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SPEAKER

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Her research and teaching interests are minority identities and discourse; Indian literatures; translations; gender studies; Kodava, a language of the minority in Southern India; and cultural discourse. Her research and teaching aims to investigate the notions of modern that emerge through various texts on Kodava; the manner in which the texts are connected to ideas of a community, region, and nation; ways in which texts engage with the constant presence of oralities in their own cultures; and what acts of writing tell us about cultures.

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