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G Uma is Associate Professor of Gender and Development at the School of Gender and Development Studies. Her research interests are in the areas of gender, feminist public policy, the informal sector, gender, agriculture and sustainable development. She is particularly interested in women's political participation and Gender and Development with a focus on agriculture, Public Policy, skill development and Social Capital. Her doctoral research outcome serves to redefine the policy at the micro level and ensures the stakeholders recognize the significance of federating women leaders at the grassroots to realize the affirmative action given through reservation at the Panchayats in India to provide better implementation of policies.

She is the Programme Coordinator for the Master Programme in Gender and Development Studies (MAGD) and Certificate Programme in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development (CGAS). She has also designed and offered Courses at undergraduate levels. The Elective Courses at undergraduate levels are 'Gender Sensitization: Society, Culture and Change' (BGSE 001), Gender Sensitization: Society and Culture (BGDG 172), and Issues of Gender and Development (BGS005). She designed, developed and offered online Courses on the Swayam platform 'Gender Sensitization: Society, Culture and Change (BGSE 001).

She is a President's Awardee for service as a girl guide.

Awards / Fellowships

- Central European University (CEU), awarded Dr.Uma a fellowship to complete the course on "Fiscal Decentralization and Local Financial Management" in 2010.
- The University of Cologne, Germany awarded Albert Global Guest Researcher in the Centre for Modern Indian Studies, Faculty of Economics and Social Science from September 2014 to December 2014 and November 2012 to December 2012. Her research assistance was sponsored by DAAD.
- Took part as a Guest Researcher in the DAAD-sponsored Center for Modern Indian Studies at the University of Cologne for the period of 01.05. 2017 to 31.05.2017.

Publications

Books

- *Networking of Elected Women Representatives at Grassroots* with G. Palanithurai and J. Vanishree (Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 2009) (Co-authored).
- *Planning at Grassroots Government's Participation in people's plan* with G.Palanithurai and M.A. Thirunavukkarasu (Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 2009) (Co-authored).
- *Change Makers at Grassroots Local Governance in Action* with G.Palanithurai and M.A. Thirunavukkarasu (Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 2008) (Co-authored)

Chapters in Books

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- Women and mental disability: A Perspective Unfolding Complexities of Social Exclusion in Contemporary India with Swati Sucharita Nanda and K. Vaishnavi. *South Asian Journal of Participative Development*. Vol. 22. No.2 July-Dec, 2022. ISSN 09762701.
- Global Gender and Development Discourse: A View from India with Savita Singh. *Peace Prints: South Asian Journal of Peace building*. Vol. 8. No.1. winter 2022. ISSN 25827871.

- Is reservation for Women in India contributing to the process of Women Empowerment - A Reality Check? with Eyogavee. *Urdhva Mula*. Vol. 15. November 2022. (ISSN No. 2277-7954)
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- “Analyzing Needs for Open and Distance Learning Programme in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development” with Mita Sinhamahapatra. *Indian Journal of Open Learning*, ISSN. 0971-2690. 2013. 22(3). 199-212.
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