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**Research interests:** Development policies, GNH, wellbeing, policy indicators, Buddhist iconographic painting, designs.

**Selected publications**:

*Books*

1. Ura, K. (2022). *The Unremembered Nation – Bhutan, Community and Livelihood*, Vol. 1 Oxford: OUP (forthcoming in September 2022)
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3. Ura, K. (1995). *The hero with a thousand Eyes*: *A historical novel*. Thimphu: Karma Ura.
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5. Ura, K. (2013). Destiny of Nations. In *Redeveloping America*. UK/US: McMillan
6. Ura, K. (1997). Development and tradition. In Schickgruber, C. & Pommaret, F. (Eds.), *Mountain fortress of the gods,* pp. 239-252. London: Serindia Publications.
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1. Ura, K. (1993). The nomads' gamble: Pastoralists of northern Bhutan. In *South Asia Research* (Vol. XIII), pp. 81-101. School of Oriental and African Studies.
2. Ura, K.& Pablos, P. O. d. (Eds.). (2012). Advancing technologies for Asian business and economics: Information management developments. US: Information Science Reference, IGI Global.
3. Ura, K & Santos, E. (2008). Multidimensional Poverty Measurement of Poverty in Bhutan. *Journal of Bhutan Studies*, 18 (1). pp. 1-50