CV: Nikhil Mahant

AOS: Philosophy of Language.
AOC: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Phil. of AI, Logic, Ethics, 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 (August 2024 – July 2026)

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

Postdoctoral Fellow (October 2022 – October 2023)

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 (SELECTED):

- (forthcoming). Being Metalinguistic Does Not Make it Circular. *Inquiry*.
- (2025). A Criterion of Literality for Names. *Crítica*. 57(171), 133–161.
  https://doi.org/10.22201/iifs.18704905e.2025.1754
- (2025). The Cross Linguistic Uses of Proper Names. *Theoria*. https://doi.org/10.1111/theo.12578
- (forthcoming) Moral Responsibility without Moral Agency. *Palgrave handbook on the ethics of artificial intelligence.*
- (2026) Is AI deception deception? in Müller, V. C., Dewey, A. R., Dung, L., & Löhr, G. (Eds.). *Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence: The State of the Art*. Synthese Library.
- (2022). The metaphysical burden of Millianism. *Synthese* 200, 293.
  https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03754-3

- (2022). Frege's Puzzle and Act-based Propositions. *Acta Analytica* 37, 219–226. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-021-00475-z [read-only link here]
- (2023). Review of Herman Cappelen and Josh Dever's 'Making AI Intelligible: Philosophical Foundations'. *The Philosophical Quarterly*. https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqad088
- (2023). Review of Dolf Rami's 'Names and Context: A Use-Sensitive Philosophical Account'. *Erkenntnis*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-022-00579-x

PUBLIC-FACING ARTICLES (SELECTED):

- (in progress) Public facing article on religious language.
- Article on Alien languages for *Aeon* https://aeon.co/essays/why-alien-languages-could-be-far-stranger-than-we-imagine
- 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. 'The Cross Linguistic Uses of Proper Names' at APA Pacific 2022, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. 13-16 April 2022.
6. 'Proper Names and their Extended Uses', Philosophy of Language, Logic, and Information Research Colloquium, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany. 27 October 2021.
7. '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. Indian Philosophy Congress Gold Medal, University of Delhi, 2016.
5. BN Ray Memorial Philosophy Prize, St. Stephens College. 2015.

ORGANIZATIONAL WORK (SELECTED):

Co-organizer, Uppsala Vienna AI Colloquium *https://uv-colloquium.com/*	Ongoing since June 2024
Organizer, Workshop, 'Is AI deception deception?' at *WASP-HS AI for Humanity and Society 2024 Conference*	19 November 2024
Organizer, 11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP) *https://philevents.org/event/show/105121*	21-25 August 2023

OTHER DETAILS

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