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UNESCO Chair & Institute of Comparative Human Rights  
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Tuesday, October 21, 2014



## Human Trafficking, Forced Labor, and Exploitation

### Rationale:

No human rights abuse has proved more durable and disturbing than human trafficking. From the era of transatlantic slavery to the present day, the crime of transporting, exploiting, and abusing men, women, and children has been committed in all corners of the globe and has affected the lives and communities of countless millions of human beings. While the most vulnerable are those individuals living in poverty with limited educational or economic opportunities, trafficking victims come from all regions of the world and all sectors of society. In 2014, the International Labor Organization estimates that, at any given moment, over 20 million people are in conditions of forced labor, generating some US\$150.2 billion per year--a level of economic output greater than many countries in the world.

Given the scale of the problem, solutions require coordination at the local, national, and global levels, as well as cooperation between advocates, policy makers, law enforcement, and experts. While the problem has hardly been ignored, more needs to be done to ensure that efforts are effective not only in liberating victims and prosecuting perpetrators, but also in providing protection and rehabilitation for survivors over the long term, devising sustainable, locally-based prevention strategies, and in strengthening equitable economic opportunities and legitimate business practices worldwide.

Recognizing, that trafficking exists at the nexus of other human rights issues, including sexual violence and exploitation, the rights of migrants, children's rights, and workplace and labor rights, the UNESCO Chair and Institute of Comparative Human Rights will convene a wide range of international and national activists, officials, survivors, and scholars to discuss the impact of trafficking around the world as well as the opportunities and challenges in combatting these crimes. This conference will present an opportunity for students, faculty and the community to come together to learn how they can act in partnership with others to combat this grave crime.

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## **DRAFT Program**

Monday, October 20, 2014

a.m./p.m. Conference participants arrive (Oct 19-20)

6-8 p.m. Dinner honoring Conference Speakers  
Nathan Hale Inn

## **Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

8:15 a.m. General Registration – Student Union Theatre Lobby  
High School Registration – Student Union Ballroom

9:00 a.m. Opening Video

9:05 a.m. Welcome by UNESCO Chair Student Ambassador for Human Rights and  
Introduction of Prof. Amii Omara-Otunnu

9:10 a.m. Conference Overview by Prof. Amii Omara-Otunnu, UNESCO Chair-holder and  
Executive Director

9:20 a.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker by

9:25 a.m. Keynote Address by Dr. Aidan McQuade, Director Anti-Slavery International, UK  
*address followed by Q&A*

10:15 a.m. General Plenary Session:  
Moderated by

- Ms. Holly Austin Smith, Author and Survivor, USA
- Ms. Jean Enriquez, Executive Director of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, Asia Pacific
- Dr. Iyabo Obasanjo, Distinguished Fellow at the African Presidential Center of Boston University, Nigeria

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Expert Panel Session: Moderated by  
Student Union Theatre

- Ms. Erin Siegal McIntyre and Ms. Florence George Graves, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, Brandeis University
- Dr. Marie Segrave, Advocate and Researcher, Australia
- Dr. Siddharth Kara, Author and Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School, USA (tbc)

11:30 a.m. Workshop for High School Students, Student Union Ballroom

- Lawyers Without Borders Workshop

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 p.m. High School Students depart campus
- 2 p.m. Regional Panel Session – Examining Policy, Implementation, Enforcement and Protection  
Moderated by
- Ms. Irina Alkhovka, Chair, La Strada International (LSI), Europe
  - Dr. Kamala Kempadoo, Professor of Social Science, York University, Latin America and the Caribbean
  - Ms. Jennifer Gentile Long, JD, Director, AEquitas: The Prosecutors’ Resource on Violence Against Women, North America
  - Dr. Jacob Mofokeng, Department of Safety and Security Management, Southern Africa
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. Closing Keynote Address  
Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (tbc)
- address followed by Q&A*
- 4:30 Conference Ends

Unofficial Speaker Bios:

Opening Keynote Speaker:



Dr. Aidan McQuade is Chief Executive for Anti-Slavery International, founded in 1839, is the world's oldest international human rights organisation and the only charity in the United Kingdom to work exclusively against slavery. They work at local, national and international levels to eliminate all forms of slavery around the world by supporting research to assess the scale of slavery in order to identify measures to end it; working with local organisations to raise public awareness of slavery; educating the public about the realities of slavery and campaigning for its end; lobbying governments and intergovernmental agencies to make slavery a priority issue and to develop and implement plans to eliminate slavery. Before joining Anti-Slavery International Dr. McQuade provided strategy and programme advice and support to Oxfam country programmes in the Horn of Africa.

