in India. He is currently working on a four-book project (Personality, Interactions, Values, and Transcendence) that should serve as a foundation of metaphysical anthropology.
6. Number of Participants	43
7. The objective of the Program	This lecture advances the paradigm of metaphysical anthropology as a critical response to prevailing moral and spiritual fragmentation. It investigates the foundational

	human imperatives of truth and love, analyzing their formative influence on personality, communal life, value orientation, and transcendent aspiration. Through the articulation of these four existential pillars, the presentation offers a conceptual framework for authentic and humane living. It further invites rigorous reflection on the dynamic tensions between vitality and spirituality, truth and pragmatic compromise, and individuality and collective belonging, as essential to sustaining human flourishing.
8. Description of the Program	The event is organized by the Research Scholars' Forum of Philosophy Programme. Description Intro/ Outro- Sagar Yadav Welcome Address- Diksha Rai Q & A session- Akash Salgoankar Vote of Thanks- Dipanki Saikia
9. Benefits /Key outcome of the Program	By the conclusion of the lecture, participants had acquired a deepened understanding of metaphysical anthropology as a normative inquiry into the meaning and dignity of human life. They had come to appreciate the dynamic interplay of truth, love, values, and transcendence in shaping both personality and community. The discussion had equipped them to critically engage with contemporary challenges such as alienation, value dissonance, and the pursuit of transcendence. Participants left with conceptual tools for self-reflection, enabling them to recognize the existential costs of neglecting personality development and to consider orientations toward humane, responsible, and elevated modes of living.
10. Enclosures with report	E- Posture, Screen-shot Photos, Attendance sheets, YouTube link - https://youtu.be/69n5lpNJnzk

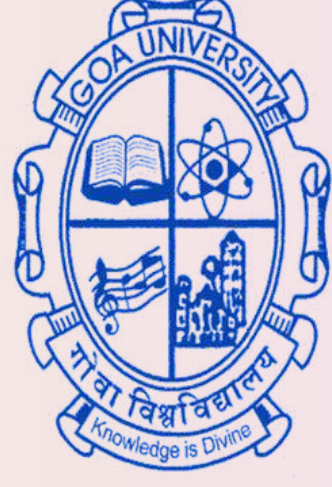


Signature
Dean

Date: 16/10/25

Dean
School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies
Goa University

School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies
Goa University



Toward a Metaphysical Anthropology

19 September 2025 (Friday)

3:30 PM to 5:30 PM IST

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM CEST

An online talk by

Prof. Predrag Cicovacki

Professor Emeritus

Department of Philosophy

College of the Holy Cross

(Worcester, Massachusetts, USA)

Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/meq-pgaw-qbv>

Abstract

After years of struggling with how to provide a needed structure for a philosophical examination of what it means to be and live like a human being, I have come to believe that we should organize it around four pillars of human existence: personality, values, interactions, and transcendence.

In a nutshell, these pillars deal with the following issues:

1. Personality, which centers on the problem of identity: how can we integrate our general humanity with our irreplaceable uniqueness?
2. Values, which are concerned with the problem of orientation: how to find our way in the complex flow of reality? What is right and what is wrong, and how can we tell them apart?
3. Interactions, which deal with the problem of community, with living together, through exchanges and common rituals: how can we form societies that are not mere aggregates of people?
4. Transcendence, which boils down to our commitments: What are our ultimate bonds? What do we hold as most sacred?

I call this novel and ambitious project “metaphysical anthropology.” It is not an attempt to establish a new philosophical discipline (like “philosophical anthropology”) but to outline a new paradigm of a reflective and responsible, interactive and creative life. In my lecture, I want to explain these four pillars and outline how metaphysical anthropology aims to find out not the truth about human beings but the truth of being human.

Bio

Prof Predrag Cicovacki is Professor Emeritus at the Department of Philosophy at the College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, Massachusetts, USA), and Senior Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge (Cambridge, UK).

He is the author of thirteen books, among which are: *Gandhi's Footprints; Barefoot in Benares; God, Man, and Tolstoy*; and *The Meaning of Life: A Quick Immersion*.

In the 2012-13 academic year, Professor Cicovacki was a recipient of the Fulbright-Nehru fellowship of the American and Indian governments for a study and research project in India.

He is currently working on a four-book project (Personality, Interactions, Values, and Transcendence) that should serve as a foundation of metaphysical anthropology.

Goa University. - Calendar - Fri x Meet - Toward a Metaphys... x

meet.google.com/meq-pgaw-qbv?authuser=0

M.A. Philosophy Part-2 (You, presenting, annotating) Stop presenting

School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies
Goa University



Toward a Metaphysical Anthropology

19 September 2025 (Friday)
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM IST
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM CEST

An online talk by
Prof. Predrag Cicovacki
Professor Emeritus
Department of Philosophy
College of the Holy Cross
(Worcester, Massachusetts, USA)

Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/meq-pgaw-qbv>

Predrag Cicovacki Akash Naik Sal... Dr. Kishy Thar...
Sagar Yadav Thanigalveian... MURAMMEDA...
16 others M.A. Philosophy Part-2

3:41 PM | Toward a Metaphysical Anthropology by Prof. ...

