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SCHOOL OF SANSKRIT, PHILOSOPHY, and INDIC STUDIES

Discipline of Philosophy

Report on “Three Distinct Phases of Buddhist Thought and Its Basic Thematic Unity”

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Monthly online guest lecture on “Three Distinct Phases of Buddhist Thought and Its Basic Thematic Unity”
2. Date and Time	25 August 2023 (Friday) from 3:00 to 5:00 PM IST.
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Online
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	SCHOOL OF SANSKRIT, PHILOSOPHY, and INDIC STUDIES
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Prof. C. D. Sebastian. Dr C. D. Sebastian is a Professor of Philosophy at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Mumbai. He was a DAAD Fellow at the University of Erfurt, Germany, and an Erasmus Mundus (of European Commission) Visiting Scholar at the University of Warsaw, Poland. He was honored three times with the <i>Excellence in Teaching Award</i> of IIT Bombay. He is an established scholar and researcher in Indian Philosophy and Comparative Philosophy. Among his many books, the most received is <i>The Cloud of Nothingness</i> published internationally by Springer Nature. He is a member of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (SACP) and also a member of the Society for Inter-Cultural Philosophy, Cologne.
6. Number of Faculty attended/participated	5
7. Number of participants	45-50

<p><b>08. The objectives of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<p>The guest lecture aimed at unravelling the philosophical trajectory of Buddhism by highlighting the three distinct phases in the development of its thought (the realistic phase, the critical phase, and the idealistic phase, which are represented by the Ābhidharmika, the Mādhyamika, and the Yogācāra – Vijñānavāda traditions, respectively) as well as its basic thematic unity (central doctrines such as <i>Sūnyatā</i>, <i>Praītya-samutpāda</i>, and <i>Madhyamā Pratipa</i>, which could be translated as ‘emptiness,’ ‘dependent origination,’ and ‘the middle path/way’).</p>
<p><b>09. Description of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<p>The online lectures aim to assist the students in gaining the necessary credentials for JRF, career as an Assistant Professor, advancement at their existing positions and research work.</p>
<p><b>10. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<p>The guest lecture helped demarcate the three phases in developing Buddhist thought, despite the difficulty in saying where one phase ends and another emerges. Despite the diversity of doctrinal exegesis, disputes among minor sects, rivalry between the Theravāda and Mahāyāna, and varied phases of thought development, the lecture successfully clarified the basic thematic unity throughout the entire range of Buddhist thought. The lecture thus helped foster a deeper understanding of Buddhist Philosophy while promoting critical thinking and discussions among participants.</p>
<p><b>11. Enclosures with report</b></p>	<p>Brochure, Attendance of students/faculty/external participants</p>

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Brochure of the event

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**Three Distinct Phases of  
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**Friday, August 25  
3:00–5:00 PM**

An online talk by

**Prof. C. D. Sebastian**

Professor in Indian Philosophy, Philosophy Group  
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay, Mumbai

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