

Bio-Note for the College website



Name: Dr Rekha Navneet

Designation: Associate Professor

Department: Department of Philosophy

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Work Experience:

Dr Rekha Navneet has been teaching Philosophy to undergraduates for over 28 years. She has also taught MA students for one semester in 2013 as part of co-operative teaching (as a guest faculty.) She has been 'Research Supervisor' for scholars pursuing their MPhil and PhD from Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, since 2018. Two scholars have also been awarded MPhil. One scholar has been awarded her PhD degree. Currently, she has 5 PhD scholars working under her Supervision.

Educational Background:

Dr Rekha Navneet received my PhD degree from Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi in 2004 under the supervision of Prof Ashok Vohra. Her thesis was on 'Love: A Conceptual Analysis'. She worked on Plato's Symposium and Phaedrus (both from English translations), and a part of Lucretius' 'On Nature of Things' (translated version of his De-Rerum Natura).

She has been a recipient of ICPR's JRF between 1992 and 1994. And, also cleared UGC's NET in 1991.

Orientation/Refresher Courses/ FDPs

- She has done an Orientation Course from Jamia Milia Islamia-ASC in 1999, and received a Certificate of Merit.
- Have done two Refresher Courses of Three Weeks each:
- At KNC (University of Delhi) in association with ICPR held between 26th March and 15th April, 2001.
- At UGC-ASC Sponsored RC on 'Women's Studies' at South Campus, University of Delhi, held between 16th January and 6th February, 2006.
- Attended on line FDPs in 2020-2022:

- Attended an online course on ‘Digital Teaching Techniques’ held by ICT Academy between 29th June and 4th July, 2020.
- Attended an online FDP Course on ‘Psychological Skills for Effective Teaching and Learning’ held by TLC, Ramanujan College in association with PMMMNMTT, between 6th and 12th January, 2022. Earned Grade A.
- Attended an online course on ‘The Advaita Vedanta Tradition and the Possibilities for a Hindu Theology of Liberation’ by GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) under Ministry of Education, held by IIT-Tirupati between 25th and 29th April, 2022.

Other Roles in Pedagogy: PhD Supervision

Currently, Dr Rekha Navneet is one of the Research Supervisors commissioned by Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi.

- Dr Rekha Navneet is **supervising Five PhD students** who are pursuing their research at Delhi University’s Department of Philosophy. Their research areas, by and large, are Gender, Bio-Ethics, Plato’s Philosophy, Heideggerian Thought, and Aesthetics
- One of these students has already been awarded her PhD degree on ‘Relocating Women in Rousseau’s General Will.’
- Two of her MPhil students have also been awarded their degrees on areas related to Buddhist Ecology and Policy Making, and Kant’s Transcendental Imagination, Aesthetics.
- Dr Rekha Navneet is also an advisor in the advisory committee for 2 PhD scholars, and was on board for another scholar who has been awarded her PhD degree.

Research areas that Dr Rekha Navneet has been working on are Plato’s Philosophy, Aesthetics, Art and Film Appreciation, Gender and Love, Applied Ethics, Bio-Medical Ethics, Philosophising the Contemporary Technology, specially with reference to the Continental Tradition, and Indian Scriptural Cultural discourse.

Resource Person

- **Dr Rekha Navneet has been a Resource Person for Orientation Course (OR-64) at CPDHE-ASC, Delhi(8/12/2010),** Presented on ‘Philosophy, Meanings, Methods and Relevance’
- **Resource person for a Refresher Course in Philosophy at JNU (23/07/2019).** Presented on ‘Aesthetics: Meaning, Nature and Debates.’
- **FDP organized online by TLC, Harsingh Gour Vishvavidyalaya, Sagar and Mata Sundri College (DU) on 16th September, 2021. The FDP was on Indian Knowledge Systems. Presented her lecture on ‘Traditional Indian View of Aesthetic Experience’**
- **FDP organised by UGC-HRC and Devi Ahilya Vishvavidyalaya, Indore on ‘Bio-Medical Ethics’ on 3/08/2023 via online mode.**

Invited Speaker/Panellist/ Chairperson/ Paper Presentation

Dr Rekha Navneet has given talks, presentations, both in-person as well as online as an **'invited speaker, or 'an invited panellist'** at various National and international forum including Colleges of University of Delhi like **Miranda House, Lady Sriram College, Hindu College, JDMC, MLNC, JMC, DCAC, Department of Philosophy, DU, IGNC** (A National Seminar held by ICPR), **International Herbert Marcuse Society and Reza Foundation's Critical Theory Colloquium ,NABH (National Accreditation for Board of hospitals), OP Jindal Global University, University of Oxford ,UK (six times), Prague(Czech Republic), Lisbon(Portugal), and Bruges (Belgium). Also, she has presented an invited lecture at the college (Gargi College), in the Literary Society, Dept. of English, Gargi College.**

The presentations, both online and off line, in the above, have largely been on : Plato's Theory of Love, Gender and Love, Aesthetics, Film Appreciation, Bio-Medical Ethics, Philosophy and Technology, Ancient Indian Social-Cultural Philosophy and its Relevance in the Present-day World and issues like Mental health, Pandemic, Digital world-view.

