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EDUCATION

PhD (ABD), Department of Philosophy, University of Madras (2019); **PhD**, School of History, Religions and Philosophies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London (2014); **M. Phil.**, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras; Certificate Course in Sanskrit, Department of Sanskrit, University of Madras; **M. A.**, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras ; **B. A. Hons in Philosophy** (University of Calcutta)

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES OWNED

September 2007-10 PhD Research Scholarship (**Felix Scholarship**), awarded by SOAS, **University of London**

September 2006-08 Junior Research Fellowship (**JRF**), awarded by Indian Council of Philosophical Research (**ICPR**), New Delhi

September 2005-07 University Research Fellowship (**URF**), awarded by the Department of Philosophy, **University of Madras**

December 2003 **First prize of the University P. G. level Essay Competition** held on 5th December 2003 in connection with the Platinum Jubilee celebration of the **Department of Philosophy, University of Madras**

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Classical Indian Philosophical Schools and allied subjects, Indian Ethics, Value Education, Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of the *Bhagavadgītā*, Vedānta Schools, Hinduism, Buddhist Philosophy, General Indology (based on Sanskrit sources and modern critical scholarship, also with a view to pursue interdisciplinary research and teaching)

TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2019---

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Kaliachak College (University of Gour Banga), West Bengal

Courses taught (B.A. Hons.): Outlines of Indian Philosophy, Western Logic, Indian Ethics, Western Ethics, Indian Epistemology and Logic, Analytic Philosophy **(B.A. General):** Indian Philosophy

July 2018 ---May 2019

Guest Faculty, Department of Philosophy (School of Social Sciences), Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha

Courses taught (B.A. Hons.): Vedānta, (M.A.): Indian Metaphysics, Vedānta I, Indian Epistemology, Vedānta II

July 2017--- December 2017

Guest Faculty, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad

Courses taught (B. Tech.): Introduction to Ethics and Values, Industrial Technology Ethics

August 2016 – December 2016

Guest Faculty, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad

Courses taught (B. Tech.): Value Education, Human Rights and Legislative Procedures, Philosophical Analysis, Industrial Technology Ethics

September 2013 – July 2016

Guest Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Narasinha Dutt College (University of Calcutta)

Courses taught (B. A. Hons and General): History of Indian Philosophy, History of Western Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western), Ethics and Philosophy of Religion, Social-Political Philosophy and Contemporary Indian Thought

August 2013 -- December 2013

Guest Teacher, Department of Philosophy, University of Kalyani

Courses taught (M. A.): Indian Ethics, Indian Philosophy of Language

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014 - Present Engaged in Teaching and Research

2007-- 2014 **Doctoral Candidate, SOAS, University of London**

- Gained familiarity with various traditional commentaries on the *Bhagavadgītā*

- Made special study of the Advaita system of Vedānta philosophy, including the *Gūḍhārthadīpikā*, a commentary on the *Bhagavadgītā* by Madhusūdana Sarasvatī, a famous 16th century Advaita Vedāna philosopher

- Synthesized some of the latest research on Madhusūdana Sarasvatī

2004-2007 Graduate Research Student, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras

- PhD project dealt with the *Siddhāntabindu* of Madhusūdana Sarasvatī
- M. Phil. project dealt with a topical text by Śaṅkarācārya called *Daśaślokī* and Madhusūdana Sarasvatī's commentary thereon called *Siddhāntabindu*

- Researched and wrote two papers(e.g. The *Daśaślokī* of Śaṅkara, Madhusūdana Sarasvatī: A Bhakta and an Advaitin) analyzing *Daśaślokī* of Śaṅkarācārya and *Gūḍhārthadīpikā* and other devotional works of Madhusūdana Sarasvatī

2002-2004 Graduate Student, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras

- Master's dissertation analyzed both theoretical and practical aspects of Advaita Vedānta in general

PUBLICATIONS (ORCID: 0000-0002-6018-9455)

Papers in Peer-reviewed Journals/Newsletters

- Niranjana Saha (2019) '*Saṅga and Nirguṇa-Bhakti, Advaita Vedānta, and Madhusūdana Sarasvatī*', *Journal of Vaishnava Studies*, 28 (1), pp. 173-181[The Mira & Ajay Shingal Center for Dharma Studies of the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California], ISSN: 1062-1237

