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Dr. Saumya Uma currently works as an Assistant Professor – Law and Legal Studies in the School of Law, Governance and Citizenship at Ambedkar University Delhi. Her area of specialization is at the intersection of gender, human rights and the law. She has over 24 years' combined work experience as an academic, law researcher, lawyer, trainer, writer and campaigner. 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 55 articles.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Ph.D. in law, 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 in International Human Rights, University of Nottingham, U.K, 1999
(Secured the British Chevening Scholarship for Human Rights for the year 1998-99)
LL.M in Family Law & Human Rights, University of Mumbai, India, 1998
B.A. LL.B. (Hons), National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, India, 1994

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

31 July 2017 onwards	Assistant Professor – Law and Legal Studies School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, Ambedkar University Delhi (Subjects taught include Feminist Jurisprudence and Gender Justice, Introduction to Law and Legal Methods, and Legal Literacy & Rights Awareness)
1 Feb 2016 – 15 July 2017	Assistant Professor Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai (Subjects taught include Constitutional Law, Family Law, Legal Clinics and Clinical Methodology, and Communication & Advocacy Skills)
3 March 2015- 14 Jan 2016	Assistant Professor National Law School of India (NLSIU), Bengaluru (Subjects taught include Group Inequality and Inclusive Policy, Introduction to Law and Legal Methods and Social Exclusion & the Law)
2010–2014	Independent Research Consultant on Gender, Law & Human Rights
2009 – 2010	Executive Director, Women’s Research & Action Group (a Mumbai-based non-profit women’s organization); Coordinator – ‘Justice and Accountability Matters’ programme; & National Coordinator – Indian campaign on International Criminal Court
2002 – 2008	Co-Director, Women’s Research & Action Group; Coordinator – ‘Justice and Accountability Matters’ programme; & National Coordinator – Indian campaign on International Criminal Court
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>
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HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of the prestigious British Chevening scholarship for Human Rights 1998-99, awarded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Government of U.K.
- Recipient of fellowship from Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Mumbai in 2011
- Recipient of 'Fearless Woman' award by the Wockhardt hospital, Mumbai in 2017
- Recipient of ‘Distinguished Woman in Humanities and Social Sciences – Law’ by the 4th Venus International Women’s Awards in 2019

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

(Selected published writings may be accessed at <https://works.bepress.com/saumyauma/>)

Books 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 Arvind Narrain), Bengaluru: Alternative Law Forum, 2017
4. **Social Security Legislations in India**, Bengaluru: Department of Distance Education, National Law School of India University, 2015 (ISBN No. 978-93-83363-34-6)
5. **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
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

1. **Remembering Mukul Sinha 1951-2014** (co-edited with Arvind Narrain), 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 & Journals (2015 - present)

1. **Engendering a Law on Victim and Witness Protection in India**, *International Journal of Socio-Legal Analysis and Rural Development*, Vol. 4 Issue 1, February 2019 (forthcoming) (ISSN No. 24554049)
2. **Dynamics of Law and its Functionality** (Book review of 'Intimacy Undone: Marriage, Divorce and Family Law in India' by Malavika Rajkotia), *The Book Review*, Vol. XLIII No. 2, February 2019 (Special Issue on Gender), pp. 9-10
3. **Evaluating Post-Sachar Interventions and the Status of Muslims in India** (Book review of 'Institutionalising Constitutional Rights: Post Sachar Committee Scenario' by Abusaleh Shariff), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 53, Issue No. 47, 1 December 2018, pp. 23-25 (ISSN (Print) - 0012-9976 | ISSN (Online) - 2349-8846)
4. **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 014)
5. **Human Rights and Its Future: Some Reflections**, co-authored with Arvind Narrain, in *Jindal Global Law Review, Special Issue on 'Upendra Baxi in Our Times: Law, Life and Luminality'*, 2018, published by Jindal Global Law School, O.P.Jindal Global University (ISSN 0975-2498)
6. **Why Maharashtra's 'Justice for Acid Attack Victims' is a Monumental Farce**, co-authored with Vijay Hiremath, *The Wire*, 28 June 2018
7. **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)
8. **Triple Talaq Judgment: Miles to Go Before We Sleep**, in *The Invisible Lawyer* (Special Issue on Triple Talaq) 1 September 2017
9. **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

10. **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)
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)