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Dr. Saumya Uma works as an Assistant Professor – Law and Legal Studies in the School of Law, Governance and Citizenship at Ambedkar University Delhi. She has previously worked as Assistant Professor (Law) in Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai, and as Assistant Professor in National Law School of India University (NLSIU) – Bangalore, and as Assistant Director of Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy at NLSIU.

She has 24 years of combined work experience as an academic, law researcher, lawyer, trainer, writer and campaigner on gender, law and human rights, and is a recipient of the prestigious British Chevening scholarship for human rights in 1998. She has previously worked as a consultant to United Nations Development Fund (UNDP), United Nations Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (UNOHCHR) and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ). She has researched and authored twelve books, edited / co-edited books by reputed publishers such as the Oxford University Press, and has written and published more than 50 articles.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- Ph.D. in law, at National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, India, 2018
Title of the Thesis: Victim and Witness Protection in Cases of Gender Based Violence
- LL.M (International Human Rights), University of Nottingham, U.K, 1999
(Secured the British Chevening Scholarship for Human Rights for the year 1998-99)
- LL.M (Family Law & Human Rights), University of Mumbai, India, 1998
- B.A. LL.B. (Hons), National Law School of India, Bangalore, India, 1994

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

2017 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Professor – Law and Legal Studies, School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, Ambedkar University Delhi Subjects taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to Law and Legal Methods (to students of M.A. in Law, Politics & Society) - Legal Literacy & Rights Awareness (to students of B.A. in Vocational Studies) - Feminist Jurisprudence and Gender Justice (as an elective course to students of M.A. in Law, Politics & Society)
2016-2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Professor (Law) – Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai

	<p>Subjects taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal Clinics and Clinical Methodology (to LL.M. students) - Constitutional Law I, Family Law I, Family Law II, Communication and Advocacy Skills (to B.A. LL.B. students)
2015-2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Professor – National Law School of India (NLSIU), Bengaluru <p>Subjects taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Inequality and Inclusive Policy, Introduction to Law and Legal Methods (to Master of Public Policy students) - Social Exclusion and the Law (to LL.B. students in their final year as an optional seminar course) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Director, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), NLSIU, Bengaluru
2010-2014	Independent Research Consultant on Gender, Law & Human Rights
2009 – 2010	<p>Executive Director, Women’s Research & Action Group (a Mumbai-based non-profit women’s organization);</p> <p>Coordinator – ‘Justice and Accountability Matters’ programme; & National Coordinator – Indian campaign on International Criminal Court</p>
2002 – 2008	<p>Co-Director, Women’s Research & Action Group; Coordinator – ‘Justice and Accountability Matters’ programme; & National Coordinator – Indian campaign on International Criminal Court</p>
2000-2001	Assistant Director, India Centre for Human Rights and Law – a project of Socio Legal Information Centre (SLIC) (a Mumbai-based non-profit human rights organization)
1994-1998	<p>Law practitioner in the courts of Mumbai and Thane districts of Maharashtra, with a focus on social justice issues</p> <p>Coordinator, Legal Research, Documentation and Publication, Majlis (a Mumbai-based non-profit organisation committed to women’s rights)</p>

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. Recipient of the prestigious British Chevening scholarship for Human Rights 1998-99, awarded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Government of U.K.
2. Recipient of fellowship from Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Mumbai in 2011
3. Recipient of 'Fearless Woman' award on the occasion of International Women's Day, awarded by the Wockhardt hospital, Mumbai in 2017

PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES / SEMINARS: 2015-18

1. **‘Protecting Victims and Witnesses in Cases of Gender-based Violence: the Indian Legal Response’**, in conference on Elimination of Violence Against Women, organized by Middlesex University, Mauritius, 23 November 2018

2. **'Engendering a Law on Victim and Witness Protection in India: Issues and Strategies'**, at a workshop titled 'Shaping Law, Shaping Gender: Experiences from India', organized by the Humboldt University of Berlin and Jindal Global Law University, Berlin, 11-13 October 2018
3. **'Equal Opportunity For Women At The Workplace: Issues & Challenges'**, at the Conference on 'Understanding Equal Opportunity – Concepts and Practice' at the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, 16 January 2018
4. **'Use of Innovative Pedagogy in Teaching Law: Some Personal Experiences'**, at the National Roundtable Conference on Innovation in Legal Education and Pedagogy, organized by the Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, 11 November 2017.
5. **'At the Crossroads Of Gender And Religion: The Judicial Response To Women's Access To Places Of Religious Worship'**, at the XV National Conference of the Indian Association of Women's Studies, Chennai, 22-25 January 2017
6. **'Burnt but Not Broken: Acid Violence and Response of the Law'**, at the SavitribaiPhule Memorial International Conference on 'Empowerment of Women in New Millenium, organized by B.L. Amlani College of Commerce and Economics, M.R.Nathwani College of Arts and Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai, Mumbai on 9 January 2017
7. **'Uniform Civil Code, Diversity and the Indian Constitution'**, at 'National Consultation - Conversations on Personal Laws and the Uniform Civil Code', organized by the Alternative Law Forum and National Law School of India University, Bangalore, 15 December 2016
8. **'Extra Judicial Killings in India: A Recent Judicial Response'** at the International Conference on Universality of Human Rights: Current Scenario, organized by the University of Mumbai -Department of Law and K.P.B. Hinduja College of Commerce, Mumbai on 9 December 2016
9. **'Shifting Sands: Collaborative Teaching as Legal Pedagogy – Some Perspectives and Experiences'** at the two day Law Teachers' International Seminar on 'Critical Reflections on the Methodology of Teaching Law in India', organized by the National Law School of India University, Bangalore on 2-3 December 2016
10. **'Clinical Legal Education in India: Emerging Trends and Contemporary Relevance'** in First International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences, on Emerging Trends in Teaching and Research, organized by the Department of Hindi, ManibenNanavati Women's College, Mumbai and Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, Guangzhau, China, at Guangzhau, China on 24-26 October 2016
11. **'Negotiating Gender Justice: Intersections Between Law, Culture and Women's Equality in Contemporary India'** in Fifth Annual National Conference on Contemporary Legal Scholarship, organized by Symbiosis Law School, Pune on 10 September 2016
12. **'Establishing a Law Clinic at Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai: A Roadmap'** in First National Conference on Interlinking of Legal Aid Centres & Legal Services Authorities,

