

PHL 383 (ANS 384) Classical Indian Epistemology
WAG 210
Tuesdays 3:30 - 6:30

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Books: B. K. Matilal, *The Character of Logic in India* (available at the Univ. Co-op)
B. K. Matilal, *Perception* (available in 3 or 4 weeks)
S. Phillips, *Classical Indian Metaphysics* (recommended but not required)

On reserve in the Philosophy Library (WAG 312):

Pradeep Gokhale, *Inference and Fallacies Discussed in Ancient Indian Logic*
Roy Perrett (ed.), *Indian Philosophy: Epistemology*
Roy Perrett (ed.), *Indian Philosophy: Logic and Philosophy of Language*

Class handouts:

S. Phillips, "What Analytic Epistemologists Can Learn From Indian Externalism"
S. Phillips, "The Inference Chapter of Gaṅgeśa's *Tattva-cintā-maṇi*"

A packet of photocopies to be determined later.

Requirements: Attendance plus a short paper informing or outlining a longer paper along with a class presentation.

- Sept. 4 Introduction. The place of epistemology and theory of debate in classical Indian thought. "Logic" at the service of epistemology/debate theory. A brief history of Nyāya. Comparing traditions of epistemology: knowledge as justified true belief (class handout: "What Analytic Epistemologists etc.>"). Translation issues; a running glossary.
- Sept. 11 Comparative epistemology continued ("What Analytic Epistemologists etc.>"). "Pervasion" or "invariable concomitance" (*vyāpti*) in Nyāya and Buddhist philosophy. The history of Indian theory of debate. Matilal, *The Character of Logic in India*, chs. 1 and 2, also ch. 5, pp. 108–09 (Dharmakīrti's three types of inference). Recommended: S. Phillips, *Classical Indian Metaphysics*, pp. 65–7 and 110–12; K. H. Potter, "Does Indian Epistemology Concern Justified True Belief" (included in Perrett, see above).
- Sept. 18 Gaṅgeśa and "New" (*navya*) Nyāya. Overview of the Nyāya theory of inference. Matilal, *The Character of Logic in India*, ch. 7. S. Phillips, "The Inference Chapter of Gaṅgeśa's *Tattva-cintā-maṇi*," pp. 1–8. Recommended: S. Phillips, *Classical Indian Metaphysics*, pp. 116–21; J. N. Mohanty, "Psychologism in Indian Logical Theory" (included in Perrett, see above).
- Sept. 25 Details of Gaṅgeśa's theory, with special attention to the question of how a pervasion is grasped, positive-only and negative-only inferences, *tarka* ("counterfactual reasoning"), and the "inferential undercutter" (*upādhi*). Matilal, *The Character of Logic in India*, ch. 5, and Phillips' summary of Gaṅgeśa's inference chapter, pp. 8–27, especially pp. 11–14 and 16–19. Recommended: S. Phillips, *Classical Indian Metaphysics*, pp. 151–64; Lawrence Davis, "*Tarka* in the Nyāya Theory of Inference" (included in Perrett, see above).
- Oct. 2 Details of Gaṅgeśa's theory, with special attention to "circumstantial implication" (*arthâpatti*), formal presentation of an "inference for others," and "fallacies of the probans." Matilal, *The Character of Logic in India*, ch. 3, and the remainder of Phillips' summary of Gaṅgeśa's inference chapter, especially pp. 23–30. Recommended: Pradeep Gokhale, *Inference and Fallacies Discussed in Ancient Indian Logic*, pp. 136–42 (on reserve, see above).

Oct. 9 - Dec. 4: to be determined on Oct. 2.