Closing Keynote Speaker:

Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. Dr. Giammarinaro is an Italian judge, policy-maker, and leading expert in the struggle against [human trafficking](#) and prior to her recent appointment as Special Rapporteur, she served as Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the world's largest regional security oriented intergovernmental organization, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) from 2010-2014.



During her tenure as Special Representative, according to the US Government's Trafficking in Persons Report: "her leadership transformed the OSCE's anti-human trafficking efforts across the OSCE" and in 2012 received a Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Hero Award from US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to honour her significant contributions in the struggle to end modern-day slavery. She was one of ten notable individuals from around the world recognized by the State Department.

Dr. Giammarinaro has been a judge at the Criminal Court of Rome since 1991. She served from 2006 until 2009 in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security in Brussels, where she was responsible for work to combat human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children, as well as for penal aspects of illegal immigration within the unit dealing with the fight against organized crime. During this time, she co-ordinated the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings of the European Commission.

From 2001 to 2006 she was a judge for preliminary investigation in the Criminal Court of Rome. Prior to that, from 1996 she was Head of the Legislative Office and Adviser to the Minister for Equal Opportunities.

She has a degree in Italian literature and worked for several years as a high school teacher before graduating in law from the University of Palermo in 1986. Giammarinaro became OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in January 2010 and United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in August 2014.

## Other Speakers:

Ms. Irina Alkhovka is chair of the international board of La Strada International (LSI), a European NGO network against trafficking in human beings comprising eight member organizations in Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Macedonia (FYROM), Moldova, The Netherlands, Poland and Ukraine and an international secretariat based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

La Strada International works from a human rights perspective in support of trafficked persons to ensure a world without trafficking in human beings where human rights are respected. La Strada's primary goal is empowering trafficked persons, improving their position through promoting their universal rights, including the right to choose to emigrate and work abroad and to be protected from violence and abuse. La Strada's philosophy, guiding its anti-trafficking work and its provision of services, is based on a [human rights approach](#). La Strada recognises trafficked persons as active actors in changing their own situation, rather than passive recipients of services or victims in need of rescue. Irina Alkhovka is based in Minsk, Belarus.



Jean Enriquez is Executive Director of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women – Asia Pacific. She was included among the Ten Women of the Year for 2007 by Marie Claire Magazine. With a focus on international women's human rights, Ms. Enriquez has fought for and has advocated for the dignity and equality of all women for over 30 years. Her expertise and knowledge on the subject have made her a reference of the national government, especially the Dept. of Social Welfare and Development, for training and knowledge on gender issues.

Ms. Enriquez has gained experience as an advisor, resource person, and trainer for various international and national groups fighting trafficking and prostitution, along with the goals of educating women on sexuality, health, reproductive rights, and political participation. She has been invited to speak on women's issues to at least 31 countries, including countries of South Asia and the Mekong Region, such as Bangladesh and Cambodia.

She is a born leader, and her skills have allowed her to help out in marginalized communities and assist the less fortunate. Her projects and research have been internationally recognized, and she was even invited to the United Nations and by various governments to speak regarding her hugely successful anti-trafficking projects.

In the Philippines, she helped in the drafting of the anti-trafficking bill. She now sits as Women's Sectoral Council Member for the National Anti-Poverty Commission, Member of the Board of Advisers for Buklod Center for Women in Olongapo and Bagong Kamalayan (Prostitution Survivors' Collective).

Ms. Enriquez continues to fight for the equality of women through her anti-trafficking programs, talks on women's rights, and various projects and advisory work. Her goal in life is to give women the rights they deserve, and her service to the country is an inspiration to those still suffering under abuse and inequality.



Florence George Graves is the founding director of the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, where she is creating a core staff of journalists to conduct major investigative projects while involving students in in-depth reporting. Since 1996 she has been a Resident Scholar at the Brandeis [Women's Studies Research Center](#). As an award-winning investigative reporter and magazine editor, she has focused largely on investigating and exposing political, government, and corporate abuses of power, particularly in Washington. Her work has led to a number of congressional hearings and government probes and to several reforms in public policies.

Ms. Graves will speak on her work to draw attention to, and eradicate forced labor in various stages of the global supply chain. From the chain of fish and fishery products to the production of raw materials, such as palm oil, cocoa and cotton farming, to manufacturing goods such as hand-knotted rugs, and what the general consumer can do to ensure fair practices.