organized by Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA in association with National Legal Services Authority, 19 April 2016

13. **'Reparative Justice for Violence Against Women: A Comparative Study of State Schemes for Victim Compensation'**, (with Manisha Band), in International Conference on Victim Compensation and Restorative Justice, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, November 2015
14. **'Initiatives Complementing Affirmative Action in the Private Sector in India: Relevance of an Equal Opportunity Commission and an Anti-Discrimination Law'**, in Two Day International Seminar: Dalits and African-Americans in the 21st Century: Learning from Cross-Cultural Experiences, organized by the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, 9-10 July 2015
15. **Atrocities and Discrimination Against Dalits: A Critical Examination of the Response of the Law'**, in National Conference on Exclusion and Atrocities on Dalits in India, organized by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur, 29-30 June 2015

LECTURES DELIVERED / PRESENTATIONS MADE UPON INVITATION: 2015-18

1. **Presentation of a feminist jurisprudential analysis of the Supreme Court judgment on adultery - Joseph Shine vs. Union of India** – in a panel discussion on the judgment, organized by Anveshan, Delhi, 2 November 2018.
2. Participation in Indian Feminist Judgment Project **and presentation of an alternative feminist judgment in the Sabarimala case**, Delhi, 6-7 October 2018.
3. **Concluding Remarks and the Way Forward at the launch of report on 'Resistance Revisited': Anti-Nuclear Power Plant Movement in Chutka**, Madhya Pradesh, organized by Women's Regional Network, Delhi, 18 September 2018.
4. **'Reading the S. 377 IPC Judgment: A Close Reading to Understand its Contents and Ramifications'**, co-presented with Dr. Rukmini Sen, at Ambedkar University Delhi, Karampura Campus, Delhi, 17 September 2018.
5. **'Laws and Policies Pertaining to Violence-based Displacement'** at 'Asian Conference on Migrant Workers', organized by Congregations of St. Joseph and other organizations with NGO Consultative Status at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations, Delhi, 9-11 September 2018.
6. **'Gender Based Violence in Contexts of Mass Crimes: Legal Challenges'**, at the panel discussion on 'Gender Based Violence and Religion: Some Reflections from the South Asian Perspective' organized by the School of Human Studies and School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, at Ambedkar University Delhi, 7 September 2018.

7. Critical reader at **The Indian Feminist Judgments Project**, organized by Centre for Human Rights Studies in collaboration with O.P.Jindal Global University, Jindal Global Law School, National Law University – Delhi, Zubaan and Livelaw.in, at Sonapat on 14-16 May 2018.
8. **‘Response of International Law and Institutions’** at the seminar on 'Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Causes and Consequences; Search for Durable Solutions', organized by South Asian Forum for Human Rights, Development and Justice Initiative and India International Centre and at India International Centre, New Delhi, on 11 May 2018.
9. **‘A Critical Overview of the Criminal Law Amendment Act 2013’** at the National Workshop on Sexuality, Sexual Violence and the Law, organized by Partners for Law in Development, 25-28 March 2018 in Delhi.
10. Chairperson of session on paper presentations related to Constitutional law, at the **National Conference of Justice Education: Developing New Dimensions on Law Reforms and Legal Education**, organized by the Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, 10 November 2017.
11. Participated in **Expert Committee meeting called by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights to develop course contents for a three month certificate course on child rights**, Delhi, 31 October 2017.
12. **‘Rights of Women and Children’** at a Workshop on Human Rights, coorganized by the National Human Rights Commission and Ambedkar University Delhi, Delhi, 8 Sep 2017.
13. **‘Triple Talaq Judgment – Perspectives and Ramifications’** at Panel Discussion on Triple Talaq Judgment: Critical Perspectives’, coorganized by School of Law, Governance and Citizenship and Gender Studies / School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi, 31 Aug 2017 in Delhi
14. **‘Law on Cyber Crimes Against Women’**, as part of an awareness campaign among members of civil society, titled Akancha Against Harassment, 26 April 2017 in Chennai and 28 April 2017 in Mumbai.
15. **‘Constitutional Morality and its Contemporary Relevance’** at AmbedkarJayanti celebrations at Maharashtra National Law University, 14 April 2017
16. Participated as a panelist in a roundtable titled **‘Women Building a Feminist Peace: Reflections on Feminist Praxis’** at the Sixth International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference – Walking the Talk: Feminist Reflections on International Practices, hosted by the South Asian University, Delhi, 10-11 April 2017
17. **‘Disability and the Law: National and International Perspectives’**, at VPM’s TMC Law College, Thane, Maharashtra, as part of Late Dr.V.N.Bedekar Birth Centenary Commemorative Lectures, 5 April 2017
18. Conducted **legal literacy and rights awareness programmes for over 500 women** in two events of Wockhardt Hospital (Mira Road and Bombay Central branches), Mumbai on the occasion of celebration of International Women’s Day, 5 & 6 March 2017