She has also Chaired 'Technical Sessions' at various conferences and workshops too.

Curriculum Framework

Dr Rekha Navneet has been in the committee for **Courses Revision, in Philosophy**, University of Delhi, in 2005(New Scheme), 2012/13(FYUP), 2015 (CBCS), 2018/19 (CBCS-LOCF) and 2021/22(NEP-UGCF). A course on 'Motherhood and Surrogacy' as a **Thesis Specific Course** for a PhD Scholar's Course Work in the academic session 2022-2023.

Administrative/Co-Curricular/ Student Relate Activities in College and as Part of University of Delhi

Committees :

- Student Union Advisor, 1997-99
- Member, founding committee, Pathfinder (co-convenor), 2006
- Member, Proctorial Board, 2006
- Member, Founding Committee, UKIERI
- Member, Founding Committee, Gandhi Study Circle, continuing till date.

Course Coordinator for an Add-on Course on 'Professional Ethics' in the Academic Session 2006-2007.

- Member: Upstage,2014-2015.
- Member: Magazine Committee 2018-2020
- Member, Founding Committee, Gargi Media Cell (co-convenor)
- Member: Screening Committee for Promotion, Humanities. 2020-21
- Member: Centre for Diversity. Since 2020.

Administrative duties:

- **Deputy Superintendent, Examinations, Nov-Dec,2011.**
- **Co-coordinator, NAAC, 1st cycle,2014-15 session**
- **Association Advisor, Dept of Philosophy, currently doing it and have done it 4 times earlier'**

TIC, Department of Philosophy: 4 times, and did one year for another department (Dept of Physical Education) in 2017.

Organising Conferences/ Seminar/Workshops

Convenor: National Inter-disciplinary Seminar on ‘Human Rights’ held on 17th February,2009.

Convenor: International Multi-Disciplinary Seminar on ‘The Electronic Media: Impact on National Cultural Identity’, held between 10th and 11th December,2009.

Member Organising Committee for an Inter-Disciplinary Seminar (Departments of Philosophy, Elementary Education and Psychology) under the Aegis of IQAC, on ‘ Mentoring the Teacher Mentors: Capacity Building’ between 19th and 20th January,2018.

Three Member Organising Committee for an Interdisciplinary Webinar Series (organized by depts of English, Elementary Education and Philosophy) on ‘Writing as a Cognitive Ability’ held in 2020 on 2nd November, 9th November and 7th December,2020.

Member, Advisory Board, for a Multi-disciplinary Conference on ‘Revisiting Well-being: Challenges, Perspectives and the Road Ahead’ to celebrate Delhi University’s Centenary Year. (October,2022- February,2023). Conference was held on 1st and 2nd February,2023.

Co-Convenor for a Multidisciplinary Conference on ‘NEP2020: Challenges and Opportunities’ to be held on 3rd and 4th November,2023.

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Publications:

Dr Rekha Navneet has research publications in UGC-CARE listed journals as well as in Peer Reviewed ones. She has a couple of chapters written in edited books, and published by OUP, Springer, Brill and WordsWoth.

Research Journals:

1.Navneet, Rekha and Bose, Mausumi. (2023 January). Art activity, aesthetic joy, and spirituality: views of Anand K Coomaraswamy and Rabindranath Tagore contextualised. IJRCS. Volume 7. Issue 1. (pp.82-88)

<http://WWW.IJRCS.ORG>

2. Navneet, Rekha and Singh, Suyasha. (2022 September). The Concept of Nirvana and Samsara in Buddhism and its Relevance in the Present -Day World. In Towards Excellence. Volume 14(3). (pp1164-1173)

<https://hrdc.gujaratuniversity.ac.in/Ejournal>

3.Navneet, Rekha. (2022 July). Passion and Erotic in Plato’s Symposium. Journal of Foundational Research. Volume 30(2). (pp.320-341).

