Disrupting the Human Trafficking-Migration Nexus

A workshop dedicated to innovation disrupting exploitation markets of vulnerable and displaced populations

October 27-28th, 2017
Workshop Program
According to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, more than 65 million people were displaced by the end of 2016. While existing international humanitarian and legal tools are designed to deal with refugees on an individualized basis and within short-term crises, we are witnessing a structural human displacement problem that is becoming more and more acute.

In response to this growing global crisis, The Pardee School Initiative on Forced Migration and Human Trafficking (FMHT) was founded in March 2015 to bring together students, scholars, practitioners and policy-makers in support of research, education, and advocacy on the pressing issues of forced migration and human trafficking. It is fitting that this initiative should be housed at the Pardee School—which boasts an interdisciplinary faculty committed to developing long-term sustainable policy solutions to some of the most pressing issues of our time.

FMHT was founded to bring together these scholars and practitioners in order to create policies and resources that have an impact beyond the classroom. We are enriched by our location in Boston—with its vibrant history as a migrant and refugee host city and thriving community of academics that is unparalleled in the United States. By drawing specialists from such a broad range of fields, we are able to discuss and craft more comprehensive policies to propose to various stakeholders in humanitarian assistance. Our partnership with the Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies allows us to include academics and students from the entire Boston area and further develop our ability to cultivate multiple approaches to migration and trafficking.

Noora Lori is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the Pardee School of Global Studies. Lori’s research broadly focuses on the political economy of migration and the development of security institutions and international migration control, especially in the Middle East. Her research has been funded by the ACLS/Mellon Foundation and the ZEIT-Stiftung “Settling into Motion” Fellowship.

Lori’s current book project examines the development and enforcement of citizenship and immigration policies in the United Arab Emirates, where non-citizens comprise 96 percent of the domestic labor force. This work is based on her dissertation, which was awarded the Best Dissertation Award by the Migration and Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association in 2014.

Kaija Schilde is an Assistant Professor at the Pardee School of Global Studies. Her research interests involve European and transatlantic security, the political economy of defense and security markets and industries, EU lobbies and interest groups, and the role of private nonstate actors in national and international security.

Her recently published book, The Political Economy of European Security, is an investigation of the relationship between EU institutions and interest groups, with a focus on security and defense interests, including the formation of EU internal and external security policies such as Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and immigration and border security.
In conjunction with the *Disrupting the Human Trafficking-Migration Nexus Workshop*, the BU Center for the Study of Europe would like to invite you to a lunch discussion with Ruxandra Paul, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Amherst College at **121 Bay State Road**.

Ruxandra’s talk draws on her current research project examining the nature of government and political elites’ responses to the current European migration crisis in fifteen migrant-receiving democracies in Western and Eastern Europe. It finds that these policies and the discourses surrounding them diverge from typical migration-management measures and previous debates on how to cope with irregular flows across the European Union’s external border. Instead, due to a combination of factors that include sheer magnitude, uncertain time horizon, and strategic framing by national political elites, these flows have dramatically reopened a range of fundamental questions about the state, national sovereignty, territorial boundaries, the nation (demos) as a political community, and the state-citizen relationship. In other words, the Mediterranean migration crisis has reopened the “stateness problem” in Europe, in democracies thought to be long past their nation-building phase.

For more information, please check out the Center for the Study of Europe’s website [here](#).
Workshop Schedule
Friday, October 27th

Venue: Boston University Law Auditorium

Introduction 4:00 PM
Noora Lori & Kaija Schilde, FMHT Co-Directors; Assistant Professors of International Relations, Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies
Urban Refuge and the Abeona Initiative: BU Student-Led Innovations

Technological Solutions 4:15-5:30PM

Hannah Thinyane, Principal Research Fellow, United Nations University Institute on Computing and Society (UNU-CS)
Computer mediated communication technology to support the identification of victims of human trafficking

