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“It ought to concern every person, because it is a debasement of our common humanity. It ought to concern every community, because it tears at our social fabric. It ought to concern every business, because it distorts markets. It ought to concern every nation, because it endangers public health and fuels violence and organized crime. I’m talking about the injustice, the outrage, of human trafficking, which must be called by its true name—modern slavery.”

*-U.S. President Barack Obama,
September 12, 2012*

“These crimes must be stopped and the victims of modern slavery must go free. This is the great human rights issue of our time, and as Prime Minister I am determined that we will make it a national and international mission to rid our world of this barbaric evil. Just as it was Britain that took an historic stand to ban slavery two centuries ago, so Britain will once again lead the way in defeating modern slavery and preserving the freedoms and values that have defined our country for generations.”

*-UK Prime Minister Theresa May,
July 30, 2016*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to contemporary policy issues in human trafficking, learn methods of social scientific analysis appropriate for understanding and solving these problems, and apply this knowledge through different types of policy-oriented writing assignments. Participation in the course should prepare students to obtain employment in this sector.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

- **Class participation (20%)**
- **Short writing assignment #1 (20%)** **Due January 31, 9:00 AM (CourseWeb)**
 - This assignment will be in the form of an op-ed on a topic to be assigned by Professor Condra later in the semester. The op-ed will be short (less than 750 words) and must analyze a problem, reach a judgment about how the public should interpret that problem, and seek to persuade the public audience on the correctness of this

interpretation. Students are strongly encouraged to read the opinion pages of a major newspaper to get the flavor of this type of writing.

- **Short writing assignment #2 (20%)** **Due March 14, 9:00 AM (CourseWeb)**
 - A post for submission to the University of Denver's Korbel School Human Trafficking blog (<http://humantraffickingcenter.org/blog/>).
 - The blog curators will review the posts and consider posting one or more of them on the blog.
 - Requirements for the post will be discussed in class and in consultation with the Korbel School.

- **Organization presentation and evaluation** **Due March 28, 9:00 AM (in class)**
 - Each student will choose an anti-trafficking organization to research. In class, students present an overview of their organization's mission and activities, and then a more focused evaluation of some aspect of the organization. This could be an evaluation of a particular program/intervention, its lobbying efforts, its fundraising apparatus, etc. We will discuss this in class.

- **Research/Policy Paper (40%)** **Due April 25, 9:00 AM (CourseWeb)**

Students are required to write a research/policy paper that addresses a question or issue related to human trafficking, and should speak to a policy question or issue by providing recommendations based on a theoretically- and empirically-informed analysis.

Writing the paper will proceed in five stages:

- First, you will lead a brief (5-7 minute) discussion of your initial research ideas in class. The purpose is simply to brainstorm with the class about your project; you do not need to have more than an idea of the topic on which you might work. If you wish, you may also come see me first to discuss your ideas. We will have this discussion in class on January 24.
- Second, you should write a 2-page research proposal, laying out the question you want to investigate and how you plan to investigate it (due February 7).
- Third, you should write a revised and extended 4/5-page research proposal, building on feedback received on your first draft. You will deliver a presentation in class that is based on your proposal. You will receive real-time feedback from your classmates at this stage (due February 21).
- Fourth, you should turn in a rough draft of your paper, which will be read and reviewed by another student (due April 4).
- Fifth, a final draft of your paper is due April 25 by 9:00 AM. You will deliver a presentation in class that is based on your final paper.

It should go without saying that the more thoughtful and complete is your work in the first three stages of this assignment, the better the final product likely will be and the less you will have to scramble and panic in April to turn in a final draft. The research paper should be in the 20-25 page range. The project is worth 40% of the course grade. It is broken down as follows: the rough draft will be worth 10% of the course grade; the final draft is worth 25% of the course grade; the final presentation is worth 5% of the course grade.

Readings are available on CourseWeb (CW) or electronically through the Pitt Library web site.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus, including the number and character of assignments, readings, etc., in order to meet the objectives of the course.

January 10: Course Introduction & Organization

J. J. Gould, "Slavery's Global Comeback," *The Atlantic* (December 19, 2012). Available from: <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/12/slaverys-global-comeback/266354/>.

January 17: History of Human Trafficking

What are the similarities and differences between 'slavery' and 'human trafficking'?

