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Discipline of Philosophy, School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies

Report on “Collectives with Intentions of their Own”

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Online guest lecture titled “Collectives with Intentions of their Own”.
2. Date and Time	31 August (Saturday) from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM IST
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Online: https://meet.google.com/nvt-cptu-jco
4. School	School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	<p>Bhaskarjit Neog teaches at the Centre for Philosophy, JNU. He studied at IIT Kanpur, Utrecht University (the Netherlands), Linkoping University (Sweden), and Gauhati University. Dr. Neog received two prestigious international fellowships- the Endeavour Research fellowship by the government of Australia for pursuing postdoctoral research in the School of Philosophy at the Australian National University and Charles Sturt University Australia and the Erasmus Mundus fellowship by the European Union for research masters. He has also been a Visiting Resident Scholar at the Centre for Human Values, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIM Calcutta) and a UGC-interuniversity associate at the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla. His primary research interests are in social ontology, ethics, moral and political philosophy. He has recently published a book titled <i>What Responsibility? Whose Responsibility</i>, from Routledge. He is presently a member of the Ethics Committee of Sitaram Bharatiya Institute of Science and Research, Delhi, an editorial board member of the Journal of Human Values, and Gauhati University Journal of Philosophy.</p>
6. Number of Faculty attended/participated	26
7. Description of the activity	The monthly online guest lecture is organized by

	the Research scholars of the Discipline of Philosophy, SSP that aims to expand the knowledge of philosophical perspectives and research among philosophy students, faculty, and the general public interested in philosophy.
8. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	The talk deals with the controversial question of how collectives can hold beliefs, desires and notions. The speaker, with the help of literature in social ontology, Philosophy of mind, etc tried to assert that collectives can be bearers of intentions and act in a morally relevant way. The talk focussed on showing the interconnections between intentions and collectives and advocated a strictly non-individualist approach.
9. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The participants got an overview of the key issues in social ontology and the notion of "Collective Intentionality". How does the individual become the collective/a part of the collective? Is individuality lost in becoming a part of the collective, If yes, At what point? Are decisions of the state, collective decisions? Does Collective imply the majority? Etc. were some of the key issues addressed during the lecture.
10 Enclosures with report	<u>YouTube link:</u> https://youtu.be/450n JrMpHI?si= 5nUn-oMK10hGzHt , Attendance sheet, Screenshots, Poster.



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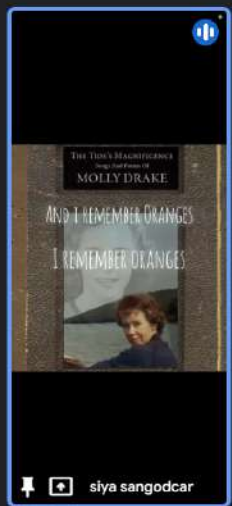
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Abstract

The thought that collectives can be the bearers of intentional states such as beliefs, desires, and intentions is a controversial one. How is it that an entity that does not have any mind or brain of its own can have intentional states in the strict sense of the term? In this talk, I make an effort to understand collective entities as the proper bearer of intentions with the help of some of the latest literature in social ontology and philosophy of action and mind. My primary task is to articulate collective intentions as the intentions of collectives by appealing to a strong conceptual interconnection between intentions on the one hand and the collective on the other. Emphasizing on the explanatory role of the phenomenon of collectivity in the constitution of collective intentions, I show how we can legitimately attribute intentions to collectives for doing or failing to do a morally relevant action. Throughout the analysis, I firmly maintain my commitment towards a non-individualist approach.

Bio

Dr. Bhaskarjit Neog is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Philosophy, JNU. He got a Ph.D. from IIT Kanpur, and did his M.A. from Utrecht University (the Netherlands), Linkoping University (Sweden), and Gauhati University. Dr. Neog received two prestigious international fellowships- the Endeavour Research fellowships by the government of Australia for pursuing Post-doctoral research in the School of Philosophy at the Australian National University and Charles Sturt University Australia and the Erasmus Mundus fellowship by the European Union for research masters. He has also been a Visiting Resident Scholar at the Centre for Human Values, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIM Calcutta) and a UGC-interuniversity associate at the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla. His primary research interests are social ontology, ethics, and moral and political philosophy. He has recently published a book titled What Responsibility? Whose Responsibility, from Routledge. He is presently a member of the Ethics Committee of Sitaram Bharatiya Institute of Science and Research, Delhi and editorial board member of Journal of Human Values, and Gauhati University Journal of Philosophy.



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Bhaskarjit Neog (Presenting)

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- If intentionality is the mark of the mental (Brentano, Crane), how do we make sense of collective mental state in the context of a collective entity?
- Groups or collective entities do not have minds. They do not have brains, only their constituent members have.
- How can an entity, which does not have its own mind, be said to have its own intentionality?
- How do we talk about a minded-matter in the context of a non-minded entity?