19. **'Rights of Women and Freedom of Religion: Striking a Delicate Balance Through the Legal System'**, in seminar on 'Cherishing Freedom in India – A Legal Perspective', organized by Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) - India, Mumbai, 12 February 2017
20. **'International Human Rights Law and its Domestic Application'** at the UGC-HRDC-RUSA Sponsored Refresher Course in Human Rights for teachers, organized by the Department of Law, University of Mumbai, 13 December 2016
21. **'Methodology and Objectives of Clinical Legal Education'** at Brainstorming Session on Clinical Legal Education, organized by National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, 27 June 2016
22. **'Reflections and the Way Forward'** at Conversations on Anti-Discrimination – A National Consultation, organized by Alternative Law Forum, Bengaluru on 25-26 June 2016
23. As resource person at the First conclave basic training cum discussion session on **'Roles & Responsibilities of Human Right Activists'**, organized by People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights – Maharashtra chapter, on 30 April 2016.
24. As a resource person by the Centre for Criminology and Justice, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, for its **Annual Review Seminar of the Criminal Justice Fellowships Programme** on 12 April 2016.
25. **'Women, Law and the Pursuit of Justice'** at the National Seminar & Film Festival on Documentary and Short Films on *'Women Unheard: Silences, Dialogue and Mediation'*, organized by the Research Centre for Women's Studies, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai on 14-15 March 2016.
26. **'Addressing Sexual Violence Against Women: Role of Law and Social Movements'**, in a programme on 'The Constitutional Promise of Justice and Dignity: Three Years Since Nirbhaya', organized by the Forum for Popularizing the Constitution of India, Bengaluru, 16 December 2015
27. **'Contemporary Human Rights Challenges in India: A Mapping'** on Human Rights Day, organized by Alternative Law Forum, Environment Support Group, Karnataka KomuSouhardaVedike, New Socialist Alternative, People's Solidarity Concerns, and People's Union for Civil Liberties, 10 December 2015
28. Training on **'Gender and Freedom of Religion or Belief in the Indian Context'**, commissioned by the Swedish Mission Council, Chennai, 3 November 2015
29. **'Armed Forces Special Powers Act'**, on the occasion of Human Rights Day, to students of St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru, 9 December 2015
30. A resource person and moderator at the Two day National Consultation on **'Responding to Contemporary Challenges to Secularism in India'** organized by National Law School of India University, Bangalore and Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore on 21-22 March 2015

31. **'Findings of report of study on Special Courts established under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989'**, undertaken by the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru before the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi, 19 March 2015
32. **'Recent Trends in Jurisprudence Pertaining to Disputes Involving Women and Children'**, as a resource person in National Conference for judges of the District Judiciary on 'Laws Relating to Women and Children', organized by the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, 20-22 February 2015
33. **'The functioning of the Special Courts established under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1985'**, as a resource person in 'National Conference of the Presiding Officers of the Special Courts under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1985, organized by the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal on, 23-25 January 2015

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / EVENTS ORGANIZED: 2015-18

1. **'Reading the S. 377 IPC Judgment: A Close Reading to Understand its Contents and Ramifications'**, co-organized with Dr. Rukmini Sen, at Ambedkar University Delhi, Karampura Campus, Delhi, 17 September 2018.
2. Panel Discussion on **'Gender-based Violence and Religion: Some Perspectives from South Asia'**, co-organized by School of Law, Governance and Citizenship and Gender Studies / School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi, 7 Sep 2018
3. **Panel Discussion on Triple Talaq Judgment: Critical Perspectives'**, coorganized by School of Law, Governance and Citizenship and Gender Studies / School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi, Delhi, 31 August 2017
4. **Issuing of Citation to Justice Sujata Manohar (former judge of Supreme Court of India) and Justice V.M.Kanade (sitting judge of Bombay High Court), and organizing their lecture, as part of celebration of 'Constitution Day'** at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, Mumbai, 26 November 2016
5. **Cultural Activities and Programme at Second Foundation Day 2016**, Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai, 10 October 2016
6. **Inauguration of a Centre for Clinical Legal Education** at Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai, presided by Justice Abhay Oka of Bombay High Court, 15 August 2016
7. **Presentations on Internships and Brainstorming on a Law Clinic**, Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai on 2 August 2016
8. **Workshop on Family Law Teaching and Family Court Practice for Law Teachers and Advocates in Mumbai**, organized by International Bar Association – Continuing Legal Education (IBA-CLE) Chair of the National Law School of India University – Bangalore (Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon),