Breaking news
iPhone 17 frenzy...

Search

ENG IN 15:41 19-09-2025

The screenshot displays a Google Meet session. The browser address bar shows the URL: `meet.google.com/meq-pgaw-qbv?authuser=0`. The meeting title at the bottom is "Toward a Metaphysical Anthropology by Prof. ...". The participants are arranged in a grid:

- Top Row:**
 - Predrag Cicovacki (Video on)
 - Dr. Koshy Tharakan (Video on)
 - Sagar Yadav (Video off, icon on)
 - Thanigaivelan Shanmugam (Video on)
- Bottom Row:**
 - MUHAMMEDALY P.P. (Video off, icon on)
 - Akash Naik Salgaonkar (Video off, icon on)
 - Jonathan Sequeira (Video off, icon on)
 - 20 others (Video off, icon on)

The bottom status bar indicates the time is 5:53 PM and the title is "Toward a Metaphysical Anthropology by Prof. ...". The system tray at the very bottom shows the date as 19-09-2025 and the time as 15:53.

First name	Last name	Email	Duration	Time joined	
Saransh Rakesh Agrawal	2510801	sara*****@***.in	34 min	3:34	PM
Bojana	Brajkov	philosophy.bojana@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 46 min	3:31	PM
Prateek	Chaubey	prat*****@***.com	26 min	4:03	PM
Predrag	Cicovacki	pcic*****@***.edu	1 hr 57 min	3:20	PM
Cindy	D'Silva	dsil*****@***.com	1 hr 50 min	3:27	PM
Vidya Mary	George	philosophy.vidya@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 51 min	3:26	PM
Thirumal	J	drjt*****@***.com	2 min	3:45	PM
Jeyaseelan	john jacob	jjjo*****@***.com	21 min	4:21	PM
Aafreen	Khan	aafr*****@***.com	30 min	3:44	PM
Dr.	Koshy Tharakan	koshy@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 50 min	3:27	PM
Arpita	Kumari	arpi*****@***.com	1 hr 49 min	3:28	PM
Mayuri	Kuttikar	mayu**@***.in	1 hr 10 min	3:43	PM
Teresa	Lasala Descarrega	tlas*****@***.com	1 hr 45 min	3:28	PM
Praveen	M	prav*****@***.com	1 hr 46 min	3:31	PM
Rohith	M	rohi*****@***.com	18 sec	4:17	PM
Maria Norma	Menezes	norma@unigoa.ac.in	55 min	4:21	PM
Rajavi	Naik	rajavi@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 36 min	3:24	PM
Akash	Naik Salgaonkar	philosophy.akash@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 55 min	3:20	PM
SAMIKSHA	P	sami*****@***.com	1 hr 39 min	3:38	PM
MUHAMMEDALY	P.P.	muha*****@***.com	1 hr 50 min	3:27	PM
M.A. Philosophy	Part-2	gmeet.philosophy2@unigoa.ac.in	2 hr 21 min	2:56	PM
Diksha	Rai	philosophy.diksha@unigoa.ac.in	34 min	3:10	PM
N K Kumaresan	Raja	nkku*****@***.com	5 min	3:36	PM
Sanket Shantaram	Revankar	philosophy.sanket@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 15 min	3:35	PM
Roshida	Rodrigues	rosh***@***.in	1 hr 16 min	3:34	PM
TN	S	geen*****@***.com	5 min	4:49	PM
Dipanki	Saikia	philosophy.dipanki@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 49 min	3:28	PM
chelcia	sangma	sang*****@***.com	4 min	3:52	PM
Siya	Sangodkar	philosophy.siya@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 19 min	3:30	PM
Abhirudra	Sarkar	abhi*****@***.com	1 hr 9 min	3:37	PM
Jonathan	Sequeira	philosophy.jonathan@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 53 min	3:24	PM
Thanigaivelan	Shanmugam	tani*****@***.com	1 hr 50 min	2:57	PM
Ayush	Sharwan	ak99*****@***.com	4 min	3:36	PM
Bhawna	Singh	bhaw*****@***.com	20 min	3:20	PM
Bhawna	Singh	theb*****@***.com	1 hr 30 min	3:44	PM
Mooni	Th	thmo*****@***.com	37 min	4:38	PM
Anupam	Tiwari	anup*****@***.com	1 hr 11 min	3:32	PM
Abhimanyu	Urmaliya	abhi*****@***.com	23 min	4:54	PM
Volunteer	Vallalar Mission	volu*****@***.com	20 min	4:11	PM
K.	Vengadachalam	k.ve*****@***.com	8 min	3:34	PM
vv	vinay	yani*****@***.com	18 min	3:42	PM
tanya	yadav	tany*****@***.com	1 min	4:35	PM
Sagar	Yadav	philosophy.sagar@unigoa.ac.in	1 hr 54 min	3:23	PM