

Human Trafficking: Global History and Global Perspectives

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The United Nations *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking In Persons, Especially Women And Children, Supplementing The United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime* define Human Trafficking as “the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.” (Article 3, paragraph (a)).

The US Department of State and many non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations consider human trafficking “modern slavery.” Although the number varies, it is believed that, worldwide, no less than 20 million people are being trafficked. These institutions and scholars around the world have noted that assessing the full scope of human trafficking is difficult because, in the first place, many governments do not know what to do with the victims and their perpetrators; secondly, the perpetrators often do not cooperate for fear of the law; and third, many of the victims not cooperate because of the stigma attached and, most importantly, the fear of retribution against them and their friends and family members.

There is a tendency to think that Human Trafficking is a recent phenomenon. This is not the case despite fervent traditional media reporting or its sensationalism in social media. Human Trafficking, records show, is as old as any troubling or insidious social issue and or sociological issue. Perhaps the only discernible difference is the scope, the complexity, and the dimension of its occurrence in the

last decade. While many of the victims are women and children, available evidence suggests that an increasing number of victims are men (as child laborers and child soldiers in war and conflict zones). Many of the women are used as commercial sex workers (prostitutes). Others serve as sex slaves or are forced into arranged and/or abusive marriages. And an increasing number of victims are also trafficked for the sole purpose of harvesting their organs.

The purpose of this project is to systematically examine Human Trafficking around the world. It is for this reason that we are inviting scholars, members of the Civil Society, government and non-governmental organizations to contribute chapters to this book project. While we have made some suggestions, interested contributors may suggest topics if the said topic falls within the overall theme of this project:

CONCEPTUAL AND THEORETICAL UNDERSTANDING

- Theorizing Human Trafficking
- Ancient and Modern Origins of Human Trafficking
- Trafficking Networks
- Religion, Culture, and Human Trafficking
- Globalization/Globalizing Forces and Human Trafficking

LEGISLATIONS AND CONVENTIONS

- The United Nations and Human Trafficking
- Domestic Legislation
- The European Union and Human Trafficking
- The Organization of American States and Human Trafficking
- The African Union and Human Trafficking

OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL UNDERCURRENTS

- Asia (South Asia; East Asia; and Southeast Asia)
- East/Western Europe
- The Middle East
- Africa South of the Sahara
- Human Trafficking in the Americas

THE COST AND CONSEQUENCES

- The Human Cost of Trafficking
- The Economic Cost of Human Trafficking
- The Mental and Psychology Injuries of Imprisonment

- Women, Children, and Domestic Servitude
- Child Soldiers in Conflict Situations

THE GEOGRAPHY, DATA, AND GEOPOLITICAL FACTORS

- Mapping the Routes - Ocean and Sea Routes
- Trafficking Routes - Desert and Land Routes
- Aggregating the Data - With the aid of GIS
- The Problems and challenging of Data Collection
- The Cold War and the Post-9/11 Environment

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please submit a 300-350-word abstract plus a 150-250-word biography along with your official contact information by 30 June 2020 to edung@alasu.edu and please Cc the coeditor at aavwunudiogba@csustan.edu (Abstracts & Manuscripts should be submitted in English).
2. You will be notified of acceptance or rejection of abstract by 15 July 2020
3. Information regarding our publisher, formatting/citation will be transmitted along with the acceptance notice.
4. Your completed chapter: 20-25-double spaced pages (including tables, figures, maps, endnotes, and bibliography) is due 30 October 2020

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