

Annual Report of The Philosophical Society 2023-24

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Academic Year: 2023-24

Events Organised

Over the previous academic year (2023-24) the Philosophical Society has organised several lectures, workshops, reading clubs, and discussions- spreading across diverse themes and involving several speakers, while engaging with different media. A list of the same is given below:

Name of Event	Nature of Event	Speaker	Date	Particulars
Orientation	Orientation	Student Council	15.09.2023	The St. Stephen's College Philosophy Society hosted its annual Orientation on September 15th from 4 pm to 6 pm. The event took place in the Science Block building.
The Essentials of Academic Writing	Workshop	Dr. Rimina Mohapatra	21.09.2023	The Philosophical Society at St. Stephen's College hosted an illuminating Academic Writing Workshop open to all students—the workshop aimed at enhancing skills in crafting compelling academic pieces.
Phenomenological and Post-Post-Phenomenological Approaches to Technology: Is there any possibility of reconciliation?	Lecture	Prof. Nishad Patnaik	29.09.2023	The Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's College organised a thought-provoking lecture by Professor Nishad Patnaik on September 29th at 2:00 PM.

Hegel and Critical Theory: Dialectical, History, Alienation	Reading Club	Dr. Silika Mohapatra	07.11.2023	The Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's College organised its inaugural reading club session on November 7th, 2023 at the Mess Lawns.
Hegel's Concept of Freedom	Lecture	Mr. Joseph Dominicus Lap	25.01.2024	The Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's College hosted a thought-provoking talk on "Hegel's Concept of Freedom" by Yale scholar Mr. Joseph Dominicus Lap.
How to Read Philosophy	Lecture	Mr. Wilson Samuel	27.02.2024	The Philosophical Society conducted an insightful two-day workshop titled "How To Read Philosophy" led by Mr. Wilson Samuel.
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Post-Colonial Philosophy: Excerpts from Edward Said	Reading Club	-	01.03.2024	The Philosophical Society organised a reading club session on March 1st, 2024, delving into Post Colonial Philosophy through excerpts from Edward Said's works.
Interpretation of Desire: Capitalism and the Politics of Consumerism	Lecture	Prof. Soumyabrata Choudhury	07.03.2024	The Philosophical Society organized an insightful lecture on "Interpretation of Desire - Capitalism and the Politics of Consumerism" by Prof. Soumyabrata Choudhury on March 7th, 2024.
Motivating Group Action: A Know-How Account of Group Indexical Beliefs	Lecture	Dr. Juliana Lima	24.04.2024	The Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's College hosted the Pre-Prasna talk on "Motivating Group Action: a Know-How Account of Group Indexical Beliefs."

The Problem of the Essential Indexical	Reading Club	-	23.04.2024	The Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's College organised a thought-provoking Pre-Prasna reading club session focused on John Perry's "The Problem of Essential Indexical Beliefs."
Farewell	Farewell	-		The Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's College hosted a heartfelt farewell for the graduating batch, celebrating their academic journey, contributions, and achievements.

Prasna: The Annual Festival of the Philosophical Society (26th-27th April 2024)

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Prasna	Keynote Lecture	Dr. Nirmalanshu Mukherji	26.04.2024	The Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's College commenced Prasna 2024, with an insightful inaugural lecture titled "Can Philosophers Change the World?"
Prasna	Book Exchange	-	26.04.2024	In conjunction with Prasna 2024, the Philosophical Society hosted a Book Exchange event over two days.

Prasna	Paper Presentation Competition	Dr. Manoj NY	26.04.2024	The Philosophical Society organised a Paper Presentation Competition on April 26th at 3:00 PM in the OCLT venue.
Prasna	Quiz Competition	Divyansh (QM)	26.04.2024	The Philosophical Society hosted its annual Quiddity Quiz Competition on April 26th at 4:00 PM in the NCLT venue.

Prasna	Lecture	Dr. Smita Sirkar	27.04.2024	The Philosophical Society hosted a lecture titled "Challenges to the Determination of Moral Agency" by Dr. Smita Sirkar on April 26th.
Prasna	Book Exchange	-	27.04.2024	In conjunction with Prasna 2024, the Philosophical Society hosted a Book Exchange event over two days.
Prasna	Film Screening & Discussion	Dr Jenny Rowena	27.04.2024	The Philosophical Society organised a screening of Rahul Sadasivan's thought-provoking film "Bramayugam" on April 26th.

During the academic year 2023-2024, the Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's College has been able to achieve much of what our council set out to do. We organized and participated in various activities such as lectures, workshops, reading clubs, and discussions with students and guest speakers. Starting from the orientation to the farewell, every event was designed to enhance the members' knowledge about philosophy, which was our way of emphasizing the academic aspect of the fraternity as well as the creation of a strong bond among the members.