Siddharth Kara is an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School. He is recognized as an expert on contemporary slavery and is best known for his award-winning book, *Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery*, the first of three books he is writing on the subjects of human trafficking and contemporary slavery. *Sex Trafficking* was named co-winner of the prestigious 2010 Frederick Douglass Award at Yale University for the best non-fiction book on slavery. The award is generally regarded as the top prize in the field of slavery scholarship, and Kara's is the first book on modern slavery to receive the award. In addition to his books, Kara has authored several academic and law journal articles.

Kara first encountered the horrors of slavery in a Bosnian refugee camp in 1995. Subsequently, he has traveled to twenty-five countries across six continents to research these crimes, interviewing over a thousand former and current slaves of all kinds, witnessing firsthand the sale of humans into slavery, and confronting some of those who trafficked and exploited them.

Kara currently advises the United Nations, the U.S. Government, and several other governments on antislavery research, policy and law. His second book on slavery, *Bonded Labor: Inside the System of Slavery in South Asia* is scheduled to be published in 2012. Kara is a regular contributor to the CNN Freedom Project, and his ongoing research into slavery around the world has been covered by CNN, the BBC, and CNBC.

Previously, Kara was an investment banker at Merrill Lynch, then ran his own finance and M&A consulting firm. He holds a law degree from England, MBA from Columbia University, and BA from Duke University.





Dr. Kamala Kempadoo is Professor in the Department of Social Science and is affiliated with Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and with graduate programs in Women's Studies, Political Science, Social and Political Thought, and Development Studies. She is a former director of the Graduate Program in Social and Political Thought at York University. She has lived and worked in Britain, the Netherlands, the USA, several countries in the Dutch- and English-speaking Caribbean, and, since 2002, in Canada. Kempadoo teaches courses in Caribbean studies, 'Third World' and transnational feminisms, sex work studies, Black Studies, and critical perspectives in gender and development. Her publications include **Global Sex**

**Workers** (Routledge 1998); **Sun, Sex and Gold: Tourism and Sex Work in the Caribbean** (Rowman and Littlefield 1999); **Sexing the Caribbean** (Routledge 2004) and **Trafficking and Prostitution Reconsidered** (Paradigm 2005). She is also series editor of **Transnational Feminist Studies** with Paradigm Publishers.

Dr. Kempadoo's research interests include: sexual labour and transactional sex; human trafficking and international migration; Caribbean sexuality; race and ethnic relations; transnational feminist theory and methodologies; gender and development. Starting with research on sex work in the Dutch Caribbean, Kempadoo's research has broadened to include global issues of "the traffic of women" and sexual economic transactional relations that exist outside of the sex industry. She has conducted policy-oriented research on Caribbean sexual relations and HIV for UN and intergovernmental agencies, and recently held a SSHRC-Research Development Initiative grant to examine the issue of incest in the Caribbean. Much of her research is collaborative. A new focus in her work is on research methodologies in Caribbean feminism and sex work studies.

Lawyers Without Borders is a global group of volunteer lawyers from around the world who offer pro bono service to rule of law projects, capacity building and access to justice initiatives.

Our goal is to develop and provide legal support to Rule of Law projects and initiatives in the human rights and global capacity building sectors; this is achieved using lawyers serving pro bono whenever possible. This approach has proven to exponentially reduce costs to funders, in-country NGOs and legal communities in developing regions around the world.

In the global capacity building arena, our achievement in bringing together pro bono lawyers from large law firms, the private bar, in-house counsel and non-profit organizations from around the world represents an unprecedented accomplishment.

The success of the LWOB model is a testament to the value of an organization that is capable of harnessing resources and engaging civil society in a globally oriented collaborative pro bono effort.



Jennifer Gentile Long (MGA, JD) serves as the Director of AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women, a global project she co-founded in April 2009. AEquitas' mission is to improve the quality of justice in sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and human trafficking cases by developing, evaluating, and refining prosecution practices that increase victim safety and offender accountability.

Jennifer began her career by serving as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she prosecuted cases involving adult and child physical and sexual abuse. During her tenure in the District Attorney's Office, she was a staunch advocate for victim's rights and was part of a collaborative team that recognized the prosecutor's mandate to seek justice -



and not just convictions. Her practices focused on protecting victims from the collateral consequences of participating in the criminal justice system while protecting communities from offenders.

