

Regional Implementation Initiative 2017 on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking

International Round Table

Re-Branding Human Trafficking

The Interface of Migration, Human Trafficking and Slavery

Haus der Europäischen Union/Representation of the European Commission in Austria

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Keynote Speakers, Panelists, Researchers, Experts, Stakeholders

Shams Asadi,

Human Rights Commissioner and head of the Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna. She studied architecture and urban Planning abroad before she arrived in Vienna, where she graduated from the University of Technology. Shams has many years of practical and academic experience in Urban Regeneration and Urban Development with a focus on European and international affairs. The human rights dimension of urban development accompanied her from beginning of her professional life and since 2010 human rights are the main subject of her career.

Peter von Bethlenfalvy,

Founder and Executive Director of CEIPA - Centre for European and International Policy Action in Brussels, has a long professional experience of European and international cooperation in the field of migration, foreign and development policies, security and human rights. He formerly held leading positions at IOM – International Organization for Migration in Brussels, Berlin, Rome and Vienna. He has been the driving force in strengthening the European Union and International stance towards a number of issues such as economic migration, organized crime and trafficking in human beings, democratization and parliamentary elections as well as humanitarian and emergency aid. He advised and worked closely with a number of EU Presidencies and European Commissioners as well as European Parliamentarians in carrying forward their priorities. His experience and commitment led to numerous policy improvements in the above fields in Europe, and strengthened cooperation between governments, international organizations, civil societies and regions.

Manfred Buchner

Head of MEN VIA – Protection and Support for Men Affected by Human Trafficking, Men Health Center, Vienna. Staff Member of the Counselling Center for Men, Vienna, Department for Victim Support. Psychologist with many years of experience in working with youth and in the field of mental disorders. Specializations in group-work and counselling for boys and men within a gender-reflecting framework. Trainer for prevention of violence, lecturer for victim support on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Justice. Engaged in developing and establishing a model for victim-support in Austrian prisons; lecturer at the Sigmund Freud University, Vienna.

Mona Chamass,

Director of the Committee against Modern Slavery (CCEM) in France, an NGO founded in 1994, to combat trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation, mainly domestic work but also forced labor in sectors like agriculture, building, services. The CCEM also accompanies victims of trafficking for forced begging, criminal activity, or servile marriage. The CCEM interventions include social and legal assistance for victims, training and awareness raising, legal expertise, jurisprudence and lobbying against human trafficking for labour exploitation. Each year the CCEM receives hundreds of alerts (300-350) and accompanies more than one hundred victims (168 in 2016). The CCEM played a major role in the legal reform in France and is operationally very active in terms of victims protection and follow up at different local jurisdictions levels (and at the European Court for Human Rights where the CCEM has gained two condemnations against France in 2005 and 2012). Mona has also previous experience since 2001 as a Human rights consultant at the international level mainly on penal reform and justice issues in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Mike Dottridge,

Consultant on human rights issues, based in the United Kingdom. He worked for two human rights non-governmental organisations from 1977 until 2002 (Amnesty International, where his work focused on Africa, and Anti-Slavery International, where he was director from 1996 to 2002). Since 1995, he has focused on various forms of exploitation, how to protect the adults and children involved and how to prevent exploitation from occurring in the first place. Since 2002, he has worked independently, undertaking evaluations and institutional learning exercises for organizations that include the ILO and UNICEF, NGOs such as the coalition 'Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women' and several governmental and private donors.

Sylvia Hahn,

Prof. of History at the University of Salzburg and since 2011 Vice Rector for International Relations and Communication. She studied economic and social history and German philology at the University of Vienna, where she got her PhD. After research projects abroad and teaching part time for several years she worked for the Ministry of Women's Affairs from 1992-1994. She started her full time career teaching history at the University of Salzburg in 1994. Her research areas are gender and migration, labor, and urban studies. She has published extensively in the field of migration history and she is member of the organizational research group of the postgraduate study program Migration management at the University of Salzburg as well as being a founding member of both the Austrian Network for Migration History and the Migration Archive of the city of Salzburg.

Jutta Henneberger,

Prosecutor, legal officer at the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany) in the division responsible for the Criminal Code (special part). She has worked on a wide range of legislative projects, providing expert support throughout the entire legislative process. Her areas of responsibility include human trafficking with a particular focus on national and international level. Since 2001 she is a public prosecutor at Koblenz Public Prosecution Office (since December 2014 seconded to the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection), in Koblenz working most recently in the Department for Economic Crime.