Burke, Mary C. "Introduction to Human Trafficking: Definitions and Prevalence", in Mary C. Burke, ed., *Human Trafficking: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (New York: Routledge, 2013), 3-23. CW

Newman, Brooke N. "Historical Perspective: Slavery over the Centuries", in Mary C. Burke, ed., *Human Trafficking: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (New York: Routledge, 2013), 24-48. CW

Davis, David Brion. *Challenging the Boundaries of Slavery*. Harvard University Press, 2003. Chapter 1, "The Origins and Nature of New World Slavery," 5-33. Available electronically on Pitt Library website.

Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter, *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today*, 2nd ed. (Berkeley, California: University of California Press, 2010): chapter 1, "The Old Slavery and the New." CW

- ❖ Priscilla Alvarez, "When Sex Trafficking Goes Unnoticed in America," *The Atlantic* (February 23, 2016). Available from: <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2016/02/how-sex-trafficking-goes-unnoticed-in-america/470166/>.
- ❖ Watch: "Not My Life: The Global Impact of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery." 2011. Available via Kanopy Streaming database on Pitt library website.

January 24: Ethics of Action

How can appeals to ethics be used to motivate behavior?

Discussion of students' initial research ideas

Wolterstorff, Nicholas. *Justice: Rights and Wrongs* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008): 65-68, 75-95. CW

John Rawls, "Justice as Fairness," *The Philosophical Review* 67, no. 2 (April 1958), 164-94. CW

Zimmerman, Yvonne C. *Other Dreams of Freedom: Religion, Sex, and Human Trafficking*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. Chapter 2. CW

Berman, Jacqueline. "The Left, the Right, and the Prostitute: The Making of U.S. Antitrafficking in Persons Policy." *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law* 14, no. 2 (2006): 269-294. CW

January 31: Human Rights Campaigns

Op-ed due

What can we learn from abolition movements about how to address today's human trafficking issues?

Stanley Engerman, "Emancipation Schemes: Different Ways of Ending Slavery," in *Slave Systems: Ancient and Modern*, eds. Enrico Dal Lago and Constantina Katsari. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008. Chapter 10. CW

Bales, Kevin. *Understanding Global Slavery: A Reader*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2005. Chapter 4: "Slavery and the Emergence of Non-governmental Organizations." Available electronically on Pitt Library website.

Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter, *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today*, 2nd ed. (Berkeley, California: University of California Press, 2010): chapter 6, "Eating, Wearing, Walking, and Talking Slavery." CW

- ❖ Sharmilla Ganesan, "The Anti-Human-Trafficking Crusader," *The Atlantic* (August 4, 2016). Available from: <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/08/agnes-igoye-human-trafficking/492239/>.
- ❖ Watch: "1838—The British Slavery Abolition Act." 2013. Available via Kanopy Streaming database on Pitt library website.
- ❖ Watch: "The Pink Room." 2011. Available via Kanopy Streaming database on Pitt library website.

February 7: Types of Trafficking Overview

2-page research proposal due

How must anti-trafficking policy be tailored to the type of trafficking it addresses?

Bales, Kevin. *Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2004. Choose from chapters 2-6. Available electronically on Pitt Library website.

Sex: Siddharth Kara, *Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010): Chapter 1, 7. CW

Organ: Nancy Scheper-Hughes, "Mr Tati's Holiday and Joao's Safari: Seeing the World through Transplant Tourism," *Body & Society* 17, no. 203 (2011), 55-92. CW

Labor: Ross, Robert J. S. *Slaves to Fashion: Poverty and Abuse in the New Sweatshops*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2004. Chapters 6 and 13. Available electronically on Pitt Library website.

Siddharth Kara, *Bonded Labor: Inside the System of Slavery in South Asia* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2012), chapters 1 and 8. CW

- ❖ Watch: "Human Harvest: China's Organ Trafficking." 2014. Available via Kanopy Streaming database on Pitt library website.

February 14: Case studies of child trafficking

What are the issues particular to the trafficking of children?

- Davidson, Julia O'Connell. *Children in the Global Sex Trade*. Cambridge and Malden: Polity Press, 2005. Chapter 6. CW
- Singer, P.W. *Children at War*. New York: Pantheon Books, 2005. Chapters 3, 4, 8. CW
- Surtees, Rebecca. "Child trafficking in Southeastern Europe: different forms of trafficking and alternative interventions." *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law* 14, no. 2 (2006): 454-502. CW
- Batstone, David. *Not for Sale*. New York: HarperOne, 2010. Chapters 3 and 5. CW
- ❖ Sonia Faleiro, "Why Do So Many Children in India Go Missing?" *New York Times* (November 19, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2hMA79U>.
 - ❖ Watch: "The Storm Makers (abridged version)." 2014. Available via Kanopy Streaming database on Pitt library website.

February 21: Student research presentations

February 28: Measurement Issues

Why is it so difficult to quantify human trafficking?