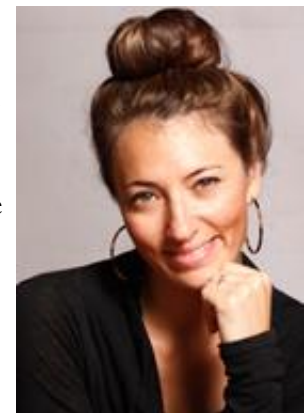
Continuing her career in the field of criminal justice, Jennifer was a Senior Attorney at and then was appointed the Director of the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women at the American Prosecutors Research Institute. Jennifer authored *Introducing Expert Testimony to Explain Victim Behavior in Sexual and Domestic Violence Prosecutions*, widely recognized as the seminal resource on the subject for prosecutors, as well as other articles on topics ranging from intimate partner sexual assault to children witnessing domestic violence.

Jennifer also served as a volunteer child advocate through the Support Center for Child Advocacy in Philadelphia; an advocate at the Women's Resource Center in Hamilton, Bermuda; a labor and employment law attorney; and an attorney with the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Washington, DC.

As the Director of AEquitas, she continues to publish articles and provides case consultation and resources to prosecutors employed at the state, local, and federal levels, as well as all branches of the U.S. military and the Department of Defense. In addition to her work stateside, she has worked closely with allied justice system professionals representing several countries including Liberia, Cameroon, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, Israel, and Uganda where she has developed and participated in leadership institutes, training events, and the provision of technical assistance. Jennifer serves as an Advisory Committee Member with the American Law Institute, an Editorial Board Member with the Civic Research Institute for the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Reports, and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center.

Jennifer graduated from Lehigh University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and East Asian Studies and the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Fels School of Government with a Juris Doctor degree and a Masters in Government Administration. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bars.

Erin Siegal McIntyre is a Senior Fellow at the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, Erin Siegal McIntyre has completed an investigative reporting book in which she examines fraudulent, criminal, and corrupt practices in international adoption between Guatemala and the United States. Her award-winning book, "Finding Fernanda," (Beacon Press, May 8, 2012; Cathexis Press, November 1, 2011) examines those large issues by detailing the criminal network involved in one case of child kidnapping for international adoption. Her second book, "U.S. Cables: International Adoption in Guatemala, 1987-2010," (Cathexis Press, February 1, 2012) is a compilation of diplomatic cables between the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala. These [cables reveal](#) irregularities in the [international adoption system in Guatemala](#) at a time when there were thousands of adoptions by U.S. families taking place in that country. McIntyre was honored by the Open Society Foundation with a 2012-2013 Soros Justice Fellowship to report on deportation of undocumented immigrants in the United States. She was a 2008-2009 Fellow at the Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where her Master's thesis earned honors. She is a recipient of the 2008 Anne O'Hare McCormick Scholarship Award from the Newswomen's Club of New York and the Irving Lainoff Scholarship.





Dr Jacob Mofokeng in the Department of Safety and Security Management, Tshwane Institute of Technology, South Africa obtained his Doctorate in Policing from the Tshwane University of Technology. Before joining the university he was a law enforcement officer for 13 years, of which ten years were spent at Detective Service and three within Information and Communication Technology (ICT) environment. He is a member of the Council of the Criminological and Victimological Society of Southern Africa (CRIMSA) as well as an EXCO member of the Policing Association of Southern Africa (POLSA). His key areas of expertise include: Detective Training Curriculum and Performance Management, Mentorship, Identity Theft, Knowledge Management,

Human Trafficking and Police Corruption. He authored and co-authored articles which were published in accredited journals as well as presented papers at national and international conferences. He is supervising three M-Tech students, as well as co-supervising two doctoral students. Dr. Mofokeng is at the early stage of writing a book entitled Policing Human Trafficking: A South African Perspective to be published by Taylor & Francis Group. He is author of: Are we there yet? Experts' Reflections on Human Trafficking in South Africa, read at the Criminological and Victimological Society of Southern Africa (CRIMSA) Biennial Conference 2013 held in Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa, 17 – 20 September 2013.

Dr Iyabo Obasanjo graduated from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria in 1988 with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. She did her compulsory one year post-graduation national service at the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training, Ibadan where she taught and conducted clinical veterinary services. She proceeded to University of California at Davis where she obtained a Masters in Preventive Veterinary Medicine (MPVM) and then to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York to obtain a PhD in Epidemiology.



Her post-doctoral research fellowship was at the Department of Comparative Medicine at Wake Forest University, School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where she researched using female primates to model the effects of hormonal interventions on menopausal women.

After her post-doc, she worked in Clinical Research in the United States managing Phase 1 to IV clinical trials first as a statistician using her epidemiological training and ending up as a Project Manager, managing complex clinical studies for various diseases for submission to FDA for approval.

