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FACULTY PROFILE

Name of the Faculty : Dr. Susan Thomas

Designation : Professor

Name of the Department/Centre of study : History, Kalady Main Centre

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Date of joining in SSUS : 22-07-1998



Taught both at the UG and PG levels for the past 20 years. Guided research students at the M.Phil and Ph.D levels.

Work Experience : International Teaching: Lectures on Kerala History, Trading communities, Sources in Malayalam, Tarisappalli copper Plate, and Christian Palm leaves at the JewsEast Summer School 2018, on, 'Jews and Christians between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean: Co-existence and Conflict 600-1800CE' conducted by and at the Centre for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr Universitat Bochum.

Topic of Research/ Area of specialization : Ph. D- Property Relations and Family Forms in Colonial Keralam. Modern Kerala History, Christian Community Formations in the Modern period, Social History of the christian community

Courses Taught

History of Kerala -I, II and III (Ancient, Medieval and Modern periods) Perspectives of Historical writing in India, Medieval Societies/ Feudal Societies, History of Science and Technology in Pre-modern India History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India Twentieth Century World, Modern Revolutions History of Kerala Themes in World History

Post Doctoral Achievements

UGC Research Award 2015-18 topic- Historicizing Church and Community: Syrian Christian Community in the 19th and 20th Century Kerala

Other Achievements

Director Office of International Affairs, SSUS, 2023

Coordinator, ABC Committee, SSUS 2023

Member, Board of Studies - CMS College, Kottayam; M.A. College Kothamangalam

External Expert for promotion to professor in MG University and Calicut University

Subject Expert for appointment of Assistant Professor - I in St. Joseph's College Alapuzha and UC College Aluva

Chairperson Internal Complaints Committee, SSUS, April - December 2023

Member Editorial Board, Eastern Christian Cultures in Contact, Book Series, Brepols Belgium, 2020

UGC Research Award for postdoctoral research 2015-18

Guest Professor at JewsEast Summer School 2018, on, 'Jews and Christians between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean: Co-existence and Conflict 600-1800CE' conducted by and at the Centre for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr Universität Bochum.

Opened up a new area of study through the palm leaf documents of the Syrian Christian Churches for the study of Kerala history in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Member of the international project for the digitization the records of the Syrian Christian Community in collaboration with the Central European University Budapest, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library Minnesota and the Tübingen University.

Delegate to the 65th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65) organized by UN Women in 2021

Recipient of the ICHR Fellowship for Ph D.

Profile Summary

Susan Thomas received her Ph D from the MG University Kerala on the topic "Property Relations and Family Forms in Colonial Kerala". Was the recipient of the ICHR Fellowship for Ph D.

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Guest Professor at the JewsEast Summer School 2018, at the Centre for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr Universität Bochum.

Published many research articles in national and international journals on the Syrian Christians and the nair communities of Kerala and on setting up of Digital Archives.

Attended conferences and programmes on gender justice and social justice of the Christian Conference of Asia.

Delegate for UN Women hosted CSW65 (Commission on the status of women 65th conference) held in 2021.

Phds produced

Name of the scholar	Register Number	Department of the scholar	Phd registration year	Title of the Phd thesis.	Date of Award
Sandhya P A	nil	HISTORY	2012	Land Power and Social Order in 18th century Malabar	10-03-2021
Jani Chungathu	Acd.A1/12622/2008/SSUS			Conflicts, Negotiations and Compromises: A Study on the Syrian Christians of Kerala in the 18th and 19th centuries	2019-03-25

Sabu Samuel	1924 MPhil Ph D intergrated course (Old Scheme)			Printed Community, Printing Community: Community Formation in and through Print Media	2018-05-04
Deepa K N				Gender in the Context of Internal Migration from Travancore to Malabar	

Details of ongoing Research scholars

Name of the scholar	Register Number	Topic	Department of the scholar	PhD Registration year
Arsha	yet to come	Postal System in Colonial Malabar	HISTORY	2023
Tressa	yet to come	Syrian Christian Granthavaris and Nalagomams of the 19th and 20th centuries	HISTORY	2023
Grace P Johns	22KA06HS01	Kinship, Social and Sexual Ties in Malabar:16th to the 18th centuries	HISTORY	2022

Consultancy project

Name of the Consultancy project	Consulting/Sponsoring agency with contact details	Year	revenue generated

Chapters in Books

Title of the chapter	Title of the Book	Author of the book	Publisher Name	Date of Publication	ISBN
Fall from Grace: Gender and Community Formations among Syrian Christians	Zooming In: Historicizing the Religious Spaces of Women in Kerala	SusanThomas	Meena Books	2019	978-93-85957-45-1
Donation and Patronage in the Syrian Christian Church	On Present(in/g) Histories	Susan Thomas	DC Books	2017	978-93-5282-124-2
'Locating the State in Conflicts and Resolution: Leaves from Syrian Christian History	Proceedings of the Third International Kerala History Conference	Susan Thomas	Sahithya Pravarthaka Co-operative Society Ltd.	2016	978-93-86094

Research Articles in Journals

Title	Journal Name	Year	ISSN No	Type
Colonial Enterprise in the 'Re-forming' of the Syrian Christians of Kerala	Hekamtho	2020	2395-4426	
From Kerala Society Papers to Family Histories: On The Trail of a lost Manuscript	Journal of History and Society	2017	2320 6276	
Inheritance of Loss: Dowry among the Syrian Christian Women'	Social Orbit Journal of Social Sciences,	2016	2395-77189	

Research Papers in Conference Proceedings

Name of research paper	Conference Name	Year	ISSN/ISBN No	Type
Donation and Patronage in the Syrian Christian Church		2017		
Locating the State in Conflicts and Resolution: Leaves from Syrian Christian History		2016		

Details of Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops attended

Name of seminar	Date	Status	Level	Title of the paper
Dutch Sources of South India: Structure Content and context (organiser)	19-01-2023	Attended	International	
Locality and Region : Literature, History and Culture (Research Scholar's Meet- curator)	12-09-2023	Attended	National	
Remembering Gandhi -Gandhijiyude Varthamanagal (organiser)	02-10-2021	Attended	State	

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