- Niranjana Saha (2018) '*Bhagavadgītā: A Bird's Eye View of Its Historical Background, Formation, and Teaching*', *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, 35(1), pp. 139-157 [Springer, (India) Pvt. Ltd.], ISSN: 0970-7794, DOI: 10.1007/s40961-017-0098-6 (<http://rdcu.be/pAQq>) (Google Scholar, Emerging Sources Citation Index, OCLC, Summon by ProQuest, The Philosopher's Index/ UGC Approved)

- Niranjana Saha (2017) '*An Introduction to the Daśaślokī of Śaṅkara and Its Commentary Siddhāntabindu of Madhusūdana Sarasvatī*', *Sophia, International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions* (Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands), ISSN: 0038-1527, 56 (2), pp. 355-365 (<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11841-017-0605-X>/ <http://edcu.be/tsle>) [Impact factor: SNIP -2015 0.704/SJR-2015 0.175] (Web of Science/Scopus/Arts and Humanities Citation Index/Thomson Reuters/UGC Approved)

- Niranjan Saha (2017) ‘A Brief Note on the Probable Place of Origin of Madhusūdana Sarasvatī and the Influence of Caitanyaite Movement on Him’, *American Philosophical Association Newsletters: Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, Vol. 16, No. 2, pp. 11-14, Spring 2017, ISSN: 1067-9464, EISSN: 2155-9708 (The Philosopher's Index)
- Niranjan Saha (2016) ‘Vedāntic Commentaries on the *Bhagavadgītā* as a Component of Three Canonical Texts (*prasthāna-trayī*)’, *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, 45(2), pp. 257-280 (Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands), ISSN: 0022-1791, DOI: 10.1007/s1078-016-9306-y (<http://rdcu.be/nf2A>) [Impact factor: SNIP: 0.390 and SJR: 0.127] (Web of Science/Scopus/Arts and Humanities Citation Index/Thomson Reuters/ UGC Approved)
- Niranjan Saha (2016) ‘A Survey of Modern Scholars’ Views on Śaṅkara’s Authorship of the *Bhagavadgītābhāṣya*’, *Sophia, International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, 55(4), pp. 573-576 (Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands), ISSN: 0038-1527 (<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11841-016-0542-0/http://rdcu.be/nkDd>) [Impact factor: SNIP-2015 0.704/SJR-2015 0.175] (Web of Science/Scopus/Arts and Humanities Citation Index/Thomson Reuters/ UGC Approved)
- Niranjan Saha (2016) ‘Vedāntic Commentaries on the *Bhagavadgītā* as a Component of Three Canonical Texts (*prasthāna-trayī*)’ *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai*, 87 (New Series) pp. 84-123, ISSN: 0972-0766 (UGC Approved)
- Niranjan Saha (2014) ‘Advaita Vedānta: The Post-Śaṅkara Sub-schools and Madhusūdana Sarasvatī,’ *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, 8 (2) [A Journal of Ruhalya Publications], Ujjain City, India: Jnanatirtha, ISSN: 0974-0090, pp. 185-209 (UGC Approved)

Papers in Conference Proceedings

- Niranjan Saha (2012) ‘Nature of ‘That’ (*tat*) in “That Thou Art” in the *Gītāgūḍhārthadīpikā* of Madhusūdana Sarasvatī’, in Girish Nath Jha et al. (eds.), *Modern Perspectives on Vedānta: Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Vedānta*, New Delhi: D. K. Printworld Pvt. Ltd., ISBN 812460639-0, pp. 393-405

WORKS IN PROGRES

Books:

- PhD thesis in revised form is under consideration for being published with Routledge/ SUNY/OUP/CUP/Springer/Brill

Papers:

- Niranjan Saha (under review) 'Madhusūdana Sarasvatī and His Works: A Blending of Hagiographical and Textual Evidence', *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society (Cambridge University Press)*, ISSN: 1356-1863 (Web of Science/Arts and Humanities Citation Index/Thomson Reuters/UGC Approved)
- Niranjan Saha (to be sent shortly) 'Bellamkoṇḍa Rāmarāyakavi (1875-1914)', Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers
- Niranjan Saha (to be sent shortly) 'Vedānta in Practice' *Journal of Dharma Studies*, Springer, ISSN 2522-0926

