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2023 ISAAC LEVI PRIZE AWARDED TO AKSHATH JITENDRANATH
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW AT THE PARIS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS RECEIVES \$10,000
AND PUBLICATION OF PAPER, “OPTIMIZATION AND BEYOND”

(New York, NY – 12/15/2023): The Journal of Philosophy, Inc., today announced the 2023 winner of the **Isaac Levi Prize**, a competition open to current philosophy graduate students and scholars who have received a Ph.D. within the past two years. Through a triple-blind review process, the prize committee selected the paper “**Optimization and Beyond**” by **Akshath Jitendranath**, a postdoctoral fellow in Philosophy and Economics at the Paris School of Economics who was a PhD candidate at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Jitendranath will receive \$10,000, and his paper will be published in the March 2024 issue of *The Journal of Philosophy*.

The Isaac Levi Prize was created in 2019 to honor and continue the intellectual legacy of philosopher Isaac Levi, who served as a longtime editor for *The Journal of Philosophy*. The award will go to an article submitted to the *Journal* on the areas and themes that interested Levi. Those themes include decision theory, epistemology, formal epistemology, pragmatism (especially as developed by Peirce), philosophy of science, social choice theory, ethics of controversy, and the relevance of philosophy in these areas to public life. The prize competition was endowed by Levi’s surviving family and is administered by the Journal of Philosophy, Inc. The committee to adjudicate the competition for the prize consists of Akeel Bilgrami, Jessica Collins, Haim Gaifman, Philip Kitcher, Cheryl Misak, Carol Rovane, Nils-Eric Sahlin, Teddy Seidenfeld, Scott J. Shapiro, Gila Sher, Rush Stewart, Anubav Vasudevan, and Achille C. Varzi.

The next prize deadline is May 1st, 2024. The following competition will be run in 2027.

Isaac Levi (June 30, 1930–December 25, 2018) was an American philosopher and the John Dewey Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University. One of the most creative and original philosophers of his generation, he made a name for himself with his first book, *Gambling with Truth* (A. Knopf 1967, MIT Press 1973), in which he offered a decision-theoretic reconstruction of epistemology, with a close eye toward the classical pragmatist philosophers like William James and Charles Sanders Peirce. Levi was known for then developing a substantial and distinctive corpus of work in belief revision and imprecise probability. Particularly significant among his later books are *The Enterprise of Knowledge* (MIT Press 1980) and *Hard Choices* (Cambridge University Press 1986). The author of seven books and dozens of articles, Levi received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1957 and taught there from 1970 until his retirement in 2007.

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