- Bales, Kevin. *Understanding Global Slavery: A Reader*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2005. Chapter 5: "The Challenge of Measuring Slavery." Available electronically on Pitt Library website.
- Tyldum, Guri and Anette Brunovskis. "Describing the Unobserved: Methodological Challenges in Empirical Studies of Human Trafficking." *International Migration* 43, no. 1-2 (2005): 17-34. CW
- Dahinden, Janine and Denise Efionayi-Mader. "Challenges and strategies in empirical fieldwork with asylum seekers and migrant sex workers." In *The Ethics of Migration Research Methodology*, eds. Ilse Van Liempt and Veronika Bilger, 98-117. Portland, OR: Sussex Academic Press, 2009. CW
- Bilger, Veronika and Ilse Van Liempt. "Methodological and ethical dilemmas in research among smuggled migrants." In *The Ethics of Migration Research Methodology*, eds. Ilse Van Liempt and Veronika Bilger, 118-137. Portland, OR: Sussex Academic Press, 2009. CW
- ❖ Olga Khazan, "A Fascinating Map of the Worst Countries for Modern Slavery," *The Atlantic* (June 20, 2013). Available from: <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/06/a-fascinating-map-of-the-worst-countries-for-modern-slavery/277037/>.

March 14: Ethics of Research

Blog post due

What are the ethical issues involved in studying and working on human trafficking issues?

- Easton, Helen and Roger Matthews. "Getting the Balance right: The Ethics of Researching Women Trafficked for Commercial Sexual Exploitation." In *Ethical Concerns in Research on Human Trafficking*, eds. Dina Siegel and Roos de Wildt, 11-32. New York: Springer, 2016. CW

De Wildt, Roos. "Ethnographic Research on the Sex Industry: The Ambivalence of Ethical guidelines." In *Ethical Concerns in Research on Human Trafficking*, eds. Dina Siegel and Roos de Wildt, 51-70. New York: Springer, 2016. CW

Yea, Sallie. "Trust, Rapport, and Ethics in Human Trafficking Research: Reflections on Research with Male Labourers from South Asia in Singapore." In *Ethical Concerns in Research on Human Trafficking*, eds. Dina Siegel and Roos de Wildt, 155-72. New York: Springer, 2016. CW

Marcus, Anthony and Ric Curtis. "No Love for Children: Reciprocity, Science, and Engagement in the Study of Child Sex Trafficking." In *Ethical Concerns in Research on Human Trafficking*, eds. Dina Siegel and Roos de Wildt, 191-204. New York: Springer, 2016. CW

March 21: Approaches to Measurement

Which social science measurement techniques might be useful for studying human trafficking?

Meghan Foster Lynch, "Collecting Data on Civilian Casualties: Scientific Challenges and Ethnographic Solutions," in *Counting Civilian Casualties*, Taylor B. Seybolt, Jay D. Aronson, and Baruch Fischhoff, eds. (Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2013): 123-146. CW

Joseph LaBrie and Mitchell Earleywine, "Sexual Risk Behaviors and Alcohol: Higher Base Rates Revealed Using the Unmatched-Count Technique," *Journal of Sex Research* 37, no. 4 (November 2000): 321-326. CW

Lisa G. Johnston, "Sampling Migrants: How Respondent Driven Sampling Works," in Tyldum, Guri and Lisa G. Johnston, eds., 9-16, *Applying Respondent Driven Sampling to Migrant Populations: Lessons from the Field*. United Kingdom: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014. Available electronically on Pitt Library website.

March 28: Anti-Trafficking Organizations - Student presentations

Thorn. See: <https://www.wearethorn.org/>.

Tariro Mzezewa, "Hacks That Help: Using Tech to Fight Child Exploitation," *New York Times* (November 24, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2i3Ze8m>.

Marinus Analytics. See: <http://www.marinusanalytics.com/>.

Joyce Gannon, "CMU grad builds cybersleuthing tool to snare sex traffickers," *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (August 30, 2015). Available from: <http://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2015/08/30/CMU-grad-builds-cybersleuthing-tool-to-snare-sex-traffickers/stories/201508300093>.

Agape International Missions. See: <https://agapewebsite.org/>.

Julia Wallace, "Cambodian Leader Orders U.S. Charity Shut Down over Sex Trade Report," *New York Times* (August 1, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2ugMife>.

April 4: Immigration, Refugee Flows, and Human Trafficking

Rough draft of paper due

How does refugee status affect propensity to be trafficked?

