

# Nikhil Mahant

## Education:

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### PhD in Philosophy

*Started:* Sept. 2018  
*Submitted:* July 2022

University: Central European University (Vienna/Budapest)  
Thesis Title: Names are Words  
Supervisor: Tim Crane

### Academic Visits:

Visiting Researcher, University of Texas, Austin (Advisor: Mark Sainsbury) Summer 2021  
Co-enrolled student, University of Vienna, Vienna (Advisor: Max Kölbel) Winter 2021/22

### Master of Arts in Philosophy

2014 – 2016

College: St. Stephens College, University of Delhi.  
Thesis Title: Deflationism & Truth-Conditional Semantics.

## Publications:

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### Articles:

- The metaphysical burden of Millianism. *Synthese* 200, 293 (2022).  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03754-3> [Open Access]
- Frege's Puzzle and Act-based Propositions. *Acta Analytica* 37, 219–226 (2022).  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-021-00475-z> [not Open Access but here's a [read-only link](#)]

### Book Reviews

- Review of Dolf Rami's 'Names and Context: A Use-Sensitive Philosophical Account'. *Erkenntnis* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-022-00579-x> [Open Access]

## Selected Conference Talks:

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- "The Cross Linguistic Uses of Proper Names" at APA Pacific 2022, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. April 2022.
- "Proper Names and their Extended Uses", Philosophy of Language, Logic, and Information Research Colloquium, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany. October 2021. (invited)
- "The Syntactic Complexity of Proper Names" at the 24th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference. February 2021.
- "A Morphological Naming Criterion" in Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference 2020. September 2020.
- "The Need for More than Reference" in Propositions, Reference and Meaning, Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia. November 2019.
- "Frege on the Relata of Equality" in think!2019 Central European Student Conference in Analytic Philosophy. University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany. May 2019.
- "Frege's Troubles with Identity" in Student's Philosophy Symposium 2019 (Študentski Filozofski Simpozij). University of Maribor, Maribor, Slovenia. May 2019.

## Academic Honours:

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- Award for Advanced Doctoral Students, CEU 2021/22.
- Academic Achievement Award for First-Year Doctoral Students, CEU. 2019/20.
- Indian Philosophy Congress Gold Medal, University of Delhi, 2016.
- BN Ray Memorial Philosophy Prize, St. Stephens College. 2015.

## Teaching Training/Experience:

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**TA for University Wide Course ‘Belief’, CEU** Fall 2020  
(Instructor: Tim Crane)

**TA for Logic (MA Core course), CEU** Winter 2020  
(Instructor: Mike Griffin)

**Assistant Professor (ad-hoc), St. Stephens College, Delhi** Jan. 2017 – Aug. 2018

### *Courses Taught:*

- Philosophy of Language (B.A. Philosophy III Year)
- Applied Ethics (General Elective I Year, B.A. II Year)
- Philosophy of Science (B.A. Hons. Philosophy III Year)
- Symbolic Logic (General Elective III Year, B.A. Philosophy II Year)
- Formal Logic (B.A. Philosophy I Year, General Elective I Year)
- Critical Thinking (B.A. Hons. Philosophy II Year)

## Other Work Experience:

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**Organizer, Vienna Language and Mind (VLM) Group** Academic Year 2021/22

<https://sites.google.com/view/CEUniwien>

VLM is a collaboration between the philosophy departments at the Central European University and the University of Vienna. I am responsible for the overall organization and promotion of VLM events including, among other things, a series of talks on philosophy of language/mind.

**Course Coordinator for ‘Identity: Logic and Metaphysics’** Summer 2021

Responsible for the overall organization, promotion, and for moderation of the Q&A Sessions of the CEU (Budapest) Summer University Course led by Gonzalo Rodriguez Pereyra.

## Academic References:

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**Available on Request**

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