Regional Implementation Initiative 2018 on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking

Improving National and Transnational Coordination and Cooperation in Preventing and Combating all Forms of Human Trafficking; Developing and Strengthening National and Transnational Networks and Partnerships

International Round Table

Human Trafficking in the Digital Age

The Interplay between 'New' Technology, Trafficking and Anti-Human Trafficking

Ethical, Political and Social Challenges Posed by Online Networks

Haus der Europäischen Union, Wipplingerstraße 35, Vienna

28 September 2018, 10.00 – 16.00

and Special Session on

Psychological Health Impact of Human Trafficking
16.00 – 18.00

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AGENDA

10.00-10.45 Welcome, Opening & Introduction
Host of the Round Table:
- **Brigitte Luggin,** Head of Communication, Representation of the European Commission in Austria, Host of the Round Table
Cooperation Partners:
- **Peter von Bethlenfalvy,** Director CEIPA – Center for European and International Policy Action, Brussels
- **Claudia Singer**, EUSDR–EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Priority Area 10, Vienna Administration
- **Shams Asadi,** Human Rights Commissioner, City of Vienna Human Rights Office
- **Catrin Neumüller,** CEO Act.Now - Internationally Acting Private Enterprise

Special Guest:
- **Corinne Dettmeijer-Vermeulen,** Former National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings, Netherlands; Candidate for the Position of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator on Human Trafficking of the OSCE

- **Helga Konrad,** *Director 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking', Introduction and Moderation*

10.45-12.45 Human (Anti-)Trafficking: Technology, Policy & Every Day Life

Do hopes that Internet can help stop trafficking in human beings amount to more than clutching at straws? And do these new initiatives using Internet, supposedly to stop human trafficking, once again result in unacceptable 'collateral damage'? How to deal with polarized and so-called 'alternative facts' and counteract 'fake news' or rather distorted information about human trafficking? 'Now that governmental and non-governmental organizations are suggesting that internet and internet-based tools can allow them to draw conclusions about how many people are being trafficked (and who and where they are), who has a responsibility to monitor their findings and to dispute their interpretations when these appear to be erroneous? Who checks which government agencies or NGOs are using social media (such as a self-help Facebook site created by migrants in a particular place) to monitor comments made by migrants or even to intervene proactively to give advice of their own, without disclosing their true identity?'(1)

- **Kiril Sharapov,** Associate Professor of Applied Social Sciences, Edinburgh Napier University: *'From Ignorance Production Towards Better Understanding of & Engagement with Human Trafficking-Related Aspects of Online Spaces & Internet Networks.'*
- **Ann-Charlotte Nygard,** Programme Manager, Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights FRA: *'IT Systems and Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking - Risks and Opportunities.'*

Panel Discussion with:
- **Kristiina Kangaspunta,** Head of Global Report on Trafficking in Persons,UNODC, *'Challenges Posed by Internet Technology and Social Media on Identification of Human Trafficking Situations and Protection of Victims.'*
- *Radu Cucos,* **Assistant Officer on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE:** *'Turning Liability Into an Asset by Using Technology to Fight Human Trafficking.'*
- **Europol/Interpol/Frontex:** *'Cybercrime includes a Variety of Technology driven Crimes. Criminal Abuse of Technology has allowed Human Trafficking and Child Online Exploitation to scale rapidly.' (tbc)*
Q&A/Discussion

13.30-15.15 Ethical, Political & Social Challenges Posed by Online Networks

How has the digital age changed the modi operandi of human trafficking? In which ways has uncontrolled Internet communication facilitated or reduced greater impunity for smuggling, human trafficking and irregular migration? As more and more migrants turn to on-line Apps to obtain advice on migration (and how to avoid being trafficked or exploited), 'what ethical or other frameworks ensure that Apps that are created to offer advice to would-be migrants is not used subsequently against their interests? Who has a responsibility to assess if measures taken to cleanse personal internet sites are disproportionate or not (in terms of its effects on stopping human trafficking)?' (1)

- **Bärbel Uhl,** Researcher, Coordinator datACT, Co-Author: of 'Routledge Handbook on Human Trafficking', Germany: *'Data Protection as Human Rights Strategy: Big data - Measuring Global Human Trafficking in Real Time and the Challenges to Privacy of Migrant Workers.'*
- **Klara Skrivankova,** UK and Europe Programme Manager, Senior Private Sector Advisor, Anti-Slavery International, UK: *'Human Trafficking for Labour in a Network Society. The Nexus between Technology and Vulnerability to Exploitation.*

Panel Discussion with:
- **Livia Wagner,** Coordinator of 'RESPECT' (the Responsible & Ethical Business Coalition against Trafficking), Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: *'The Tech Against Trafficking Initiative (TAT), by Microsoft, Nokia, British Telecom and*

Salesforce.'
- Zuzana Vatralova, Head of IOM Office Bratislava, Slovakia: **'What's up? What's App!'**
Q&A/Discussion