Louise Shelley, *Human Trafficking: A Global Perspective* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010), chapters 1, 4. CW

Zhang, Sheldon X. *Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings*. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2007. Chapters 3-4.

Langberg, Laura. "A Review of Recent OAS Research on Human Trafficking in the Latin American and Caribbean Region." *International Migration* 43 (2005): 129-39. CW

Seelke, Clare Ribando. "Trafficking in Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean." *Congressional Research Service Report* (October 13, 2016). CW

- ❖ David D. Kirkpatrick, "Europe Wanted Migrants Stopped. Now Some Are Being Sold as Slaves." *New York Times* (November 30, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2BAukZZ>.
- ❖ Nour Youssef, "Sale of Migrants as Slaves in Libya Causes Outrage in Africa and Paris," *New York Times* (November 19, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2jFLnFu>.
- ❖ Ed Cumming, "Slaves on our Streets: Why London is a global hub for modern slavery," *The Independent* (September 13, 2017). Available from: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/slaves-on-our-streets-london-global-hub-sex-trafficking-prostitution-abuse-exploitation-a7943941.html>.
- ❖ Julia Preston, "Snakes and Thorny Brush, and Children at the Border Alone," *New York Times* (June 25, 2014). Available from: <http://nyti.ms/Vp61bT>.
- ❖ Haeyoun Park, "Children at the Border," *New York Times* (October 21, 2014). Available from: <http://nyti.ms/1reQwjM>.

April 11: Prostitution and Sex Trafficking

What is the relationship between legalization/criminalization of prostitution and human trafficking?

Eric Neumayer, Seo-Young Cho, and Axel Dreher, "Does Legalized Prostitution Increase Human Trafficking?" *World Development* 41, i. 1 (2013): 67-82. CW

Raymond, Janice G. "Ten Reasons for *Not* Legalizing Prostitution and a Legal Response to the Demand for Prostitution." In *Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress*, ed. Melissa Farley, 315-332. Binghamton, New York: The Haworth Press, Inc., 2003. CW

Outshoorn, Joyce. "The Political Debates on Prostitution and Trafficking of Women." *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society* 12, no. 1 (2005): 141-55. CW

Michelle Anderson, "Prostitution and Trauma in U.S. Rape Law," in *Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress*, ed. Melissa Farley, 75-92. Binghamton, New York: The Haworth Press, Inc., 2003. CW

- ❖ Gisela Williams, "A Dutch Effort to Form a Prostitute Cooperative Is Met with Hope and Skepticism," *New York Times* (August 14, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2uVOIAn>.
- ❖ Emily Bazelon, "Should Prostitution Be a Crime?" *New York Times* (May 5, 2016): <http://nyti.ms/26WF0wG>.
- ❖ Timothy Williams, "Backpage's Sex Ads Are Gone. Child Trafficking? Hardly," *New York Times* (March 11, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2md5nvu>.
- ❖ Watch: "Sex Trafficking in the USA." 2014. PBS. Available via Kanopy Streaming database on Pitt library website.

April 18: Law

Is international/national law effective in combatting human trafficking?

Siddharth Kara, "Designing More Effective Laws against Human Trafficking," *Northwestern Journal of International Human Rights*, Vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 123-147, 2011. CW

Eric Neumayer, "Do international human rights treaties improve respect for human rights?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49, 6 (2005): 925-953. CW

James Meernik, Rosa Aloisi, Marsha Sowell, Angela Nichols, "The Impact of Human Rights Organizations on Naming and Shaming Campaigns," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56, no. 2 (2012), 233-256. CW

DeStefano, Anthony M. *The War on Human Trafficking: U.S. Policy Assessed*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2007. Chapters 4-5. Available electronically on Pitt Library website.

Judith G. Kelley and Beth A. Simmons, "Politics by Number: Indicators as Social Pressure in International Relations," *American Journal of Political Science* 59, i. 1 (2015), 55-70. CW

- ❖ Thierry Cruvelier, "Can the International Criminal Court Be Saved from Itself?" *New York Times* (December 17, 2107). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2k6xBt5>.
- ❖ Nikita Stewart, "How Do You Care for Sex-Trafficking Victims if You Can't Hold on to Them?" *New York Times* (December 6, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2nxYjPx>.
- ❖ Nicholas Kristof, "Google and Sex Traffickers Like Backpage.com," *New York Times* (September 7, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2xRg2Cs>.
- ❖ Cecilia Kang, "In Reversal, Tech Companies Back Sex Trafficking Bill," *New York Times* (November 3, 2017). Available from: <https://nyti.ms/2j1qaW9>.

April 25: Papers due. Student presentations.