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LL.M. in International Human Rights Law (University of Nottingham, U.K.)

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Human rights, gender and the law; mass crimes and international law; international human rights law; international criminal law; witness protection; laws related to communal and caste-based violence; laws related to rights of adivasis; laws related to violence against women; family law; clinical legal education.

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Uma, Saumya (2013). '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, pp. 245-286

Profile:

Saunmya Uma works as Assistant Professor (Law) in Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai. Apart from teaching subjects such as Constitutional Law and Legal Methods to the LL.B. students, she teaches Legal Clinics and Clinical Methodology, and Legal Research and Writing to LL.M. students. She is a member of the Library Committee and Internship Cell at MNLU Mumbai.

Saunmya Uma has 22 years' work experience as a lawyer, law researcher, trainer, campaigner and activist on issues pertaining to gender, law and human rights. She is presently pursuing a Ph. D. In National Law School of India University (NLSIU) Bengaluru, on developing a legal framework on witness protection for gender-based violence.

She has previously worked as faculty of National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, and as Assistant Director of Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, situated within NLSIU. She has also worked as an international consultant for the UNDP for preparing a paper on Violence Against Women - Legal Responses in India, and with the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR), preparing a tool on witness protection with an integration of gender concerns. She has worked as the National Coordinator of ICC-India: the Indian campaign on International Criminal Court - an anti-impunity campaign on mass crimes and international law - from 2002 to 2010. She is actively associated with people's movements for dignity and rights to vulnerable and marginalized communities. She is a life member of the Indian Association for Women's studies - India's premier women's association. She has authored and edited several books and articles, some of which have been published by reputed publishing houses.