

Brief Profile of Prof. Vasant G. Gadre

Educational Background:

M. A. in English- University of Delhi, Delhi

Ph. D. in Spanish- Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Thesis- “Las estructuras gramaticales de hindi y español”. A synchronic study of the syntactic structures of Hindi and Spanish—two languages that can trace their origins eventually to a common ancestor, the “Indo-European”— is carried out. Interesting similarities are discovered, which could profitably be exploited to learn Spanish through the transfer of the cognitive code of the students’ L1 to Spanish.

Post-Graduate Diploma in Literary & Linguistic Research - International Commission of Information & Observation of Spanish, Madrid- Spain

Hispano-Filipino Certificate for Teachers of Spanish Language & Literature, Instituto de Cultura Hispánica, Madrid- Spain

Advanced Course of Spanish Philology- Higher Council of Scientific Research, Spain

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Presently Professor of Spanish, Richland College, Dallas (USA)

Dean - School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2001 - 2003

Chairperson- Center of Spanish Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, for a period of ten years

Full Professor - Center of Spanish Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 1987- 2008

Honorary Visiting Faculty to teach Hindi – University of Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain) – 1997

Honorary Visiting Faculty to teach Hindi – Colegio Mayor Nuestra Señora de África, Madrid (Spain)-1988

DISTINCTIONS

- Appointed/Elected Director for India during the International Conference of the Association of Asian Hispanists, Manila – Philippines, 1990; continued in that capacity till 1996
- National Lecturer of Spanish of the University Grants Commission, 1991
- International Hispanista Fellowships, 2005, 1997 and 1988
- Chamber of Commerce Invitational Fellowship, Valladolid, Spain, July, 2002
- Indo-Cuban Cultural Exchange Program Fellowship, Cuba, 1986
- Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas fellowship, Spain, 1979

- International Commission of Information & Observation of Spanish Fellowship, Spain, 1978-79
- Spanish Interpreter to late Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, New Delhi, 1983
- Spanish Interpreter for the Indian Government during the State Visits of the Presidents of Mexico and Venezuela.

PUBLICATIONS

- Published several books (original/translations/edited); more than 30 articles, national/international conference papers, book reviews; 22 newspaper articles
- *Estructuras gramaticales de hindi y español*, Madrid, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas and the Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional, 1996
- Translated into Marathi, Camilo José Cela's *La familia de Pascual Duarte*, Pune, Vahini Prakashan, 1991
- *Papeles de la India*, Edited the Indian Council of Cultural Relations Spanish journal, between 2004 and 2008
- *Encuentro Indo-Hispánico en el siglo XXI* (ed), New Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2005
- Brought out the Spanish version, *Presentando a la India*, a project of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, New Delhi, 1983, and several other publications dealing with cultural aspects of India
- A monograph in Spanish in mimeographed form on *Gandhiji, la vida, la enseñanza y el pensamiento de Gandhi, 1978*, with a foreword by the then Prime Minister of India, Sri Morarji Desai

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Contrastive Linguistics (Hindi/Spanish)

EXPERIENCE OF GUIDING RESEARCH

Successfully guided three Ph. D. theses and four M. Phil. dissertations

PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Invited to make a presentation titled "Historia y política contemporánea de la India según Octavio Paz" by Casa Asia, Barcelona, Instituto de México and the Universidad de Navarra, Spain, in 2007
- Invited to deliver lectures on Indian themes in October/November, 2006 in Caracas and Merida (Venezuela), on an invitation from the Universidad de los Andes and the Universidad Central de Venezuela
- Presented a paper on "La lingüística contrastiva y la enseñanza de un idioma extranjero" in an international conference of the SEL (Sociedad Española de Lingüística), held in the University of León (Spain) in December 2005
- Delivered a lecture on "The political discourse in India" in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in February 2005, on an invitation from the Anand Bhawan, Argentina
- Invited by the Sahitya Akademi to deliver a lecture on "Pablo Neruda's encounter with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru", on 15 September 2003

- Appointed member in 2003 of the Editorial Board of the web journal, *Ciberletras*, www.lehman.cuny.edu/ciberletras
- Been a Member of the Editorial Board of *Saar Sansaar*, a journal in Hindi, devoted to the publication of literature (mostly short stories), translated from foreign languages
- Delivered a lecture on “La India contemporánea y su lenguaje político” [Contemporary India and its political discourse] on July 16 2002, on an invitation from the CASA ASIA (Barcelona, Spain)
- Delivered a lecture each on Indian themes in March 2002 on an invitation from universities in Spain (Navarra, Valladolid, Islas Baleares and the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid/Instituto Cervantes)
- Delivered a lecture on the “Linguistic Diversity of India”, during the India Week organized in Murcia (Spain) in March 2002 on an invitation from the Fundación Caja Murcia (Spain) and the University of Murcia
- Delivered a lecture on India, in August 2001, in the Summer Course organized in El Escorial (Spain), on an invitation from the Fundación General Universidad Complutense
- Delivered a lecture on India, in July 1999, in the Summer Course organized in Almeria (Spain) on an invitation from the Fundación General Universidad Complutense
- Delivered a lecture on the “Linguistic Situation in India”, in November 1997, on an invitation from the Islas Baleares University (Spain).
- Delivered a lecture on India, in July 1996, on an invitation from the Fundación General Universidad Complutense
- Attended several International Conferences and lectured and presented papers in Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, India, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Spain, and U.S.A.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

- Appointed on the Panel of International Referees of the journal *Revista humana del Sur*, of the “Centro de Estudios de Africa, Asia, Diásporas Latinoamericanas y Caribeñas, José Manuel Briceño Monzillo, 2006
- Appointed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development as its one-man-committee to review the working of the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, in February 2003
- Nominated by the Human Resource Development Ministry as a member of the Governing Body of the University Grants Commission in May, 2002
- Nominated by the U.G.C. as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Accreditation and Assessment Council, Bangalore, in March 2003
- Convener of the Committee to review the working of the Inter University Center for Humanities and Social Sciences at the Institute of Advanced Study in Shimla in March, 2003
- Nominated to chair UGC’s Standing Committee on Area Studies in December, 2002
- Nominated MEMBER of the India Council of Social Science Research, by the Government of India, in April 1999 for a period of three years
- Visitor’s Nominee on Selection Committees of Several Central Universities.