In 2003, she moved back to Nigeria where upon participation in political activities she was appointed the Commissioner for Health for her state of origin. In that position she managed all the public health activities of the state comprising of preventive programs, service delivery and outreach activities. At the next elections in 2007, she contested and won a seat to the Nigerian Senate and was the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health for the next four years, until her term ended in 2011.

She was a 2012 and 2013 Advanced Leadership Fellow at Harvard University and is currently a Distinguished Fellow at the African Presidential Center of Boston University. Her interest is in developing advocacy for improving education, health and economic opportunities for African girls and women. She has several scientific, newspaper and journal publications.



Dr Marie Segrave's work into human trafficking, labour exploitation, women prisoners and policing challenges the status quo. As a critical criminologist, she identifies and tests the assumptions that drive legislation and policy in Australia and internationally. For example, while many people assume migrant workers arriving from Asia want permanent settlement in Australia, Marie's research shows this is not necessarily the case. And believing that criminal convictions are the key measure of police success ignores the important work they do with crime victims.

Marie's aim in challenging preconceived notions, prevalent within our legal system, is to help create more effective policies that have better outcomes for individuals and for society in general.

She says most government policy on human trafficking and migrant workers is based on assumptions about what individuals want and need when migrating for work. Her research shows many people from the Asia-Pacific region often move in a circular way. Therefore, efforts to prevent migrant workers staying long term could be misdirected.

Tracking the dynamic between migration patterns, personal safety and national security is the subject of Marie's Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery project. With Professor Sharon Pickering, Dr Leanne Weber and Dr Claudia Tazreiter, Marie is mapping the movements and experiences of people working in Australia on temporary visas as they travel between their homeland and communities in Australia. The project focuses on migrants from China, Tonga, Indonesia and Samoa.

The project will improve understanding of migration drivers and the impact of existing policies, Marie says. "It will help us understand how policy influences the risks individuals are willing to take to earn money, the opportunities it affords and the potential for exploitation."



Holly Austin Smith is an author and survivor of child sex trafficking and an advocate against all forms of commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

In 2011, Holly appeared on the Dr. Oz show to raise awareness for the issue of domestic minor sex trafficking, along with Tina Frundt (Founder of Courtney's House), Lisa Ling (American journalist and advocate), and Kevin Perkins (Director of the FBI's Innocence Lost Initiative). Holly was also featured in the August 2011 issue of Cosmopolitan magazine, along with survivors, Carissa Phelps and Minh Dang.

Holly submitted joint testimony to Congress in September 2011 with labor trafficking survivor, Ima Matul (CAST Advisory Caucus member), in support of the reauthorization of the Trafficked Victims Protection Act (TVPRA). She also addressed the Virginia General Assembly in February 2012 in support of Senator Adam Ebbin's bill SB 259, which will require the Board of Education to provide awareness and training materials for local school divisions on human trafficking, including strategies for the prevention of trafficking children. In 2014, Holly testified in New Hampshire before the Senate Judiciary Committee on a bill that would increase protections for victims of labor and sex trafficking. She also testified before the U.S. Congressional Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations on the connection between sporting events and sex trafficking.

Holly has presented to several colleges, including the University of Pennsylvania, Howard University, and the University of Richmond; and she has been invited to press conferences with

Virginia Attorney General (A.G.) Ken Cuccinelli and New Jersey A.G. Jeffrey S. Chiesa. In addition to working as a training consultant for Fox Valley Technical College's AMBER Alert program, Holly is requested on a regular basis to provide testimony and input to law enforcement officials, social service providers, human trafficking task forces, and journalists. Holly was also invited to be the keynote speaker at the 2012 Trafficking in Persons Symposium in Salt Lake City, UT, an event hosted by the United States Department of Justice. Most recently, Holly presented at the 2013 National Association of Attorneys General conference in Milwaukee, WI. She also spoke at the 2013 Next Generation Leadership Exchange Forum in Paris, France on the connection between negative messages in the media (e.g. the sexual objectification of women in advertising) and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Holly works with survivors and anti-trafficking organizations across the globe. When she isn't speaking, Holly is writing for her weekly column, Speaking Out, with the Communities Digital News (formerly the Washington Times Communities). In her nonfiction book, *Walking Prey*, Holly shares her personal story and discusses many dynamics related to the commercial sexual exploitation of children, including child sex trafficking, in the United States. *Walking Prey* is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or IndieBound. Holly earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology with a Minor in Writing from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. She currently lives in Richmond, VA with her husband, Ben.