

CV: NIKHIL MAHANT

AOS: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence.

AOC: Logic, Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Indian Philosophy.

EDUCATION:

Doctoral Degree:

Degree: PhD in Philosophy (Sept. 2018 – Dec. 2022)
University: Central European University, Vienna
Thesis Title: *Names are Words*
Examiners: [Tim Crane](#) (CEU), [Zoltan Szabó](#) (Yale), [Hanoch Ben-Yami](#) (CEU).

Academic Visits:

1. Dept. of Philosophy, University of Texas, Austin (Supervisor: [Mark Sainsbury](#); Summer 2021).
2. Co-enrolled (visiting) Student, Institute of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Vienna.
(Supervisor: [Max Kölbel](#); Winter Semester 2021-22.)

Master's Degree

Degree: Master of Arts (MA) in Philosophy (2014 – 16)
College/University: St. Stephens College | Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi
MA Thesis: *Deflationism and Truth Conditional Semantics*
Supervisor: Nilanjan Bhowmick

Bachelor's Degree

Degree: Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering (2004 – 08)
University: Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow (2024 – 26)

Project Title: Do AI generated outputs have content?
Institution: Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University, Sweden

Postdoctoral Fellow (2022 – 23)

Institution: CEU Intellectual Themes Initiative project on 'Belief', CEU, Vienna.

Assistant Professor (fixed term) (2016 – 18)

Employer: St. Stephens College, University of Delhi
Courses (selected): Philosophy of Language; Philosophy of Science; Logic; Critical Thinking

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

- The Cross Linguistic Uses of Proper Names (forthcoming). *Theoria*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/theo.12578>
- Is AI deception deception? in Müller, V. C., Dewey, A. R., Dung, L., & Löhr, G. (Eds.).
(forthcoming). *Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence: The State of the Art*. Synthese Library.
- The metaphysical burden of Millianism. *Synthese* 200, 293 (2022).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03754-3>
- Frege's Puzzle and Act-based Propositions. *Acta Analytica* 37, 219–226 (2022).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-021-00475-z> [read-only link [here](#)]
- Review of Herman Cappelen and Josh Dever's 'Making AI Intelligible: Philosophical Foundations' (forthcoming) *The Philosophical Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqad088>

- Review of Dolf Rami’s ‘Names and Context: A Use-Sensitive Philosophical Account’. *Erkenntnis* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-022-00579-x>
- Review of Matti Eklund’s Alien Structure: Language and Reality. *NDPR* <https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/alien-structure-language-and-reality/>

ACADEMIC TALKS (SELECTED):

1. ‘What’s left of rigidity’ at the Workshop on [Proper Names and their Relation to Singular Terms](#) (organized by [Dolf Rami](#) and Stefano Pugnaghi), Dortmund. 22-23 August 2024.
2. ‘Russell and Strawson on Descriptions’ at [HOPOS 2024](#), Vienna. 10 July 2024.
3. ‘Moral Responsibility without Moral Agency’ at the [AI Ethics Colloquium](#), University of Vienna. June 20, 2024.
4. ‘Is AI deception deception?’ at [5th Conference on Philosophy of AI](#), Erlangen, Germany. 15-16 December 2023.
5. ‘Metalinguistic views and circularity’, ‘[Sign Language Reality](#)’ seminar of Polish Semiotic Society. 16 December 2022. (Online)
6. ‘The Cross Linguistic Uses of Proper Names’ at [APA Pacific 2022](#), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. 13-16 April 2022.
7. ‘[Proper Names and their Extended Uses](#)’, Philosophy of Language, Logic, and Information Research Colloquium, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany. 27 October 2021.
8. ‘The Syntactic Complexity of Proper Names’ at the [24th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference](#). 6-7 February 2021. (Online)

ACADEMIC AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS:

1. [Award for Advanced Doctoral Students](#), CEU Academic Year 2021/22.
2. [Academic Achievement Award for First-Year Doctoral Students](#), CEU. 2019/20.
3. Certificate for excellence in Teaching, [Centre for Teaching & Learning](#), CEU. 27 May 2019.
4. National Eligibility Test in Philosophy. University Grants Commission, India. 11 Apr. 2016.
5. Indian Philosophy Congress Gold Medal, University of Delhi, 2016.
6. BN Ray Memorial Philosophy Prize, St. Stephens College. 2015.

ORGANIZATIONAL WORK (SELECTED):

<i>Organizer, Workshop, ‘Is AI deception deception?’ at WASP-HS AI for Humanity and Society 2024 Conference</i>	19 November 2024
<i>Organizer, 11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP)</i> https://philevents.org/event/show/105121	21-25 August 2023
<i>Organizer, Vienna Language and Mind (VLM) Group</i> https://sites.google.com/view/CEUniwiien	Acad. Year 2021-22
<i>Course Coordinator for ‘Identity: Logic and Metaphysics’</i> https://philevents.org/event/show/79246	26-31 July 2021

OTHER DETAILS

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