

# Tushar Menon

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## *Curriculum Vitae*

### Areas of Specialisation

**Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Science.**

### Areas of Competence

**Logic, Metaphysics.**

### Education

- 2014– **DPhil (PhD) Philosophy**, *Balliol College*, University of Oxford.  
Supervisors: David Wallace, Simon Saunders
- 2013–2014 **MSt. Philosophy of Physics**, *St. Hilda's College*, University of Oxford.
- 2011–2012 **MA Life Writing**, *King's College London*.  
Dissertation title: The Life and Science of James Clerk Maxwell
- 2008–2009 **MSc. Theoretical Physics**, *King's College London*.  
Dissertation title: An Introduction to Conformal Field Theory
- 2005–2008 **BSc. Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics**, *St. Joseph's College*, Bangalore.  
Honours course: Astrophysics

### Fellowships

- 2017–2018 **Beyond Spacetime Predoctoral Research Fellow**, *University of Illinois, Chicago*.

### Awards

- 2016 **Space and Time after Quantum Gravity Essay Prize.**
- 2014–2017 **British Society for the Philosophy of Science (BSPS) Doctoral Scholarship.**
- 2011–2012 **King's Alumni Bursary**, *King's College London*.
- 2008–2009 **Inlaks Scholarship.**

### Publications

#### Peer-reviewed

- forthcoming **Taking up superspace—what would it take to be a realist about superspace?**, *Beyond Spacetime: The Philosophical Foundations of Quantum Gravity*, eds: Nick Huggett and Christian Wüthrich, Oxford University Press.

## Philosophy in the public sphere

- 2017 **Strings and Stringency—A review of Richard Dawid's *String Theory and the Scientific Method*.**  
Cambridge Humanities Review

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## Teaching Experience

### Lectures

- 2012 **A Proper Introduction to Quantum Mechanics**, *Course designer, presenter*, Science Forum, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore.

### Tutorials (Philosophy)

- 2017 **Philosophical Logic**, *Teaching Assistant*, Wadham College, Oxford.  
2016 **Elements of Deductive Logic**, *Tutor*, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford.  
2015-2016 **Introduction to Logic**, *Tutor*, Balliol College, Hertford College, Oxford.  
2015 **Philosophy of Science**, *Tutor*, Balliol College, St. Hugh's College, Oxford.  
2015 **Intermediate Philosophy of Physics**, *Tutor*, University College, Oxford.

### Tutorials (Mathematics)

- 2011-2012 **Calculus II**, *Tutor*, King's College London.  
2009 **Calculus II**, *Tutor*, King's College London.  
2008 **Linear Algebra**, *Tutor*, King's College London.

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## Presentations and Invited talks

### Invited talks

- 2017 **Affine Balance: Algebraic functionalism as a guide to spacetime structure**, *Philosophy of Physics Research Seminar (University of Oxford), CamPoS Seminar (University of Cambridge)*.  
2016 **Desperate spacetimes call for desperate measures**, *University of Geneva*.  
2016 **Rebuilding Neurath's boat Planck by Planck**, *University of Illinois, Chicago*.

### Contributed Talks and other presentations

- 2017 **Strings and Stringency—A response to Richard Dawid**, *Philosophy of Physics Graduate Seminar (Oxford)*.  
2016 **Does a rolling stone gather nomos? A debate about laws of nature (with Niels Martens)**, *Philosophy of Physics Graduate Seminar (Oxford)*.  
2016 **Taking up superspace**, *BSPS annual conference (Cardiff), Foundations 2016 (LSE), PSA 2016 (Atlanta)*.  
2015 **A SUSYllogism: A philosopher's case for Supersymmetry**, *Philosophy of Physics Graduate Seminar (Oxford)*.

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## Academic service

- 2015-2016 **Co-convenor**, *Philosophy of Physics Graduate Seminar (Oxford)*.  
2014-2015 **Co-convenor**, *Philosophy of Quantum Gravity reading group (Oxford)*.

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## Relevant work experience

- 2011 **Documentary Writer and Presenter**, *Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM), Bangalore*, Conceived, wrote, developed and presented a five episode series of documentaries for the VITM on electromagnetism, including designing and building all experiments.

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## Referees

**Prof. David Wallace**, dmwallac@usc.edu.

**Prof. Simon Saunders**, simon.saunders@philosophy.ox.ac.uk.