M.K. Nambyar Academy for Continuing Legal Education – Kochi, and Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai, on 14-16 April 2016

9. One day national workshop on '**Clinical Legal Education: Emerging Issues and Challenges**', by Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai, March 2016
10. Two Day National Consultation on '**Responding to Contemporary Challenges to Secularism in India**' organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, National Law School of India University, Bangalore and Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore on 21-22 March 2015
11. A 5 day seminar course on '**Human Rights Lawyering: Principles and Practices**' –taught to LL.B. / LL.M. / Master of Public Policy students, lawyers and NGO representatives, organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, National Law School of India University, Bangalore and Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore, 16-20 March 2015

PART TIME TEACHING / GUEST LECTURES / PRESENTATIONS IN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS (2014 and prior)

1. Delivered lectures to students of Masters in Women's Studies of Research Centre for Women, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai on '**The Construction of Gender Identities in the Legal Discourse**' and '**Law as a Framework of Protection for Women**', 8 October 2014
2. Delivered lectures to law students on '**Mapping of Human Rights in Contemporary India**', '**Laws Related to Conflict Situations**' and '**International Human Rights Instruments**' at National Law University – Jodhpur in a human rights training programme organised by National Law School of India at Jodhpur, 5-6 June 2014
3. Delivered lectures to students of Masters in Women's Studies, in Research Centre for Women, SNDT University, Mumbai, on '**Women's Rights in Labour and Criminal law**', March 2014
4. Delivered lectures on '**International Human Rights Law**', to teachers of law, political science, history and other social sciences, in UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course on Changing Perspectives in Human Rights Education, organised by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, December 2013
5. Made presentation on '**Communal Violence Bill**', at seminar on 'Human Rights and Communal Violence', organized by National Law School of India, Bengaluru, 14 December 2012
6. **Delivered lectures and conducted training on human rights movements, repressive laws, human rights in conflict situations and basics of international human rights law**, in a training programme for young lawyers, organised by National Law School of India (NLSIU) at Bengaluru, 13-14 October 2012
7. **Delivered lectures and conducted training on human rights movements, repressive laws, human rights in conflict situations** in a training programme for law students organised by National Law School of India (NLSIU), at the National Law University - Orissa in Cuttack, 18-20 May 2012

8. **Participated in a brainstorming session on 'Mainstreaming Human Rights Lawyering'**, organized by the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, 4 March 2012
9. **Participated in 'Justice for All: A 10 year Review of the International Criminal Court'** organized by the University of New South Wales, Australia, 14-16 February 2012
10. Delivered lectures on **Constitution and Gender Justice, Status of Women and Impact of Violence Against Women, Laws relating to Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence and Dowry Harassment** – a set of 8 lectures to students of the School of Criminology and Justice, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, in 2010
11. **Delivered lectures on international human rights conventions, child rights, women's rights and the International Criminal Court**, for post-graduate diploma course in Human Rights, by the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, in 2010
12. Organized and made presentations in the **2nd Training of Trainers on International Criminal Law**, organized in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab, February 2009.
13. Organized and chaired a symposium on **'Women's Movements' Engagement with National and International Institutions / Campaigns'** in collaboration with the Research Centre for Women's Studies (RCWS) of S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai, December 2007.
14. Presented paper on **India and the ICC** in an international conference on 'ICC: Responses of States in South Asia' organized by the International Bar Association, Indian Bar Association, Indian Society for International Law, ICRC – South Asia delegation and Criminal Justice Society of India, Delhi, January 2007.
15. Participated in and co-organized one day conference on International Criminal Jurisprudence, at National Law University, Jodhpur; presented paper on **'ICC: Relevance and Ramifications for India'**, Jodhpur, January 2007.
16. Organized seminar on **'Women Against Wars, Wars Against Women'** at the International Peace Festival, in collaboration with the Research Centre for Women's Studies, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai, December 2006.
17. Participated and made a presentation in a roundtable conference on International Criminal Court, organized by Indian Society for International Law and International Bar Association, Delhi, February 2006

BOOKS AUTHORED / CO-AUTHORED

1. **Of Broken Bangles and Torn Clothes: Rape and the Criminal Justice System in Odisha**, Bhubaneswar: National Alliance of Women's Organizations – Odisha Chapter (forthcoming)
2. **An Introspection of Justice Initiatives for the Kandhamal Violence 2008-2015**(co-authored with Vrinda Grover), New Delhi: Media House, 2017(ISBN No. 978-93-7495-674-8)

