SW 44: HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SLAVERY & ABOLITION IN THE MODERN WORLD

SPRING 2012. Tue/Thu: 11.00-12.00. Instructor: Professor Orlando Patterson
SW-44: HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SLAVERY & ABOLITION IN THE MODERN WORLD
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Time & Location: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11, Sever 213

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Course Description

This course surveys the nature, types and extent of modern servitude, distinguishing broadly between those resulting from international trafficking such as trans-national prostitution, human smuggling into bonded labor, child soldiering and organ trafficking, and more intra-national forms such as debt-bondage and the domestic exploitation of women and other vulnerable groups. Examines the conceptual and theoretical issues raised in attempts to distinguish these different modes of exploitation; the empirical difficulties of estimating the magnitude of what are inherently secretive processes; and the ideological controversies surrounding the subject. Explores ethical, socio-political and practical issues raised by these trends.

Course website

The course website will be the central source of information for the course. It will contain links to all online readings, posting areas based upon section assignments where all weekly responses are to be posted, space for students to share information and have conversations, and contact information for the course professor and teaching fellows.

Sections

There will be 11 sections throughout the course. Students are required to attend all sections. **Students who miss more than 2 sections risk failing the course.**

Sections times: TBD

Online sectioning will be opened at 9:00 am Friday, January 27th and closed Saturday, January 28th at 11:59pm. The sectioning announcement will be sent out by Tuesday, January 31st at 5:00pm. Sections begin the same week.

Assignments and Grading

There will be:
A) A mid-term take-home exam - 25% of the final grade
B) A term paper of between 10 and 15 pages - 25% of the final grade
C) A final examination - 30% of the final grade
D) Section participation, 20% of the final grade
**Mid-term:** The mid-term exam will be a take-home handed out after lecture on **Thursday, February 23**

and due back immediately **before** the lecture on **Thursday, 1**

st March

**Term Paper:** The term paper will be due on **Wednesday, 2**

nd May. Details on content and drop-off will be discussed in lectures.

**Required Texts**

In addition to the Course Reader, several chapters from the following books are required. These books are all on reserve in Lamont. Paperback editions are also all available for purchase at the COOP:


Bales, Kevin and Zoe Trodd, *To Plead Our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves* (Cornell University Press, 2008).


*Any student needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to present their letter from the Accessible Education Office (AEO) and speak with Professor Patterson by February 3**

rd. Failure to do so may result in the Course Head’s inability to respond in a timely manner. All discussions will remain confidential, although AEO may be consulted to discuss appropriate implementation.*

**INTRODUCTION**

**Week 1: T, 1/24; Th, 1/26**

**The Nature and Extent of Modern Trafficking and Forced Labor**


Personal Narratives:
Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, *To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves*, pp. 56-58 (Valdete/Ada); 86-88 (Pot); 182-184 (Inez)

**Week 2: T, 1/31; Th, 2/2**

**But is it Slavery?**

**Guest Speaker (1/31): Ms. Beatrice Fernando, former slave.**

Kevin Bales, *Understanding Global Slavery*, pp. 52-68

Orlando Patterson, “Trafficking, Gender and Slavery: Past & Present,” Sections 1, 2, 4A

Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn, *Half The Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, pp. 3-16

Personal Narratives:

Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, *To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves*, pp. 159-160 (Tamada); 160-163 (Beatrice); 46 (Shanti); 240-243(Tina).

**PART 1. SEXUAL TRAFFICKING**

**Week 3: T, 2/7; Th , 2/9**

**The Nature & Extent of Sexual Trafficking**

S. Cameron and E. Newman, *Trafficking in Humans*, chapters 2 & 4

Siddharth Kara, *Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery*, pp.1-16

Orlando Patterson, “Trafficking, Gender and Slavery: Past & Present,” Sections 4B-4C

**Personal Narratives:**

Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, *To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves*, 103-112 (Dina/ Rita); 175-180 (Jill)

**Week 4: T, 2/14; Th, 2/16**

**Regional Patterns in Trafficking: Europe, the United States & the Debate Over Trafficking**

Louise Shelley, ed., *Human Trafficking*, chapters 6-8


**Personal Narratives:**

Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, *To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves*, 48-52 (Maria); 99-102(Christine); 210-212 (Masha)

**Week 5: T, 2/21; Th 2/23**
Economic and Organizational Aspects of Trafficking

Guest lecturer (2/21): Mr. Siddharth Kara, Fellow in Human Trafficking, Carr Center, KSG, Harvard


Louise Shelley, *Human Trafficking*, chapters 3-4

Personal Narratives:
Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, *To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves*, 212-215 (Irina).

PART 2. TRAFFICKING, HUMAN SMUGGLING AND SERVITUDE

Week 6: T, 2/28; Th, 3/1
Trafficking and Human Reproduction: Gendercide, Mail Order Brides & Illegal Adoption


Personal Narratives


Week 7: T, 3/6; Th, 3/8
The Trafficking and Exploitation of Children

Guest speaker: Dr. Kaia Stern, Director, Prison Studies Project at Harvard


E. Benjamin Skinner, A Crime so Monstrous, chapter 1.

**Personal Narratives:**
Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves, 71-72 (Rambho); 189-193 (Aida); 201-205 (Jean-Robert)

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**Week 8: T 3/20; Th, 3/22**
Global Health Aspects of Trafficking

**Guest Lecturer: Professor Thomas Burke, Harvard Medical School**

Thomas Burke et al, *Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Eight Metropolitan Areas around the World* (MGH Division of Global Health & Human Rights 2009) Chapter 7 & Conclusion


http://jama.ama-assn.org/content/298/5/536.full

**Recommended:**


http://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/site/myjahiasite/shared/shared/mainsite/published_docs/books/CT%20handbook.pdf

**Personal Narratives:**
Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves, 84-86 (Nuch); 206-207 (Chantha);

**Week 9: T, 3/27; Th, 3/29**
The Persistence of Tradition: Real Slavery, Peonage and Debt Bondage

**Guest Lecturer (3/29): Mr. Benjamin Skinner**


Personal Narratives:
Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves, 173-174 (Salek’ha); 34-35 (Ajok); 46-48 (Munni);

Week 10: T, 4/3; Th, 4/5
Globalization, Migration and Forced Labor

Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter, The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today, chapter 2-3


Personal Narratives:
Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today’s Slaves, 140-145 (Miguel); 153-157 (Christina); 41-45 (Vi)

PART 3. COMBATING TRAFFICKING AND FORCED LABOR

Week 11: T, 4/10; Th, 4/12
The Role of Government: Prevention, Prosecution and Human Rights

http://www.law.northwestern.edu/journals/jihr/v9/n2/1/kara.pdf


Global Alliance Against Traffic In Women, Collateral Damage: The Impact of Anti-Trafficking Measures on Human Rights Around the World, pp. 1-24

Recommended:
Week 12: T, 4/17; Th, 4/19  
The Role of the Private Sector, Communities & NGOs  

Guest Lecturer: Dr. Jacqueline Bhabha, Dir., University Committee on Human Rights Studies, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, KSG, Harvard  


Personal Narrative:  
Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, *To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today's Slaves*, 229-234 (Ramphal).  

Week 13: T, 4/24  
The Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Victims  

Guest Lecturer:  Professor Richard F. Mollica, M.D., MAR, Director, Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School  


Recommended:  
U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, “Prevention of Trafficking in Persons,” in *Toolkit to Combat Trafficking in Persons*, Chapters 7  


Personal Narrative:  
Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, *To Plead our Own Cause: Personal Stories by Today's Slaves*, 237-238 (Shyamkali)