<https://www.unirajphilosophy.ac.in/JrnlRecentIssues.aspx>

4. Navneet, Rekha. (2022 June). Happiness, Pleasure, Inter-Personal Relationship and Care. Towards Excellence. Volume 14(2) (pp1670-1684).
<https://hrdc.gujaratuniversity.ac.in/Ejournal>

5. Navneet, Rekha. (2021 March). An Aesthetic Appraisal of Cinematic Art-Reality Interface with Specific Reference to Portrayal of Women in Current Hindi Films: A Review CRDEEP- IJSSAH. (pp32-40).
<https://doi.org/10.13140/rg.2.2.26716.67209>.
www.crdeepjournal.org

6. Navneet, Rekha. (2020 October). Relevance of the Philosophical Wisdom as Drawn from the Bhagvad-Gita During Adverse Circumstances Like a Pandemic, IOSR-JHSS. Volume 10(3). (pp52-58).
<http://www.iosrjournals.org>

7. Navneet, Rekha. (2020 October). Ethos of Friendship, Compassion and Reverence towards Animals in Classical Indian Philosophical and Cultural Tradition. IJAHSS. Volume 5(10) . (pp.23-27).
<http://www.ijahss.com>

8. Navneet, Rekha. (2020 September). Abhinavgupta's Theory of Rasa in The Context of Aesthetic Experience as Communion of Feelings. Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR). Volume 7 (3). (pp.883-888)
<http://www.ijrar.org/IJAR20>

9. Navneet, Rekha. (2009, April-June). Abstract Universality and Ethics of Duty vs Limited Universality and Ethics of Care. Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (JICPR). Volume 6(2). (pp.91-104).
http://icpr.in/pdf/nl_oct-dec_2009.pdf,p.26

10. Navneet, Rekha. (2001). Ecological Ethics: Ethics of Sustenance. Indian Philosophical Quarterly (IPQ). Volume 28 (3). (pp.344-352).
<http://unipune.ac.in/snc/cssh/ipq/english/IPQ/26-30%20volumes/28-3/28-3-6.pdf>

Chapter in Edited Books:

1. Navneet, R. (2012). Love and Madness in Plato's Phaedrus. In *Mad/Bad/Sad: Philosophical, Political, Poetic and Artistic Reflections on the History of Madness*. Edited by Gonzalo Aroz. (pp. 1-10). Brill.
https://doi.org/10.1163/9781848881006_002

2. Navneet, Rekha. (2013). Examination, Evaluation and Excellence in Quest for Excellence: Policy and Practice of Undergraduate Education edited by Meera Ramachandran. (pp.184-198). New Delhi: WordsWorth.

3. Navneet, Rekha. (2016). The Ethical and Mystical Import of Kama in Desire, Love, Desire & Identity: Philosophy of love and Sex. . Gary Foster edited. (pp.189-197). Canada: OUP
ISBN: 9780199015207

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/desire-love-and-identity-9780199015207?cc=in&lang=en&>

4.Navneet, R. (2022). Guiding Models from some Traditional Indian Philosophies for the Contemporary Worldview. In *Spirituality and Management: From Models to Applications* (pp. 57-75). Singapore: Springer Nature.

DOI

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-19-1025-8_5

11. Forthcoming, a paper on ‘Aesthetical Living Conference Proceeding:

Navneet, R. (2018, May). Ethical Reflections on Genetic Cloning. In *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy* (Vol. 3, pp. 73-77).

DOI: [10.5840/wcp232018392](https://doi.org/10.5840/wcp232018392)

Newspaper Article

[If you are inquisitive and have a logical mind, Philosophy is right for you Hindustan Times. 21/05/2010.](https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/if-you-are-inquisitive-and-have-a-logical-mind-philosophy-is-right-for-you-hindustan-times-21/05/2010)

[https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi news](https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news)

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Grants for Research work/Travel Grants:

Dr Rekha Navneet has been awarded **UGC'S full Travel Grant** for presenting papers at Global Conferences in University of Oxford (in the years-2010,2013 and 2016.) **ICPR also gave her a partial Travel grant** in the year 2012, and received a grant for travel in 2012 .

Other Honours:

Has been **interviewed as a Woman Philosopher by Collective for Women Philosophers in India**. The link is available on **You tube** on: <https://youtu.be/1h6TeyzQrtI>

Has been invited for a **personal interaction** by a Cambridge based Scholar-Faculty and have had an interaction with Research scholars from Department of Philosophy, University of Rajasthan. She was also invited to attend a talk by prominent scholars on 'Women in Philosophy' at the Department of Philosophy, Newham College, University of Cambridge, UK . Had the privilege of interacting with Faculty and Research Scholars as a 'Guest of Honour' at University of Rajasthan, Department of Philosophy.