COURSES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- 2021, March 29 National Webinar on World Philosophy Day, Department of Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy, School of Religions, Philosophy and Humanist Thought, Madurai Kamraj University
- 2020, August 27 International Webinar on *Philosophical Counseling* organized by Department of Philosophy, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- 2020, August 20-21 National Webinar on *Post Sankara Vedantins* organized by Government College Sanskrit College, Tripunithura, Kerala
- 2020, July 18 National Webinar on *Jyotiṣīya Vanauṣodhi Vijñāna evaṃ Vaiśvika Upayogitā* organized by Shri Kallaji Vedic Vishvavidyalaya, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan
- 2020, July 15 National Webinar on Yoga in Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Rajasthan University
- 2020, July 13 International Seminar on *Sri Jayatirtha and Dialectics* organized by Department of Philosophy, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal
- 2020, June 22 International Webinar on *Pedagogical Inventions in Research Scenario in Covid-19 Period and Beyond* organized by Research and Extension Committee Kaliachak College, Malda, WB.
- 2020, March 7 ICPR sponsored One Day National Seminar on *Philosophy and Nation Building in 21st Century* organized by Department of Philosophy, Kaliachak College, Malda, WB.
- 2020, February 12 ICPR sponsored One-Day State-level Symposium on 'Contemporary Indian Philosophy: Before and After Independence', Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga

- 2020, January 06-08 International Seminar on “The Relevance of Indian Philosophy to Contemporary Western Philosophy: A New Paradigm of Philosophy Centre for Indological Studies & Research, The Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata
- 2007, October 20-21 Shivadashani Conference, Trinity College, Oxford University
- 2007, February 02-04 ICPR sponsored National Seminar on ‘Dialogue and Dialectics in Indian Philosophy’, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras
- 2006, May 17-27 Workshop on Textual Tradition in Advaita Vedānta (Adi Sankara Nilayam, M. G. University, Kerala)
- 2003, April 01-30 Spoken Sanskrit course sponsored by University Grants Commission (Department of Sanskrit, University of Madras)

PAPERS PRESENTED

- Niranjan Saha (2020, February 21-23), *Vedānta in Practice* (paper presented in the ICPR sponsored Eastern Zone Teachers’ Meet on ‘Revitalisation of Indian Philosophy’, Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan)
- Niranjan Saha (2012, January 13), *The Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda* (read in a seminar organized by Society for Global Philosophy and Culture, Kolkata – also having its branches in Canada, USA and New Zealand)
- Niranjan Saha (2011, December 28-31), *Nature of ‘tat’ (that) in the 2nd group of six chapters in the Gītāgūḍhārthadīpikā of Madhusūdana Sarasvatī* [read in absentia in the 20th International Vedanta Congress (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)]
- Niranjan Saha (2006, December 15-20), *Madhusūdana Sarasvatī: A Bhakta and an Advaitin* (paper presented in the Interim World Philosophy Congress and the 81st session of the Indian Philosophical Congress, Delhi University, New Delhi)

COURSES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

- 2020, March 7 Co-coordinator of ICPR sponsored One Day National Seminar on *Philosophy and Nation Building in 21st Century* organized by Department of Philosophy, Kaliachak College, Malda, WB.

INVITED TALKS

- Niranjana Saha (2021, February 6-7): *Bhakti* in Advaita Vedānta (online)
(Advaita Academy, Hyderabad)
- Niranjana Saha (2021, January 9-10): Life and Works of Madhusūdana Sarasvatī (online)
(Advaita Academy, Hyderabad)
- Niranjana Saha (2014, October 16): Is Devotion (*bhakti*) an Anathema in Advaita Philosophy?--
An Exploration into the Philosophy of the Post- Śaṅkara Advaitin Madhusūdana Sarasvatī
(Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2008	Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland
2018	Life member of Indian Philosophy Congress
2018	Life member of All India Oriental Conference

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