15.15-15.45 **Rounding up/Ways forward** *with Regard to Migration and Anti-Human Trafficking in the Changing Digital World – at International, EU, Regional, National and Local Levels*

15.45-16.00 Networking Break

(1) *Quotes:* **Mike Dottridge,** Independant Expert and Consultant, UK, from issues discussed and questions raised at a Preparatory Meeting in London/Royston, July 2018

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16.00-18.00 Special Session on **Psychological Health Impact of Human Trafficking**
Understanding the Interface of Psychological Well-Being of Trafficking Survivors and Interventions of & Interactions with Public & Private Stakeholders

16.00 **The PHIT Project*: Main Objectives and Activities** (*EU co-financed Project by University of Barcelona & Partners)
- Markus González Beilfuss, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Barcelona. Coordinator of the PHIT Project
16.15 **Life History of Trafficking Survivors: the Experience of Complex Trauma**
- Alba Alfageme, Psychologist, PHIT Researcher, University of Barcelona
16.30 **Mental Health Evaluation on Trafficking Survivors**
- Mar Ramos, Psychiatrist, Transcultural Psychiatry, Vall d'Hebron Hospital

16.45-17.30 **Panel Discussion with:**
- **Federica Marengo & Patrick Hauvuy,** Coordinator/Head of Dispositif National Ac.Sé, France
- **Evelyn Probst,** Coordinator LEFÖ-IBF, Austria
- **Norbert Ceipek,** Project-Coordinator, Bulgaria
Q&A/Discussion

17.30-18.00 **Rounding up/Closing of the Meeting**

Attending the Round Table is free of charge. Registration is obligatory and open until 23 September 2018.
Please register by clicking at the following link, or by coping it into your browser:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfk7za9JdjjzFCr6-l5qAZAfgSv7w9e42KJEJhMEVFZT3OsWQ/viewform?usp=pp_url&entry.889347324=%2B

The Round Table will be held in English - No interpretation
https://thbregionalimplementationinitiative.wordpress.com/2018/06/26/save-the-date-new-international-round-table-28-september-2018-vienna/

You can follow the Round Table Discussions via Livestream under the link:
https://www.act-n-o-w.com/irtvienna2018 *from 10 am to 12.30 and 13.30 to 17.30 and comment on Hashtag #IRTvienna*

Coming out soon: **article on anti-trafficking apps**
and in Cultural Sociology where Kiril and colleagues analyse what they call '**anti-trafficking docufictions**' submitted to Unchosen for their anti-trafficking film competition (http://unchosen.org.uk) to educate the public on 'where slavery is hiding' (!) - these are hosted and promoted on various online video-platforms (youtube, vimeo etc).

http://www.phit.ub.edu/en/

Anti-Trafficking Review - Guest Editors: Kiril Sharapov and Suzanne Hoff

The *Anti-Trafficking Review* calls for papers (**Deadline for Submissions: 9 December 2018)** for a themed issue entitled

'Public Perceptions and Responses to Human Trafficking'.

Despite the increasing volume of critical appraisals by NGOs, academics and activists, dominant anti-trafficking policy and media discourses continue to favour a series of simplistic binaries. These binaries (victim - criminal, legal - illegal, free - unfree, deserving victims - fallen women, and so on) overlook the complexity of political, cultural, economic and individual contexts in which human trafficking and exploitation occur. In addition, the re-emergence of the powerful rhetoric of 'trafficking as modern slavery' makes it difficult to distinguish between different forms of exploitation and abuse, and places heavy restraints on mobility and rights of people on the move.

Informed by such reductive interpretations, a number of public awareness campaigns have proliferated, warning us - depending on who and where we are - how not to become a victim of human trafficking, or how to identify and report one. These campaigns draw upon specific narratives of suffering and abuse (as explored in Issue 7 of the Anti-Trafficking Review) and spill into the everyday life of largely unsuspecting individuals. In response, a range of anti-trafficking (or 'anti-slavery') actions by members of the public has sprung up including but not limited to anti-trafficking vigilantes and paramilitaries, 'reality tourism' and 'advocacy tourism', standing, running, or dancing to end human trafficking, and 'clicktivism', including liking, re-tweeting and sharing anti-trafficking campaigns on social media. By enabling such new types of user participation and ignorance production around human trafficking (where ignorance must be seen as not just a lack of knowledge but as deliberately produced and productive), such awareness campaigns and responses re-enact and re-establish another binary of uninformed - informed (and ready to act) members of the general public.

This issue of the Anti-Trafficking Review will aim to explore perceptions, knowledge (and ignorance) and responses of the general public vis-à-vis human trafficking and related exploitation. It will also discuss the diversity of anti-trafficking awareness-raising actions and their impact, and whether they can actually help reduce exploitation and human trafficking.

Artificial Intelligence by Samir Goswami:
AI insights into human rights are meaningless without action | OpenGlobalRights
https://www.openglobalrights.org/aI-insights-into-human-rights-are-meaningless-without-action/?
lang=English&utm_source=Business+%26+human+rights+-+Weekly+Update&utm_campaign=47c97f5f0e-
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