Suzanne Hoff,

International Coordinator of La Strada International since 2004, the European NGO network against trafficking in human beings, comprising 8 members and 21 partner NGOs in Europe. She is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The overall aim of LSI is to prevent trafficking in human beings and exploitation in Europe and to protect the rights of trafficked and exploited persons and ensuring their access to justice. As International Coordinator, she manages a broad range of tasks including strategy planning, lobby & advocacy and coordination of European projects and research on the issue of human trafficking. Current projects relate to early identification of trafficked persons, access to justice and compensation; to building the capacity of anti-trafficking NGOs to cooperate with businesses and trade unions and address labour exploitation and ensuring complaint mechanisms and access to remedies for workers. LSI was partner in the DemandAT consortium research from 2014 - 2017. Before La Strada International, she worked for different NGOs, like the Dutch foundation against trafficking in Women (now Comensha/LS NL), Caritas Netherlands, the Dutch Centre for International Cooperation and the Dutch Refugee council as well as for the Amsterdam Municipality. Most of her

work focused on human rights and the situation in Central and Eastern Europe. Suzanne has an academic background; a master in Eastern European Studies and journalism.

Ghada Jabbour,

Co-founding member of KAFA (enough) Violence & Exploitation, a Lebanese non-profit advocacy group working on the combatting violence against women. Ghada is holder of a double Master's degree in Anthropology and Human Rights, and her areas of expertise are related to violence against women and trafficking of women for sexual exploitation and domestic servitude. She has managed multiple large projects and has led studies on these topics. She is the head of the Anti-trafficking unit at KAFA which work focuses on research and advocacy to bring changes in the policies and laws in Lebanon, opinion building against trafficking, as well as providing socio-legal services and running a shelter for trafficking victims.

Stephan Jermendy,

Researcher and Campaigner for the Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF), a UK-based charity working internationally to protect the environment and human rights. Since 2013, EJF has investigated and exposed the systematic trafficking of migrant workers into Thailand's fishing industry and their widespread exploitation as slaves on fishing vessels. At present, EJF is continuing its investigations into slavery in the Thai fishing industry, while also providing support to the Thai Government to improve its vessel monitoring procedures and to reform the labour legislation. Stephan is coordinating EJF's engagement in South-East Asia, as well as efforts to establish a regional approach to human trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation and its environmental drivers. He has extensive experience in investigating linkages of environmental and human rights abuses in supply chains. As part of his work for EJF he has developed and supported the implementation of appropriate policy and technical solutions that aim to address their structural root causes. Prior to EJF, Stephan conducted assignments for Global Witness in London, an organisation addressing connections between natural resource exploitation, corruption and conflict. He holds a MA in Political Science from the University of Vienna, as well as a MSc in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Kristiina Kangaspunta,

Currently the Chief of the Crime Research Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). She is also heading the preparation of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria. The first edition of the Report was launched in 2012 and it has been published biannually presenting the global human trafficking trends and patterns. Previously, she was the Deputy Director of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) leading the Research Programme of the Institute in Turin, Italy. Before UNICRI, she worked with UNODC, as the Chief of the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit. She moved to UNODC from the Ministry of Justice of Finland where she worked at the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI).

Helga Konrad,

Head/Coordinator of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking' since 2010. Executive Director Anti-Trafficking; Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe IDM; former (first) Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the OSCE - Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (2004-2006); Chair of the EU Stability Pact Task Force on Human Trafficking for South Eastern Europe (2000-2004). In her capacity as Austrian Federal Government Minister for Women, she hosted the first EU Conference on Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation in Vienna (1995). She was Head of the Austrian government delegations to the fourth UN World Conference on Women in Beijing/China and of the first World Congress on Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Stockholm/Sweden (1996).

Anders Lisborg,

International expert on migration management, anti-trafficking, human smuggling and labour exploitation, - with almost 20 years of professional experience from more than 25 countries. He is co-founder of Migration Management Advice (MMA) an independent consultancy and think-tank. Previously, he was Senior Advisor at the Danish Government Coordination Centre to combat human trafficking (CMM) and Team Leader for an EU funded multi-country project to

combat human trafficking in South Eastern Europe, Western Asia and Caucasus. He has also been working for the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and a Special Advisor to the National Centre of Investigation (NCI), Danish Police, in a task force to combat organized crime and trafficking. For 5 years (2003-2008) he was based in Kathmandu and Bangkok as the Regional Programme Officer for International Labour Organization (ILO) in South and South-East Asia. Throughout the years he has been an external consultant and advisor to several international organizations including UN-ACT, ILO, OSCE, CBSS and Issara Institute. Anders has authored several international publications and holds an MSc degree in International Development Studies and Cultural Geography from University of Roskilde, Denmark.

