



NEWSLETTER

Ruminator Inaugural Edition - Nurturing Philosophical Reflections



EDITORIAL NOTE

November 16

World Philosophy Day

We are thrilled to announce the much-anticipated launch of our newest venture

“SAPIENTIA”

A quarterly philosophical magazine brought to you by the Department of Philosophy. “Sapientia,” meaning wisdom, encapsulates the essence of our collective pursuit of knowledge and understanding. This magazine serves as a dynamic platform where diverse philosophical perspectives converge, fostering intellectual exploration and scholarly exchange. In this inaugural edition, you’ll find a captivating array of articles spanning classical and contemporary philosophical themes. Our contributors, including esteemed faculty and talented students, have passionately shared their insights, making “Sapientia” a true reflection of the richness within our philosophical community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to this inaugural issue, and we invite the entire community to explore the profound ideas and discussions within “Sapientia.”

Professor Gurmeet Singh, the Vice Chancellor, unveiled the first issue of the Quarterly Philosophical Magazine titled “Sapientia,” which is published by the Department of Philosophy at Pondicherry University. The release event was attended by Dr. Clement, the Dean of Humanities and Head of Department, as well as the Faculty Advisors Dr. B. R. Shantha Kumari and Dr. S. Indira. Dr. Jonas, the Escande Chair, Dr. Velmurugan K, the Coordinator, and Kiran and George, the Editor and Designer respectively, were also present. Additionally, the event was attended by research scholars and students from the University.

Dear Readers,

With immense joy and a sense of anticipation, we extend a warm welcome to the inaugural edition of “Ruminator,” the newsletter curated by the Philosophy Department of Pondicherry University.. As the editors-in-chief, it is our privilege to introduce you to a collection of insightful reflections and intellectual musings that embody the spirit of philosophical inquiry.

“Ruminator” takes its first steps as a platform designed to cultivate and disseminate philosophical thought within our academic community. In this Newsletter, we are pleased to present a diverse array of artworks, film review, articles that span the vast and intricate landscape of philosophy. Each contribution is a testament to the richness of ideas and the depth of contemplation within our department.

Our esteemed contributors, comprising both faculty and students, have poured their intellectual energy into crafting pieces that explore a myriad of philosophical themes. From metaphysical ponderings to ethical quandaries, these articles invite you to engage with the fundamental questions that have captivated thinkers throughout history.

The choice of the name “Ruminator” reflects our commitment to fostering a space for deep reflection and thoughtful exploration. As

you peruse the contents of this newsletter, envision it as a forum where ideas are not only expressed but also given the room to evolve and intertwine with the diverse perspectives of our philosophical community.

We express our gratitude to all contributors for their dedication to elevating the intellectual discourse within our department. It is their passion for philosophy that has brought “Ruminator” to life, and we look forward to witnessing the continued growth of this platform.

To our readers, we encourage you not only to read but to actively engage with the content. Let the articles spark your own contemplations, discussions, and perhaps even inspire further inquiries into the philosophical realms.

“Ruminator” is more than a newsletter; it is a testament to the vibrant intellectual community that exists within the Philosophy Department. We hope that this publication serves as a catalyst for further collaboration, dialogue, and the shared pursuit of wisdom.

Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey. May “Ruminator” be a source of intellectual inspiration and a reflection of the enduring spirit of philosophical exploration.

“ The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world ”
— William Ross Wallace

Call for Articles

We are excited to announce the theme for the next edition of "Sapientia," our quarterly philosophical magazine. As we delve into this profound and multifaceted concept, we invite you to contribute your insights and perspectives. The theme for February edition will be **Freedom**.

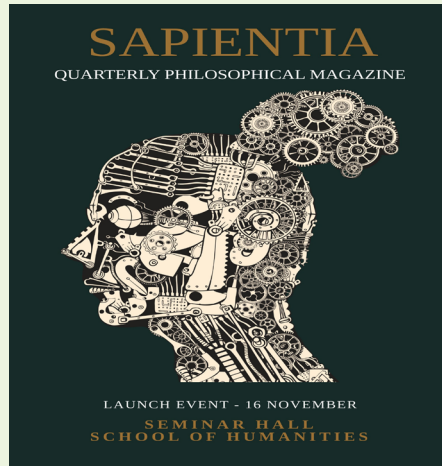
Freedom has been a central theme in philosophy throughout history, touching on topics such as political philosophy, ethics, metaphysics, Psychology and existentialism. For this edition, we encourage articles that explore the various dimensions of freedom, its philosophical underpinnings, ethical implications, and contemporary relevance.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Format:** Submissions should be in MS Word format, double-spaced, and adhere to a maximum word limit of 2,000 words.
- **Style:** Please follow the citation style of your preference (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.).
- **Deadline:** The deadline for article submissions is January 25th 2023.

How to submit

Kindly email your articles as attachments to editor.sapientia@gmail.com, indicating "SapientiaSubmission-Freedom" in the subject line.



Join Us on the Philosophical Exploration. "Sapientia" aims to be a platform where diverse

philosophical perspectives converge. Your contributions on the theme of freedom will contribute to a rich tapestry of ideas and reflections. We look forward to your engaging articles as we collectively explore the profound concept of freedom through the lens of philosophy.

It is with great joy and pride that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed Dean of Humanities, Head of the Department, Prof. Clement, on his recent appointment as the Director of Culture at Pondicherry University. As the Director of Culture, Prof. Clement will undoubtedly bring his intellectual acumen and visionary leadership to promote cultural activities and foster a vibrant cultural community within our university. We express our deepest appreciation for Prof. Clement's commitment to art and cultural development. This dual role is a testament to his versatility and the holistic approach he brings to education. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact his leadership will have on the cultural landscape of Pondicherry University.



Seminar:

The Department of Philosophy, Pondicherry University, hosted a one day seminar on 'Rethinking Self and Freedom in the Digital World.' The keynote address for the seminar was delivered by Prof. Clement, Director of Culture, Dean of Humanities, Pondicherry University, and invited lecture were delivered by Dr. S. Lourdnathan, Emeritus Professor, JNU.

The Department of Philosophy congratulates Fahad V.M and Bhoomiah J on their successful defence of their doctoral dissertations named "The Critical Examination of Michael Foucault's Concept of Power" and "An Analysis of John Dewey's Instrumentalism" on Aug 2023. They successfully persuaded their external examiners, Dr. R.P Singh, a Professor at the Centre for Philosophy in JNU, and Dr. P.R. Bhat, a Professor in the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences at IIT-Bombay."



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Swabirali K Salam, PG student in philosophy who plays centre forward for Pondicherry University's football team, contributed to the team's triumph in the Intercollegiate Football Tournament. Our Department congratulates him on his great attempt and wishes him further success in the upcoming inter-university football tournament.

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Our esteemed new faculty, also referred to as the "Man of Surprises."

Dr. Velmurugan K commenced his tenure at Pondicherry University in June 2023. Prior to this, he served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Janki Devi Memorial College and Indraprastha College for Women, both affiliated with the University of Delhi. The subjects he focuses on in teaching and research are Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Buddhism and Social Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Indian Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Critical Thinking and Decision Making, Ethics in Public Domain, Philosophy of Science, Philosophical Thought of Ambedkar, and Art and Film Appreciation.