3. **Breathing Life into the Constitution: Human Rights Lawyering in India**(co-authored with ArvindNarain), Bengaluru: Alternative Law Forum, 2017
4. **From Responsibilities to Results: Functioning of the Odisha State Commission for Women – A Study**, Bhubaneswar: Centre for the Sustainable Use of Natural and Social Resources, 2015
5. **Social Security Legislations in India**, Bengaluru: Department of Distance Education, National Law School of India University, 2015 (ISBN No. 978-93-83363-34-6)
6. **Breaking the Shackled Silence: Unheard Voices of Women from Kandhamal**, Bhubaneswar: National Alliance of Women – Odisha chapter, 2014
7. **Rights of Adolescent Girls in India: A Critical Look at Laws and Policies**,Mumbai: Vacha, 2012
8. **Kandhamal: The Law Must Change its Course**, edited by Vrinda Grover, New Delhi: Multiple Action Research Group, 2010. (ISBN No. 978-81-87377-19-1)
9. **Addressing Domestic Violence Through the Law: A Guide to The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005**, edited by Vrinda Grover, New Delhi: Multiple Action Research Group, 2010(ISBN No. 978-81-87377-19-1)
10. **'Supreme Court Speaks: Judgments on Muslim Law and Women's Rights'**,Mumbai: Women's Research & Action Group, 2007
11. **'International Criminal Court & India: Responses to Queries Raised by Parliamentarians'**, Mumbai: Women's Research & Action Group and People's Watch, 2005
12. **'International Criminal Court & India: Some Questions & Answers'**, Mumbai: Women's Research & Action Group, 2004

BOOKS EDITED / CO-EDITED

1. **Remembering Mukul Sinha 1951-2014** (co-edited with Arvind Narain), Bengaluru: Alternative Law Forum, 2015
2. **Pursuing Elusive Justice: Mass Crimes in India & the Relevance of International Standards**, (co-edited with Vahida Nainar), New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013(ISBN No. 978-0-19-807999-6)
3. **Unpackaging Human Rights: Concepts, Campaigns & Concerns**, Mumbai: Women's Research & Action Group and Documentation, Research and Training Centre, 2009

ARTICLES IN BOOKS & JOURNAL ARTICLES AUTHORED / CO-AUTHORED

1. **Evaluating Post-Sachar Interventions and the Status of Muslims in India** (Book review), in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LIII No. 47, December 1, 2018, pp. 23-25 (ISSN 0012-9976)
2. **A Beacon of Hope: Engaging with the Communal Violence Bill** in Poonam Kathuria and Abha Bhaiya (eds), *Indian Feminisms: Individual and Collective Journeys*, New Delhi: Zubaan Publications, 2018, pp. 163-196 (ISBN: 978 93 85932 01 4)
3. **Human Rights and Its Future: Some Reflections**, co-authored with Arvind Narrain, in *Jindal Global Law Review, Special Issue on 'Uppendra Baxi in Our Times: Law, Life and Luminality'*, 2018, published by Jindal Global Law School, O.P.Jindal Global University (ISSN 0975-2498)
4. **Clinical Legal Education in India: Emerging Trends and Contemporary Relevance**, in *Quest in Education*, Vol. XXXV, No. 3, July 2018, pp. 2-13 (ISSN: 0048-6434)
5. **Why Maharashtra's 'Justice for Acid Victims' Scheme is a Monumental Farce**, co-authored with Vijay Hiremath, *The Wire*, 28 June 2018
6. **Atrocities and Discrimination Against Dalits: A Critical Examination of the Response of the Law**, in Ramesh Jare and Sampath Kale (eds.) (2017), *Caste in Modern India: Atrocities Against Dalits*, New Delhi: Studium Press Pvt Ltd. (ISBN 13 : 978-93-85046-11-7)
7. **Triple Talaq Judgment: Miles to Go Before We Sleep**, in *The Invisible Lawyer*, Special Issue on Triple Talaq, 1 September 2017
8. **Women's Access to Places of Religious Worship in India: The Constitutional Conundrum of Gender Equality versus Freedom of Religion**, in *International Journal of Law, Human Rights & Constitutional Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 1 & 2 (2017), pp. 13-21
9. **Outlawing Cyber Crimes Against Women**, in *Bharati Law Review*, Vol. V, Issue 4 (Special Issue on Cyber Law), April-June 2017, pp. 103-116 (ISSN No. 2278-6996)
10. **'Shifting Sands: Collaborative Teaching as a Legal Pedagogy'**, in *South Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies*, Vol. 4, Issue 4, June 2017, pp. 101-117 (ISSN:2349-7858)
11. **'Secularism and the Indian Constitution: Some Jurisprudential Aspects'**, in *International Journal of Law and Interdisciplinary Research*, December 12, 2016
12. **'Whither Peace? A Discussion on Violence, Impunity and 1325 in the Light of Communal Violence'**, (co-authored with Ila Pathak), in Asha Hans and Swarna Rajagopalan (eds.), *Openings for Peace*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2016, pp. 199-245 (ISBN No. 978-93-859-8566-9)
13. **'Reparative Justice for Violence Against Women: A Comparative Study of State Schemes for Victim Compensation'**, (co-authored with Manisha Band), in Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Prof. (Dr.) G.I.S. Sandhu, Dr. Upneet Lalli and Dr. Shilpa Jain, *Victim Compensation and Restorative Justice*, Patiala: Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, 2016, pp. 84-97 (ISBN No. 978-93-84166-11-3)