Nora Martin-Janko,

Social worker at Lotus Bus Programme, Médecins du Monde (MDM), Paris, France. She is graduated from the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO) in Paris, specialized in Chinese language and civilization. After a master degree in International relations, she started working at Médecins du Monde, on a harm reduction programme, which is promoting sexual and reproductive health and defending the rights of migrant Chinese women involved in Sexwork. She is also part of an inter-associative gender-based violence project, whose goal is to fight against violence targeting sexworkers. On July 2017, she participated to a MDM fact-finding mission in Ethiopia (Afar region), laying the foundations for a potential MDM project towards sexworkers in Ethiopia.

Ulrich Nachtberger,

Criminal Judge since 2003. Since 2005 Presiding Judge at the Regional Court for Criminal Matters in Vienna. Since 2013 responsible for a specialized Court Unit for Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling cases. He has been a trainer, speaker and representative of the Austrian judiciary at numerous missions, seminars and conferences in Europe, Africa and Asia regarding Trafficking in Human Beings.

Catrin Neumüller,

CEO of ACT.NOW. Act.Now is an enterprise based on the private initiative, located in Vienna, acting internationally and above party lines. It initiates projects and international conferences for a respectful and appreciative social coexistence in a time of profound social changes that result in challenges to democratic systems. Act.Now supports people to take on more responsibility in their respective environment and connects people and initiatives to raise the effectiveness of projects aimed to strengthen social cohesion. It provides information about social change and its impact on society to promote new solutions. To achieve its objectives Act.Now employs processes that are both cognitively and emotionally effective.

Olivier Peyroux,

Sociologist, France. His work with children victims of trafficking notably from the Balkans and among the recent migration flows. He has involved him with in-the-field consulting assignments on local and European child protection issues for national and international organisations including UNICEF, UNODC and the European Union. His research has been widely published in scientific journals and he is regularly consulted by the media on trafficking and child protection issues. In addition to his non-profit commitments to children at risk. Peyroux is a legal expert on trafficking in human beings for the French judiciary.

Barbara Preitler,

Psychologist, psychotherapist, lecturer and author. Main interests are focused on psychotherapeutic and psychosocial work with torture and war survivors. In 1994 she was one of the founders of Hemayat, Organization for War and Torture Survivors in Vienna. Teaching in different programs in Austria and Southern Asia. Selected most recent publications: 'Ohne jede Spur. Psychotherapeutische Arbeit mit Angehörigen 'verschwundener' Personen', Gießen: Psychosozial-Verlag (2006); 'Bessledno propavschie...Psihoterapevticheskajarabota s rodstvennikami propavschieh be vesti' 'Ohne jede Spur' - in russischer Sprache übersetzt von J. Kaunitz. Moskau: Cogito; 'Grief and Disappearance', Psychosocial Interventions. Übersetzt von J. Skala. Delhi: SAGE (2015); 'An ihrer Seite sein', Psychosoziale Betreuung von traumatisierten Flüchtlingen. Innsbruck: Studienverlag (2016).

Evelyn Probst,

Coordinator of LEFÖ– Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls (IBF) since 2000, based in Vienna, Austria. In her capacity she monitors the support system for trafficked persons as well as their access to their rights. Further focal areas of the work include access to compensation for trafficked persons, interlinkages between THB and undocumented work etc. She is a much sought-after trainer for seminars on the issue of THB carried out by public authorities, police, NGOs and other relevant actors. She has been a member in the EU Expert Group against Trafficking from 2008 to 2011. She is currently the European board member of Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW). Due to her long experience in the field she has been a teacher at the Austrian University in Klagenfurt for around ten years and has given classes at other Austrian Universities as well as at the Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. Furthermore she has published in the field of trafficking in women, focusing on feminist women's rights perspectives, exploitation and compensation for victims of human trafficking. Evelyn Probst holds a Master in Psychology and is a certified trainer who has been working in the field of fighting Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) for over 20 years.

David Reizenzein,

Head of the FRONTEX Liaison Office to the EU Institutions and Bodies in Brussels. He is also responsible for Frontex cooperation with the EU Offices of International Organizations and Brussels based Civil Society Organizations members of the Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights. Furthermore, he advises the senior management of Frontex on the latest developments with regard to European and international border management and migration policies and their potential impact on Frontex. Previously, he worked as External Relations Officer in Frontex Headquarters in Warsaw. Before joining Frontex, he headed the Unit for Development, Programs, Policy and Media at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Vienna. He holds a PhD in law and a master's degree in international business management of the University of Innsbruck, as well as a master's degree in advanced international studies of the Diplomatic Academy Vienna.

