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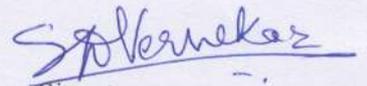
### Discipline of Philosophy, School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies

#### Report on 'Interculture'

1. Title of the Activity	Monthly online guest lecture titled "INTERCULTURE "
2. Date and Time	30th January, 2026. 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
3. Mode of conduct (Online)	Online: <a href="https://meet.google.com/xnu-nwqi-wap">meet.google.com/xnu-nwqi-wap</a>
4. School	School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	<p>Dr Anthony Savari Raj is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Language, Linguistics and Philosophy (DLLP), Faculty of Humanities and Education, at the University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica, and formerly a Professor of Philosophy and Head, Department of Arts at Manipal University, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India. He has served earlier as a Lecturer at the Department of Philosophy, University of Madras, for more than a decade. His areas of interest and expertise include Intercultural Philosophy, Cross-cultural Philosophy of Religion, Modern Western Philosophy, Eco-philosophy, Technology and Human Values, and Raimon Panikkar's Thought. He has enjoyed several National and International Research Fellowships, such as the Charles Wallace Visiting Fellowship, University of Bristol, UK, and the Woodstock International Visiting Fellowship, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA. He has authored three books, including A New Hermeneutic of Reality: Raimon Panikkar's Cosmotheandric Vision (Bern et al: Peter Lang AG, 1998), and has co-edited one volume. He has to his credit numerous research articles in several reputed national and international scholarly journals. He</p>

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<b>6. Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>	4
<b>7. Number of Student attended/participated</b>	8
<b>8. No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b>	17
<b>9. The objectives of the activity</b>	<p>The lecture aims to re-envision philosophy as a “wisdom of love” suited to our intercultural age. It seeks to critically examine the paradox of increasing cultural interaction alongside rising fanaticism, absolutism, and technocratic reductionism. The objective is to encourage cultures to overcome the twin temptations of colonial domination and cultural isolation by universalizing their truth-experiences while acknowledging their blind spots. By reinterpreting the relationship between philosophy, religion, and culture, the lecture promotes an awareness of human contingency and epistemic humility. Ultimately, it aspires to cultivate receptivity, dialogue, and mutual enrichment as essential virtues for genuine intercultural coexistence.</p>
<b>10. Description of the activity</b>	<p>The event is organised by the Research Scholars’ Forum of Philosophy Programme. Intro/Outro- Sanket Revankar Welcome Address- Bhawna Singh Q&amp;A Moderation - Sanket Revankar Vote of Thanks - Jonathan Sequeira</p>
<b>11. Benefit/Key outcomes of the activity</b>	<p>The program fostered intercultural sensitivity and deepened participants’ understanding of philosophy as a wisdom grounded in love and humility. It enabled critical reflection on technocratic reductionism, fanaticism, and</p>

	<p>monocultural mindsets prevalent in contemporary society. Participants examined the dual challenges of colonialism and cultural isolation and recognized the need to universalize truth-experiences while addressing blind spots within their own traditions. The session strengthened dialogue between philosophy, religion, and culture, encouraging epistemic humility and receptivity. Attendees developed a broader, more inclusive worldview and enhanced their capacity for respectful engagement, collaborative thinking, and constructive intercultural exchange in academic and social contexts.</p>
<p><b>12. Enclosures with report</b></p>	<p>E-poster, Screen shots, Attendance, Bio Data of resource person (if applicable), YouTube link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxQ0JNFE96s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxQ0JNFE96s</a></p>



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*Friday, 30 January 2026*

*3:30 PM to 5:30 PM IST*

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## **Abstract**

Philosophy is etymologically defined as “love of wisdom.” But our present times indeed demand that it is not only love of wisdom, but also becomes a “wisdom of love!” And this is urgently so in our present cross-cultural human situation, as intercultural has become a contemporary fact as well as a need. And yet, the situation is paradoxical: Despite our new moment of meeting and mingling of cultures, paradoxically, we have also been experiencing fanaticisms and absolutisms of all sorts, marked of course by the continuation of a monocultural mentality: “truth is one, and I *alone* have it.” The contemporary *avatar* of this mentality is technocracy with its reductionism of reality to calculus. In responding to the worldwide hegemony of the modern technocratic and reductionistic world-view, all cultures, with no exception, are invited and even expected to perform a double task, overcoming a double temptation: The double temptations are *colonialism*, on the one hand and *cultural apartheid*, on the other. The required double tasks are: universalizing the truth experiences of a tradition and overcoming the blind spots. Here, the three human elements of Philosophy, Religion and Culture present themselves for a re-vision. It all amounts to a realization of *contingency*: a recognition that we are not sufficient in constructing the picture of reality all by ourselves and that the universal range of human experience cannot be represented or exhausted by a single human phylum, however ancient, glorious or powerful it may claim itself to be. Humility and receptivity, therefore, become the key intercultural virtues.

## **Speaker Bio**

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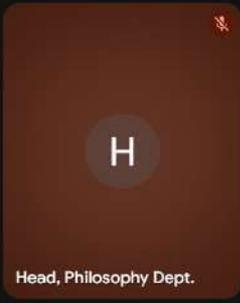
Head, Philosophy Dept. (Presenting, annotating)

- Philosophy as "Wisdom of Love!"
- The Paradoxical Situation of our Times:  
Dialogical and Monocultural
- *Reductio ad Unum* (Reduction of Reality to Calculus) &  
Forgetfulness of the *Cosmotheandric*  
(cosmic-divine-human) Nature of Reality

A grid of video thumbnails for participants in the meeting. The thumbnails are arranged in a 3x3 grid. The top row shows Dr. Koshy Tharakan, Anthony Savari Raj, and Head, Philosophy Dept. The middle row shows M.A. Philosophy P..., Pratham Naik, and Sanket Shantara. The bottom row shows Bhawna Singh, 11 others, and Rajavi Naik.

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thank you, prof. how would the "cultural innovation" view account for intersectionality within an intercultural framework - that even within any culture, people are differently situated socially, economically, politically, etc., that some may not have access to windows? surely, then, cultural innovation may not always be the opening-receiving it purports to be/move towards?

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