

## Report on Philosophical Society Activities in the Academic Year 2022-2023

### 1. Film Screening and Discussion

The academic year began with a tribute to the late Jean-Luc Godard through the screening of 'Breathless.' Dr. Silika Mohapatra led a discussion, exploring the philosophical themes embedded in Godard's work.

### 2. Reading Club:

"The Death of the Author" by Roland Barthes

On November 7, 2022, the Philosophical Society hosted a Reading Club session discussing Roland Barthes' influential work. Barthes' impact on intellectual movements was explored, setting the stage for engaging philosophical discourse.

### 3. Talk by Dr. Sanil V:

"Should We Read Problematic Philosophers?"

Dr. Sanil V, a distinguished philosophy professor, addressed the Society, raising questions on engaging with philosophers with problematic personalities. This session followed a Reading Club discussion on Barthes' work, adding depth to the exploration of philosophical dilemmas.

### 4. Lecture

Quantum Conundrums by Dr. Bikram Phookun

Dr. Bikram Phookun presented a lecture on 'Quantum Conundrums,' delving into the changed concept of measurement in quantum mechanics. The talk provided insights into the intersection of philosophy and physics.

### 5. Reading Club

'The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas' by Ursula K. Le Guin

In collaboration with the Gandhi Ambedkar Study Circle, the Society organized a Reading Club session on Le Guin's thought-provoking work, exploring themes of utilitarianism and utopia.

### 6. Reading Club

Deborah Tannen's 'Agonism in Academic Discourse'

The Society invited members to a reading club session dissecting Deborah Tannen's paper, 'Agonism in Academic Discourse,' offering a platform for engaging with academic writings.

### 7. Grad School Workshop

The Philosophical Society facilitated a workshop for undergraduates contemplating grad school in philosophy. Alumnae Ms. Lillianne and Ms. Urna, currently PhD students, shared valuable insights and guidance.

### 8. S.K. Bose Memorial Lecture

Wendy Doniger

After a four-year hiatus, the Society proudly presented the S.K. Bose Memorial Lecture featuring Wendy Doniger from The University of Chicago Divinity School. The lecture explored "The Concept of the Author in Ancient Indian Texts."

### 9. Annual Fest

## Prasna

The academic year culminated in the Annual Fest 'Prasna' on April 3, 2023. Attendees enjoyed a day filled with philosophical stimulation, including a lecture session, Quiddity (Philosophy quiz competition), and Paper Presentations. The Philosophical Society thrived, offering a diverse range of events, discussions, and lectures, fostering a rich intellectual environment throughout the academic year.



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