14. **'Affirmative Action in the Private Sector: Need for a Multi-Pronged and Holistic Approach'**, *National Law University Assam (NLUA) Law and Policy Review*, Volume 1, Number 1, 2015, pp. 7-17
15. **'Access to Justice for Women: From Obligations to Outcomes'**, *National Law University Odisha (NLUO) Law Journal – Special Issue on 'Access to Justice'*, Vol. II, Issue 1, August 2015, pp. 116-134 (ISSN No. 2348-8913)
16. **'Witness Protection is the Need of the Hour'**, *In Law Magazine*, Issue No. 1, Vol. 03, , (March 2015), Bengaluru: National Law School of India University, pp. 12-16 (ISSN No. 2349-624X)
17. (Co-authored with Arvind Narrain), **'Honouring Mukul Sinha: The Struggle of Memory Againstst Forgetting'**, available at <http://kafila.org/2014/05/29/honouring-mukul-sinha-the-struggle-of-memory-against-forgetting-saumya-uma-and-arvind-narrain/>
18. **'Supreme Court Verdict on Adoptions Is a Turning Point'**, *Kashmir Times*, 6 May 2014
19. **Aftermath of Muzaffarnagar Riots: Women Bear the Brunt**, *Kashmir Times*, 17 March 2014
20. **Learning document on Single Women's Land Rights in Gujarat**, published by the Working Group on Women and Land Ownership (WGWLO), available at <http://www.wgwlo.org/papers-by-wgwlo.php>, 2014
21. **Muzaffarnagar Aftermath: Mass Marriages to Prevent Abuse: 550 and Counting!**, *India Together*, 28 February 2014, available at <http://indiatogether.org/mass-marriage-in-aftermath-of-muzaffarnagar-riots-women>
22. **Impunity Writ Large: A Study of Crimes by the Joint Special Task Forces (JSTF)** in Saumya Uma & Vahida Nainar (eds.), *Pursuing Elusive Justice: Mass Crimes in India & the Relevance of International Standards*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 24-59 (ISBN No. 978-0-19-807999-6)
23. **Law Reform on Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes in Mass Violence** in Saumya Uma & Vahida Nainar (eds.), *Pursuing Elusive Justice: Mass Crimes in India & the Relevance of International Standards*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 202-244 (ISBN No. 978-0-19-807999-6)
24. **Integrating Victims' Rights in the Indian Legal Framework** in Saumya Uma & Vahida Nainar (eds.), *Pursuing Elusive Justice: Mass Crimes in India & the Relevance of International Standards*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 245-286 (ISBN No. 978-0-19-807999-6)
25. **Advocating Socio-economic Justice: Some Experiences of the ICC-India Campaign and the Potential for a Law Clinic**, *Social Change*, 42, 4 (2012): pp 487-504 (ISSN No. 00490857)
26. On gender-based violence in communal contexts - **'India: 20 Years after the Mumbai Riots, Don't Forget Her Story'**, in Women's Feature Service and OneWorld South Asia, 8 December 2012, available at <http://southasia.oneworld.net/features/india-20-years-after-the-mumbai-riots-don2019t-forget-her-story#.UMmbEIY8qsE>

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SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS

International

1. Commissioned by United Nations Development Programme in 2013 as part of a 3 country study - India, Brazil and South Africa - **Preparing a Discussion Paper on Gender Based Violence and Legislation in India (2013-14)**
2. Commissioned by United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) in 2012 - **Preparing a Tool on Victim and Witness Protection Measures and Programmes at the national level in compliance with international human rights standards and practices, including gender perspective as TORs. (2012-14)**
3. Commissioned by International Commission of Jurists in 2011 - **Research project that examines statutory immunities that lead to impunity (2011-12)**

National

1. Commissioned by Partners for Law in Development - **Research, writing and producing content of a booklet on debates and issues addressed by the women's movement in India around which the struggle for law reform relating to sexual violence has evolved. (2015)**
2. Commissioned by Society for Women's Action and Training Institute (SWATI), Ahmedabad - **Editing a volume of multi-authored essays written by various feminists on the theme of legal and extralegal frameworks used as strategies to enable women's access to rights and entitlements (2013-14)**
3. Commissioned by Alternative Law Forum–**Research and writing on Human Rights Lawyering in India (2012-15)**
4. Commissioned by Partners for Law in Development - **Research and preparation of resource materials to demystify provisions of Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2013 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (2013)**
5. Commissioned by VachaTrust – **Research, analyse and writing on laws, policies, programmes and schemes related to adolescent girls in India, including international standards. (2012)**
6. Commissioned by Partners for Law in Development - **Grounding CEDAW in local contexts: production of materials that will critically discuss law / policies, campaigns, community intervention on specified issues**Grounding CEDAW in local contexts: production of materials that will critically discuss law / policies, campaigns, community intervention on specified issues**(2010-11)**
7. Commissioned by Multiple Action Research Group – **Research, write and edit a report on proceedings of The National People's Tribunal (NPT) on Kandhamal, held in New Delhi on 22-24 August 2010 (2010)**

