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Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi

Areas of Interest

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Philosophy of AI, Philosophy of Science, Computation and Complexity

Research Interest

Machine Learning and Language Models
Language Grounding
Scientific Modelling
Inferentialism and Deflationary approaches

Education

Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi 2023–Present
PhD in Philosophy of AI

Tentative Topic: Evaluating Understanding in Large Language Models: An Inferentialism-based Deflationary Approach to Cognitive Representation

St Stephen's College Delhi University 2021-2023
MA in Philosophy

Thesis: "Belief Formation through Embodied Cognition: An Algorithmic Interpretation of the Symbol Grounding Problem"
Supervisor: Dr. Ravindra M. Singh

Madras Christian College, Chennai 2018- 2021
BA in Philosophy Dr Micheal Lockwood Gold Medal

Scholarships / Grants

GATE Philosophy 2021: National Rank 20 PhD Funding

Publications

"Subjective Experience: A Scientific Theory", Book Review: "Rethinking Consciousness: A Scientific Theory of Subjective Experience", Michael Graziano (2019), ("Cetana: The Journal Of Philosophy", 2020)

Conferences / Presentations

"Time and Post-Phenomenological Concerns on Consciousness" (National Conference on Phenomenology, Science and Religion, Pune, August 2019)

"An Analysis of Identity: Narratives as the Instrument that Sculpts the Human Need" (National Students History Conference, Chennai, February 2020)

"What did the Stochastic Parrot Mean" (Summer School in Philosophy of AI, University of London, Paris, July 2024)

"Surrogate Inferences From Machine Learning Models: Deflationism about Scientific Representation" (Asia-Pacific Philosophy of Science Association, APPSA-LMPST, Taiwan, June 2025 – Accepted but Unable to Present)

Teaching Experience

Philosophy of Mind and Cognition (TA, MSc Cognitive Science, IITD)	Jan - May 2024
Moral Literacy (TA, BTech, IITD)	July - Dec 2024
Philosophy of Cognitive Science (TA, MSc Cognitive Science, IITD)	Jan 2025 - Present

Referees

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