

# GOPIKA GURUDAS | CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

2020 –  
Present

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

#### **The University of Queensland – IIT Delhi Academy of Research**

- Thesis Title – *Narratives of Resistance: A Literary Study of Indigenous Australian and Dalit Malayalam Literatures.*
- Advisors – Dr. Divya Dwivedi (IIT Delhi) and Dr. Marguerite La Caze (UQ).
- This thesis examines and compares the historical and political contexts of racialization and caste discrimination within Australia and India.

2013 –  
2018  
82.3%

### **Master of Arts in English Studies (Five-year Integrated Programme)**

#### **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras**

- Pursued a five-year programme in English Studies, covering various subjects from English Studies and Development Studies.
  - Thesis – *On-Screen Mediations of Masculinities: Reading Mohanlal as a Cultural Text.*
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Apr 2025 –  
Present

### **Course Instructor, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg**

#### **Course - *Postcolonial and Indigenous Studies***

- Designed and taught an undergraduate course introducing key issues in postcolonial and Indigenous studies, including sovereignty, migration, displacement, and belonging.
- Developed course content, organised assessments, and led seminar discussions.

Jul 2023 –  
Nov 2023

### **Teaching Assistant, The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi**

#### **HUL 231 – *Introduction to Literature***

- Assisted Dr. Divya Dwivedi in organizing the undergraduate course examining the history of English Literature with particular emphasis on literary forms and genres.
- Led discussion sessions and evaluated student assignments.

Aug 2022 –  
Dec 2022

### **Teaching Assistant, The University of Queensland (UQ), Australia**

#### **PHIL 1002 – *Introduction to Philosophy (Marker)***

- Course instructors – Dr. Liam Miller and Dr. Marguerite La Caze.
- An undergraduate course examining the canon of Continental Philosophy by examining the works of philosophers like David Hume, John Locke, Simone De Beauvoir and Jean Paul-Sartre. Marked undergraduate assignments in a course surveying major figures in Continental Philosophy, including David Hume, John Locke, Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre.

- Provided feedback to support student learning outcomes.
- Feb 2022 –  
June 2022      **Teaching Assistant, The University of Queensland (UQ), Australia**  
**PHIL 3620 – Contemporary European Philosophy (Tutor and Marker)**
- Course instructor – Dr. Marguerite La Caze.
  - Conducted tutorials and marked assignments for an advanced undergraduate course covering twentieth-century philosophers such as Walter Benjamin, Hannah Arendt, Jacques Derrida and Giorgio Agamben.
  - Facilitated seminar discussions and guided critical readings.
- Jan 2020 –  
June 2020      **Guest Lecturer**  
**Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Technology for Women, Trivandrum**
- Taught the course *Professional Communication* to over 250 students, covering modules on reading, writing, listening and speaking.
  - Designed course material, assignments, and conducted lab sessions through the Moodle platform.
- Jan 2018 –  
May 2019      **Teaching Assistant, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras**  
**National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)**
- Assisted Dr. Aysha Iqbal in managing the web portal, creating course content, planning assignments, and leading discussion sessions.
  - Courses: *English Language for Competitive Examinations* (Jan 2019 – May 2019); *Technical English for Engineers* (Aug 2018 – Sept 2018); *Business English Communication* (Jan 2018 – May 2018).
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Journal Articles      1) Gurudas, Gopika. Forthcoming. “Popular Sovereignty as the Foundation for Territorial Rights”. *Springer Global Encyclopedia of Territorial Rights*.
- 2) Iqbal, Aysha and Gopika Gurudas. 2019. “[The Political and the Personal](#)”. *The Book Review*, XLIII (2): 43 – 44.
- Book Chapters      3) Gurudas, Gopika. 2020. “How do you solve a problem like Vidya?: Female Stardom in the Times of Size Zero”. *Stardom in Contemporary Hindi Cinema*, edited by Aysha Iqbal Viswamohan and Claire Wilkinson-Weber. Springer Nature.
- News Articles      4) Gurudas, Gopika. 2024. “In the Shadow of Exodus: A Cautionary Tale of Displacement, Resilience and Erasure”. *The Wire*.
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## **CONFERENCES**

- June 27, 2025      Gurudas, Gopika. “Cultivating Sustainable Connections: Towards a Critical Indigenous Epistemology”. *Stories that Sustain Us: Student Conference*, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität-Freiburg, Germany
- Feb 18 -20, 2025      Gurudas, Gopika. “Who’s Afraid of Comparisons?”. *Architectures of Inequality: Social, Aesthetic and Philosophical Perspectives*, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.
- Dec 16-17, 2024      Gurudas, Gopika. “100% Pure Non-Vegetarian: Gastronomic Practices and Caste in Kerala”. *Philosophy of Health Colloquium*, Sorbonne University.

Dec 2-4, 2024	Gurudas, Gopika. "Touching and Un-touching. Dalit Literature as Protest Literature". <i>Australasian Association of Continental Philosophy (ASCP) Conference</i> , Deakin University.
Apr 17- 19, 2024	Gurudas, Gopika. "Narrative Resistance in Indigenous Australian and Dalit Malayalam Literature". <i>Narrative 2024 Conference</i> , The University of Newcastle.
Nov 27-29, 2023	Gurudas, Gopika. "Whose Land is it Anyway?". <i>Australasian Association of Continental Philosophy (ASCP) Conference</i> , The University of Sydney.
Nov 27-31, 2022	Gurudas, Gopika. "Silence as Resistance". <i>Australasian Association of Continental Philosophy (ASCP) Conference</i> , The University of Melbourne.

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## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Nov 2018 – June 2019	<p><b>Junior Research Fellow, Research and Analysis Wing</b></p> <p><b>National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted research on the accreditation status of higher educational institutions in India.</li> <li>• Contributed to the preparation of key institutional reports: a) State Analysis Report of Uttar Pradesh; b) Trend Analysis Report; c) Analysis of Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR).</li> </ul>
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## **ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS**

Dec 2024	<p><b>Project Development Award</b></p> <p><b>The University of Queensland – IIT Delhi Academy of Research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded INR 1,22,676 to support participation in the <i>Philosophy of Health Colloquium</i>, Sorbonne University, Paris.</li> </ul>
Apr 2024	<p><b>Project Development Award</b></p> <p><b>The University of Queensland – IIT Delhi Academy of Research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded INR 1,62,932 in order to support participation in the <i>Narrative Conference</i>, The University of Newcastle, United Kingdom.</li> </ul>
Mar 2022- Mar 2023	<p><b>The University of Queensland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipient of The University of Queensland Research Training Living Allowance (AUD 28092), a relocation grant (AUD 5200) and The University of Queensland Higher Degree by Research Funding (AUD 1207) for doctoral research.</li> </ul>
Sept 2020 – Sept 2024	<p><b>The University of Queensland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipient of The University of Queensland Research Training Tuition Fee Offset scholarship providing full tuition coverage for the duration of the doctoral program.</li> </ul>
July 2018	<p><b>Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in the National Eligibility Test (NET), in order to conduct a fully-funded PhD project in any Indian university for a total duration of five years.</li> </ul>

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2024	Member, International Society for the Study of Narrative
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- 2022 – 2025 Post-graduate member, Status of Women in the Philosophy Profession (SWiPP),  
Australasian Association of Philosophy (AAP)
- 2022 – 2025 Member, Australasian Association of Continental Philosophy (ASCP)