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Abstract

Doing philosophy in contemporary India, is necessary to distinguish between doing readily available philosophy and making philosophy ready. Extending the latter by following Nargarjunacharya, Dharmakeerti, and Adi Shankaracharya from India, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine from the West, it is helpful to identify great ideas in the writings of modern Indian writers and build a philosophical system. In addition, like the Purva paksha in Western and Indian philosophy, identify the immediate Purva Paksha in contemporary Indian philosophy. Critically rallying around the works of Indian social scientists and modern Indian philosophers will provide a broader understanding of the theories in India. It is also helpful to calibrate Indian philosophers with Western philosophers without committing a temporary imbalance. Excavating the neglected yet creative philosophical texts from modern India can enrich the philosophy domain and create philosophical platforms to bring debates on modern Indian thinkers into the discussion, which can bring dynamism to the discipline.



Bio

Prof. A. Raghuramaraju teaches philosophy at the Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati. He has a Ph.D. in philosophy from IIT Kanpur and taught at Goa University and the University of Hyderabad. His Oxford University Press publications include *Debates in Indian Philosophy: Classical, Colonial and Contemporary*; *Debating Gandhi: A Reader*, (ed.); *Enduring Colonialism: Classical Presences and Modern Absences in Indian Philosophy*; *Modernity in Indian Social Theory*; *Philosophy and India: Ancestors, Outsiders and Predecessors*; *Debating Vivekananda: A Reader*, (ed.); *Desire and Liberation: Biography of a Text by Vaddera Chandidas*, (ed.). His Routledge publications include *Modern Frames and Premodern Themes in Indian Philosophy: Border, Self and Other*; *Calibrating Western Philosophy for India: Rousseau, Derrida, Deleuze, Guattari, and Vaddera Chandidas*. Penguin has published his edited volume titled *Seven Sages: Selected Essays of Ramchandra Gandhi*.

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