8. Commissioned by Multiple Action Research Group - **Writing and editing the report on a 'Scoping study of possible legal empowerment activities for vulnerable groups, with a specific focus on the religious minority in Orissa(2010)**
9. Commissioned by Multiple Action Research Group - **Research and writing a book explaining the provisions of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (2009)**

State Level

1. Commissioned by National Alliance for Women - Odisha Chapter in 2015 - **Study on Rape in Odisha and the Functioning of the Criminal Justice System (2015-16)**
2. Commissioned by Centre for the Sustainable Use of Natural and Social Resources – **research and prepare an analytical report on the functioning of the Odisha State Commission for Women (2014-15)**
3. Commissioned by Working Group on Women and Land Ownership - **Research and preparation of a learning document on the issues, challenges, strategies and learnings of the network of over 35 Gujarat-based organizations working on the issue (2014)**
4. Commissioned by National Alliance of Women (NAWO) - Odisha Chapter, Bhubaneswar - **Organizing and documenting Community Conversations in Kandhamal from a feminist perspective (2013-14)**
5. Commissioned by Olakh – A Feminist Resource, Counselling and Training Centre in Baroda – **to write and edit a report of Olakh's activities for 2005-2010 (2010)**

Research resulting in major policy document of government / international bodies

1. Submission to Justice Verma Committee appointed by the Government of India, on Sexual Assault, 2013
2. Prepared a report for the erstwhile UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Ms.Rashida Manjoo, during her country visit to India, and made an oral presentation on violence against women in mass crimes situations in India, in April 2013
3. Participation as a member of the Advisory Committee of Working Group to prepare a Communal Violence Bill, National Advisory Council, Government of India, 2010-12

DEVELOPMENT OF E-LEARNING MATERIAL

In 2016-17, as a part of the e-pathshala project of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India & University Grants Commission, preparation of the

following modules on the request of the School of Law, Constitutional Rights and Governance and the School of Criminal Justice, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai:

1. Role of International NGOs in protecting Human Rights: Amnesty International, International Red Cross Society,
2. Role of International NGOs in protecting Human Rights: Human Rights Watch, Peoples Watch
3. Role of National Ngos in protecting Human Rights: PUCL
4. Role of National Ngos in protecting Human Rights: AIDWA
5. Evolution of the Juvenile Justice System in India – Part I
6. Evolution of the Juvenile Justice System in India – Part II
7. Landmark International Developments on the Juvenile Justice System – Part I
8. Landmark International Developments on the Juvenile Justice System – Part II

Prepared the following e-material for the School of Gender Development Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Delhi:

9. Gender based violence (for course on gender sensitization, 2016)
10. Gendered nature of the law (for course on gender sensitization, 2016)
11. Sexual harassment at the workplace (for course on gender sensitization, 2016)
12. Social Protection: Framework & Approaches (for P.G. Diploma course in Women's Studies, 2013)
13. Social Protection: Laws & Judgments (for P.G. Diploma course in Women's Studies, 2013)
14. Social Protection: Critical Understanding & Implementation Problems (for P.G. Diploma course in Women's Studies, 2013)
15. Form & Extent of Gender Based Violence (for M.A. in Gender & Development Studies, 2010-11)
16. Law as an instrument of empowerment and disempowerment (for M.A. in Gender & Development Studies, 2010-11)
17. Legal responses to work (for M.A. in Gender & Development Studies, 2010-11)
18. Global trends and influences (coauthored) (for M.A. in Gender & Development Studies, 2010-11)

UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH

Re-wrote a feminist judgment in *S. Mahendran vs. The Secretary, Travancore Devaswom Board* AIR 1993 Ker 42 (Kerala High Court's Judgment on the Sabarimala case), for the Indian Feminist Judgment Project, housed in Jindal Global Law School, O.P.Jindal Global University, September 2018.

Use of Innovative Pedagogy in Teaching Law – Some Personal Experiences (paper presented at Nirma University Institute of Laws's Round Table Conference on Innovation in Legal Education and Pedagogy), Ahmedabad, 11 Nov 2017.

Making it Work: Law as a Response to Violence against Women in India, 2015 (commissioned by UNDP)

Sexual Abuse in Armed Conflict: Responses of International Humanitarian Law (A 55 paged research done in part-fulfilment of LL.M. (International Human Rights) in Nottingham, U.K. in 1999)