Fabrizio Sarrica,

Economist by background, he holds a PhD in Criminology. He works for the United Nations since 2002 in several research fields, including organized crime, corruption and human trafficking. He is the co-author of five UNODC Global Reports on Trafficking in Persons (2006, 2009, 2012, 2014 and 2016) of several national assessments on corruption, organized crime, smuggling of migrants and human trafficking in different parts of the world.

Helmut Sax,

Key researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), Vienna/Austria, and Member of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), since 2011 (ten country evaluation visits so far); completed legal studies in 1993, BIM staff member since 1995, with research projects and consultancies in various human rights areas (social rights, development cooperation, internal displacement and refugee law); since 1997 focus on human rights of children, since 2006 focus on anti-trafficking efforts. Lecturer on civic education and human rights at Vienna University; consultancies for non-governmental organizations, the European Commission and the Council of Europe; member of the Austrian Child Rights Advisory Board to the Federal Ministry of Families and Youth and of the Child Trafficking Working Group of the Austrian Taskforce on Human Trafficking.

István Szilárd,

MD, PhD. Prof. tit. at University of Pécs Medical School, Chief Scientific Adviser on Migration Health. He is graduated Medical Doctor from the University of Pécs, Hungary, specialized in Internal Medicine and Public Health Medicine, got Ph.D. degree in Health Sciences from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He joined International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 1996 to participate in emergency and post-conflict humanitarian operations in the Balkans. From 2003 to 2007 he was IOM Senior Migration Health Adviser in charge of Europe and liaison person to EC/EU on migration health, posted in IOM Mission in Brussels. He was IOM focal point for the health/ mental health components of Counter Trafficking programs as well. In September 2007 he returned to his home university (University of Pécs/ Hungary) and coordinates the migration and ethnic minority health programs. He is coordinator of WHO Public Health Aspects of Migration in Europe electronic newsletter and member of the Steering Committee of the UN Association of Hungary. In 2017 the Special Jury of the European Parliament has decorated Dr. István Szilárd with the 'European Citizen's Prize'.

Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold

President of the „Swiss Observation Centre of Asylum- and Aliens Law“, an organisation spreading awareness on how the Swiss state violates its own constitution as well as ratified conventions by means of its asylum and migration legislation through its documentation work of individual cases. Last year, the Swiss Observation Centre published its report „Women – Flight – Asylum“ which focuses on the precarious situation of women fleeing. www.beobachtungsstelle.ch. She is a social anthropologist, was lecturer in different universities. She is a former member of the Swiss parliament. As a member of the Parliamentarian Assembly of the Council of Europe she was a rapporteur of issues on trafficking in persons, women as well as organ and adoption trafficking, among others.

Daja Wenke,

Independent researcher in the child rights field. She has long-standing professional experience working with UNICEF, international NGOs and European regional organizations in the area of applied research and policy development for the prevention of child trafficking. As an independent consultant, she has specialized on policy analysis and research to support rights-based and evidence informed policymaking, programming and practice. Her guiding interest is the promotion of systemic approaches to the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and to advance the capability of public administrations to implement international standards in practice.

Roberto Ziglio,

Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Deputy Manager at Diakonie-Jefira - Intercultural Psychotherapy Centre in St. Pölten, which is specialized on Trauma-Psychotherapy with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; Advisor and Assistant of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Trafficking in Human Beings' on Web-management themes. He has also been Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Head of Organization and Administration at CentroMoses, S.r.l., a private mental health centre in Italy, where he used to perform his clinical activity since 2010. As Head of Organization and Administration he was involved in the organization of numerous trainings for mental health practitioners and citizens. He collaborated with the Treviglio-Caravaggio Hospital, in the Centre for Family Therapy and with the A.L.T. Association (association against drug addictions), located in Treviglio (Bergamo, Italy).

Ambassador Vuk Žugić,

Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities is a career diplomat with a notable international experience in various high level positions. Before joining the OSCE Secretariat, he acted as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna (2012-2017). He also served as Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council during Serbia's OSCE Chairmanship in 2015. Prior to that assignment, between 2004 and 2009, he was Ambassador of Serbia to the Republic of India. Amongst other significant functions, Ambassador Žugić held the positions of Assistant Foreign Minister/Director General, Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation (2009-2012), Assistant Foreign Minister, and Head of Sector for Multilateral Cooperation (2001-2004) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia. Ambassador Vuk Žugić holds a Master's degree in International Law and Relations from the University of Belgrade.