

CURRICULUM VITAE  
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I'm a titular professor at the Federal University of Campina Grande and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and a senior researcher at the University of Brasilia (both in Brazil). I have been a visiting scholar at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies (UK), the San José State University (USA), the University of Oxford (UK), the University of Notre Dame (USA) and the University of Québec (Canada). I received my PhD from the Department of Philosophy at the University of Montreal (Canada). My research interests include Philosophy of Religion, Philosophical Logic, Indian Philosophy and Philosophy of Mind. I am particularly interested in the logical and philosophical aspects of concepts of God, especially those from underrepresented religious traditions, such as Indian traditions. My interest in concepts of God also encompasses panentheism and its relationship to panpsychism, as well as contradictory concepts of God and the logical dimensions involved, which include paraconsistency.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

2001-2005 Ph.D. in Philosophy (with Honor), University of Montreal, Canada.  
1996-1998 M.St. in Computer Science, Federal University of Ceara, Brazil.  
1992-1996 B.A. in Computer Science, Federal University of Ceara, Brasil.

### CURRENT POSITIONS

Since 2024 Senior researcher at the University of Brasilia.  
Since 2023 Leader of the research project “Concepts of God and the Variety of Theisms in Indian Traditions: Towards a Theistic Theory of Consciousness”, funded by the John Templeton Foundation.  
Since 2009 Titular Professor, Federal University of Campina Grande, Brazil.  
Since 2020 Professor of the Philosophy Graduate Program, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.  
Since 2010 Director of the Research Team *Logic and Religion* of the National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development of Brazil.

### PAST POSITIONS

2024 - 2024 Visiting Scholar, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, UK.  
2020 - 2020 Visiting Scholar, Center for Comparative Philosophy, San José State University, USA.  
2009 - 2019 Professor of the Philosophy Graduate Program, Federal University Paraiba, Brazil.  
2017 - 2017 Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, UK.  
2006 - 2009 Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Federal University of Ceara, Brazil.  
2006 - 2006 Visiting Scholar, University of Notre Dame, USA.  
2000 - 2000 Visiting Scholar, University of Quebec in Trois-Rivieres, Canada.  
2019 - 2024 President of the [Logic and Religion Association](#).

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025 - 2028	Research Productivity Fellowship. National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development of Brazil. Project “Logic, Paraconsistency and the Contradictory God Thesis”. R\$ 75,600.00.
2023 - 2026	Research Grant. John Templeton Foundation. Project “ <a href="#">Concepts of God and the Variety of Theisms in Indian Traditions: Towards a Theistic Theory of Consciousness.</a> ” (#62954). \$ 259,632.
2022 - 2025	Research Productivity Fellowship. National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development of Brazil. Project “Logic and the Concept of God”. R\$ 62,600.00.
2021 - 2023	Research Grant. John Templeton Foundation: <a href="#">The Global Philosophy of Religion Project</a> . Project “ <a href="#">A Philosophical Approach to the Vaishnava Concept of God</a> ”. £ 30,000.00.
2022 - 2025	Research Grant. National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development of Brazil. Project “Paraconsistency and the Concept of God”. R\$ 14,000.00.
2020 - 2022	Research Grant. John Templeton Foundation: <a href="#">Supporting Constructive Research on the Existence of God in Portuguese-Speaking Latin America</a> . Project “Plausibility and the Concept of God”. R\$ 80,000.00.
2013 - 2017	Research Grant. National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development of Brazil. Project “Formal Methods in Philosophy: Applications of Logic to Philosophy of Religion”. R\$ 15,000.00.
2009 - 2012	Research Productivity Fellowship. National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development of Brazil. Project “Formal Methods in Philosophy”. R\$ 32,400.00.
2007 - 2009	Research Grant. National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development of Brazil. Project “Logic, Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence”. R\$ 16,000.00.

## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- Contradiction in Bhedābheda Vedānta: A Paraconsistent and Glut-Theoretic Approach to Jīva’s Acintya Bhedābheda Theology. *TheoLogica*, 2025.
- Concepts of God in Underrepresented Religious Traditions (co-edited with A. Herbert and P. Bilimoria). Special issue of *Sophia*, 2026
- Suffering and Evil: The Problem of Theodicy and the Pervasiveness of Ignorance (co-authored with Akshay Gupta). In: Rita Sherma and Purushottama Bilimoria (eds.) *The Oxford History of Hindu Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2026.
- Paraconsistent and Glut-Theoretic Approaches to Contradictory Theologies (co-edited with Daniel Molto). Special issue of *TheoLogica*, 2026.
- *Concepts of God and the Variety of Theisms in Indian Traditions* (co-edited with A. Herbert and P. Bilimoria). Springer Nature, 2027.
- *The Oxford Handbook of Concepts of God from Indian Traditions* (co-edited with A. Herbert and B. P. Göcke). Oxford University Press, 2027.