CAPACITY-BUILDING / TRAINING / PRESENTATION IN NON-ACADEMIC SETTINGS

1. Key resource person in workshop on '**Honour Crimes**', organized by National Alliance for Women – Odisha chapter, Bhubaneswar, 26 August 2014
2. Conducted 3 day training programme on '**Fact-finding and Documentation on Sexual Assault**', organized by Civil Society Forum on Human Rights (CSFHR), Bhubaneswar, 30 July – 1 August 2014
3. Made presentation on the **Muzaffarnagar Violence and Communal Violence Bill**, at meeting of Forum for Democracy and Communal Amity, February 2014
4. Spoke as a panelist on **law related to adolescents' health**, at the launch of Rashtriya Kishore SwasthyaKaryakram (RKSK), by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, January 2014
5. Participated as the lead trainer in training programmes on **The New Laws Related to Sexual Assault**, organised by Partners for Law in Development, Delhi in August and October 2013
6. Conducted a one day training for partners of The Hunger Project, on **Laws Related to Violence Against Women**, Bhubaneswar, October 2013
7. Addressed about 150 women under-trial prisoners in Byculla jail, Mumbai on aspects of **Women's Human Rights and Gender Justice**, organized by Sevadham, 8 March 2013
8. Made presentation – '**Some Narratives from Kandhamal: Told, Retold and Untold**' in seminar on Sexual Assault, Mass Crimes and Justice: A Gendered Perspective, organized by Forum Against Oppression of Women and Women's Research and Action Group, Mumbai, 12 January 2013
9. **Made presentations on Witch Hunting and the Law at state level consultation on witch-hunting**, organized by National Alliance of Women (NAWO) – Orissa chapter, Bhubaneswar, 29 November 2012
10. Key resource person for **International Expert Workshop on Victim and Witness Protection**, **organised** by the Human Rights and Justice Section of the Office of the United Nations in Burundi (BNUB), held at Bujumbura, Burundi, 22-23 August 2012
11. Key resource person in a capacity-building programme for lawyers and activists on **Gender-based Violence & the Law**, organized by Partners in Law & Development, in Puri (December 2011) and Ranchi (September 2011).

12. Participated in national workshop on **Challenges to Clinical Legal Education in Contemporary India**, presented a paper on the possibility of a clinical course on International Criminal Court, organized by the ChityalaAilamma Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Secunderabad, June 2010
13. Participated as a resource person in **Training of Trainers Programme on CEDAW**, organized by Partners in Law and Development, Delhi, May 2010
14. Participated and made a presentation at the **National Consultation on the Communal Violence Bill**, Delhi, February 2010.
15. Made a presentation on **'Women Human Rights Defenders in India'** at Regional conference on 'Empowerment of Women Human Rights Defenders', organized by Odhikar, Dhaka, August 2009.
16. Made a presentation on **'The Indian Campaign on the ICC: Achievements and Challenges'** at the CICC Asia Regional Strategy Meeting organized by Coalition for International Criminal Court – Asia, Kathmandu, March 2009.
17. Organized a national seminar on Custodial Torture and Violence, and presented papers on **'State Repression, Draconian Laws and Custodial Torture'**, **'Gender, Religious Minorities and Torture'** and **'Torture: The Domestic Law Reform Initiative'**, Mumbai, February 2009.
18. Presented a paper on **'Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: Responses of State and Non-state Actors'**, organized by International Committee for Red Cross, Chennai, February 2008.
19. Presented paper on **India and the ICC** in an international conference on 'ICC: Responses of States in South Asia' organized by the International Bar Association, Indian Bar Association, Indian Society for International Law, ICRC – South Asia delegation and Criminal Justice Society of India, Delhi, January 2007.
20. Participated and presented a paper on the **Indian campaign on ICC** in Conference on 'Views on Contemporary International Criminal Law', Guiyang, China, March 2006.
21. Participated in an international seminar on 'International Law & Jurisdiction in the Era of Globalization', and presented paper on **'International Criminal Court & India: Official Concerns & Civil Society Initiatives'** organized by Freidrich Ebert Stiftung (FES India), Delhi, February 2006.
22. Organized and presented paper in National Consultation on International Criminal Court, (which had the participation of President Philippe Kirsch of the ICC), Delhi, December 2005
23. Organized Consultative meeting with Indian Parliamentarians, addressed by President Philippe Kirsch of the ICC, December 2005
24. Addressed Indian Parliamentarians on the issue of **International Criminal Court & India**, August 2005

25. Participated and presented a paper on the **Indian campaign on ICC** in the Asian Regional Coordinators' Meeting on the ICC in Bangkok, March 2005.
26. Participated in South Asian Conference on the 'International Criminal Court: Campaigns, Prospects and Challenges', presented paper on **ICC & India**, Dhaka, February 2005.
27. Participated in Conference on 'Criminal responsibility for torture: A South Asian perspective', and presented paper on '**Criminal Responsibility for Torture: An Indian Perspective**', Dhaka, October 2004.
28. Made a presentation on '**India and the ICC**' at the South Asian Regional Training Session on International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law, organized by ICRC - South Asian delegation, Bangalore, May 2004.
29. Co-organized and made presentation at International workshop on '**The Globalization of Justice: International Criminal Court**' along with International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) at World Social Forum, Mumbai, January 2004.
30. Participated and presented a paper on the **Indian campaign on ICC** in the Asian Regional Coordinators' Meeting on the ICC in Bangkok, July 2003.
31. Conducted more than 40 workshops, seminars, conferences and press conferences on issues related to International Criminal Court & India, in various parts of India between 2000 and 2006; addressed participants in almost all of them.

ASSOCIATIONS / NETWORKS / AFFILIATIONS

- Life Member, Indian Association for Women's Studies
- Core Member of Women's Regional Network – Afghanistan, Pakistan and India
- Member of Board of Governors, Indo-Global Social Service Society
- Member, Board of Trustees, Women's Research & Action Group, Mumbai
- Founder member, Mumbai Initiative for Human Rights Education

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