

Name of Proposer:	Koshy Tharakan
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Proposed Areas of research for PhD candidates:	"Explore the notion of 'Self' as discussed in various philosophical writings using a phenomenological/hermeneutical mode of inquiry." "Our pre-philosophical intuitions suggest the idea of "self" as homogeneous and transparent to the subject. Thus, in contrast to the knowledge of "the other", the knowledge of "self" is often taken for granted and assumed to be available to the subject. It is this idea of self that underlies even the modernist project of enlightenment and rationality (the Cartesian "Cogito" as the site of "certainty" and "truth"). However, with the advent of postmodernism, this very notion of self is problematised. We have now a multiplicity of "selves" within the subject, instead of the absolute, transparent and homogeneous "self". Our line of inquiry on this polyphonic self would reveal the problematic relations with self and its other (alterity) on the one hand, and would enable us to lay bare the different strands of self hood on the other hand. We hope this inquiry would bring much clarity on gender, subaltern, and postcolonial discourse in general."
Required qualification of applicants	M.A. in Philosophy or allied areas (Literature, Psychology, Sociology). Qualified in UGC-JRF/NET.
Specialization	Philosophy

Name of Proposer:	Jaison A Manjaly
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Proposed Areas of research for PhD candidates:	Experience and agency Metaphysical Issues of mind and consciousness Foundations of cognitive science
Required qualification of applicants	MA/MSc in Philosophy, Psychology, Cognitive Science or BTech/BE
Specialization	Cognitive Science

Name of Proposer:	Arnapurna Rath
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Proposed Areas of research for PhD candidates:	The scholar should be interested in any of the following broad areas of research: 1. Cultural Studies and Postcolonial theories 2. Indian writing in English or in English translation 3. South-Asian literature 4. Fiction Studies 5. Philosophical-literary theorists (Bakhtin, Foucault, Heidegger, etc.)
Required qualification of applicants	M.A. with NET or an M.Phil in English. (The scholar should be willing to be a full-time, regular resident of the campus.)
Specialization	English