## VOLUMES AND SPECIAL ISSUES

- Concepts of God and the Divine in Indian Traditions (co-edited with A. Herbert and P. Bilimoria). Special issue of *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, v. 63, issue 3, 2024.
- Vaiṣṇava Concepts of God: Philosophical Perspectives (co-edited with A. Herbert and B. P. Göcke). London: Routledge, 2024.
- Proceedings of the 19th Brazilian Logic Conference (co-edited with I. D’Ottaviano, L. Suguitani and P. Viana). Special issue of the *Journal of Applied Logics*, v. 9, issue 1, 2022.
- Beyond Faith and Rationality: Essays on Logic, Religion and Philosophy (co-edited with B. P. Göcke, J-Y Beziau and P. Bilimoria). London: Springer Science, 2020.
- The Concept of God (co-edited with Stanislaw Krajewski). Special issue of the *Journal of Applied Logics*, v. 6, issue 6, 2019.
- Formal Approaches to the Ontological Argument (co-edited with J-Y Beziau). Special issue of the *Journal of Applied Logics*, v. 5, issue 7, 2018.
- Logic and Philosophy of Religion (co-edited with J-Y Beziau). Special issue of *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, v. 56, issue 2, 2017.
- Logic and Religion (co-edited with J-Y Beziau). Special issue of *Logica Universalis*, v. 11, issue 1, 2017.

- *Filosofia e Teologia da Bhagavad-gita: Hinduísmo e o Vaishnavismo de Caitanya*. Curitiba: Juruá Editora, 2015.
- *Um Curso de Lógica*. Petrópolis: Vozes, 2011.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- The Concept of God in the Bhavagad Gītā: a Panentheistic Account (co-authored with Alan Herbert). In: R. Silvestre, A. Herbert and B. P. Göcke (eds.) *Vaiṣṇava Concepts of God: Philosophical Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2024, pp. 15-32.
- On śaktis and their divine possessor: Towards a Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Concept of God (co-authored with Alan Herbert). In: R. Silvestre, A. Herbert and B. P. Göcke (eds.) *Vaiṣṇava Concepts of God: Philosophical Perspectives*, London: Routledge, pp. 167-193, 2024
- Religion, Plurality and the Logic of the Concept of God. In: Andrea Vestrucci (ed.) *Beyond Babel: Religion and Linguistic Pluralism*. London: Springer Science, 2023, pp. 287-302.
- Philosophical Logic = Philosophy + Logic? In: J-Y Béziau, J-P Desclés, A. Moktefi, A. Pascu (eds.) *Logic in Question*. London: Springer Science, 2023, pp. 281-301.
- Inductive Plausibility and Certainty. In: Marcin Trepczyński (ed.), *Philosophical Approaches to the Foundations of Logics and Mathematics*. Leiden: Brill, 2021, pp. 194-210.
- Some Thoughts on the Logical Aspects of the Problem of Evil. In: Ricardo Silvestre; B. P. Göcke; J-Y Béziau; P. Bilimoria (eds.) *Beyond Faith and Rationality: Essays on Logic, Religion and Philosophy*, London: Springer Science, 2020, pp. 121-136.
- A Noção de Conhecimento na Bhagavad-gita. In: R. Silvestre, I. Theodor (eds.), *Filosofia e Teologia da Bhagavad-gita: Hinduísmo e o Vaishnavismo de Caitanya*, Curitiba: Juruá Editora, 2015, pp. 127-156.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Conceptual Plausibility and the Rationality of Theistic Belief. *Religious Studies* 61: 109-128, 2025.
- The Contradictory God Thesis and Non-Dialetheic Mystical Contradictory Theism. *The International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 97: 83-105, 2025.
- Plausibilidade conceitual e a racionalidade da crença teísta. *Argumentos* 17: 369-390, 2025.
- Concepts of God and the Divine in Indian Traditions. (co-authored with Alan Herbert and Purushottama Bilimoria). *Sophia* 63: 379-387, 2024.
- The Logic of God: A Pluralistic Representational Theory of Concepts. *Logica Universalis* 18: 465-488, 2024.
- Panentheism and Theistic Cosmopsychism: God and the Cosmos in the Bhavagad Gītā. *Sophia* 63: 447-469, 2024.
- Pluralidade Religiosa e o Conceito de Deus. *Veritas* 69: 1-15, 2024.
- O que é Lógica Filosófica? Ou em que Sentido a Lógica é Filosófica? *Dissertatio* 57: 246-276, 2023.
- On the Representation of the Concept of God. *Philosophia* 50: 731-755, 2022.
- A Formal-Logical Approach to the Concept of God. *Manuscrito* 44: 224-260, 2021.
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- Paraconsistent Logic as Model Building. *South American Journal of Logic* 4: 195-217, 2018.
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- A Estrutura do Yoga na Bhagavad-Gita. *Numen*, v. 20, p. 28-46, 2017.
- Sobre a formalização lógica de mudança de teorias e anomalias científicas. *Argumentos* 17: 72-91, 2017.
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- On the Logical Formalization of Theory Change and Scientific Anomalies. *Logic Journal of the IGPL*, v. 20, p. 517-533, 2012.
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- A Defesa do Livre-Arbítrio de Alvin Plantinga: Uma Breve Introdução ao Debate acerca de Deus e o Mal na Filosofia Analítica da Religião (Introdução à tradução de God, evil and the metaphysics of freedom, de Alvin Plantinga). *Filosofia Unisinos* 10: 318-320, 2009.
- Ambiguidades Indutivas, Paraconsistência, Paracompletude e as Duas Abordagens da Indução. *Manuscrito* 30: 101-134, 2007.