Peter Mansour, Software Engineer, Microsoft
Chat-bots Engaging Shoppers for Online Sex: Seattle Against Slavery

Mike McCarter, Director of Online Operations, Microsoft
PhotoDNA: Protecting children and businesses in the cloud

Wesley Wildman & Khatera Alizada, Professor of Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics at the BU School of Theology & Postdoctoral Fellow; Center for Mind and Culture in Boston (CMAC)
Using Computational Modeling to Mitigate the Human Trafficking Problem

Moderator: Ziba Cranmer, Director of BU Spark; Former Executive Director of Demand Abolition

Mobile App Platforms 5:45-7:00PM

Roopshree Joshi, Program Coordinator, World Education Nepal; Assisted in the launch of Prabasi Ko Saath, a mobile app that helps migrant workers make better decisions about foreign employment.

Using Technology to Protect Vulnerable Migrants

Thelma Don Gutierrez & Baala Arumugam, Founder and Software Engineer of the Libertas Project, Microsoft “Hacking for Good” Award Winners
Disruption Through Evidence Gathering: The Libertas Project

Chancee Martorell & Panida Rzonca, Founder & Executive Director and Directing Attorney, Thai Community Development Center
Piloting of the Libertas App: Helping the Most Vulnerable Victims

Moderator: Ziba Cranmer, Director of BU Spark; Former Executive Director of Demand Abolition

Multi-Sector Approaches 7:00-7:30PM

Val Richey, King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Special Assault Unit

Welcome Reception 7:30-8:30PM
**Saturday, October 28th**

**Introductions & Coffee** 8:00-8:30AM  
*Brief welcome by FMHT Co-Directors, Kaija Schilde & Noora Lori*

**Public Opinion & The Media** 8:30-9:45AM

- **Beth Keeley**, Chief of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Human Trafficking Division  
  *Expert Discussant*

- **Milena Franke**, Half-Armenian, half-Iraninan refuge living in Germany; UNICEF volunteer  
  *First person perspective*

- **Maurits van der Veen**, Associate Professor of Government, College of William & Mary  
  *The news media on human trafficking and other cross-border flows of people: Clarifying or muddying the issue?*

- **Phillip Martin**, Senior Investigative Reporter for WGBH, focusing on human trafficking in Southern New England, race relations, and police brutality  
  *Reporting on Human Trafficking and Migration: Whose stories get told and why?*

- **Yujin Park**, MA Candidate in International Security, Sciences Po  
  *The role of collaborative journalism in disrupting human trafficking networks*

Moderator: Samantha Robertson, Graduate Co-Chair FMHT

**Policy Innovations: Health, Labor, Intervention** 10:00AM-11:45AM

- **Barbara Lochbihler**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice Chair Subcommittee on Human Rights  
  *Expert Discussant*

- **Mădălina Rogoz**, Research Officer for the EU-funded DemandAT project at the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)  
  *Expert Discussant - Addressing the Demand: Challenges and Ways Forward in Anti-Trafficking*

- **Mary Stylidi**, Regional Commissioner for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees (UNHCR), Greece  
  *Seeing Beyond Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: The "Human Devastation Syndrome" as a new term for the children of Syrian War*

- **Hanni Stoklosa**, Executive Director of HEAL Trafficking (Health, Education, Advocacy, Linkage); Brigham and Women’s Hospital  
  *Presenting findings from the Operational Guidance to Overcome Trafficking among Urban Migrants during Humanitarian Crises Exploratory Seminar, April 2017*

- **Christina Bain**, Director of the Initiative on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, Babson College  
  *RESPECT Initiative: The Responsible and Ethical Private Sector Coalition against Trafficking*

- **Olivier Peyroux**, Sociologist, Expert on Migration and Trafficking in Persons (Caritas, UNICEF, UNODC, Council of Europe, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, various NGOs)  
  *The Re-examination of Humanitarian Aid Interventions During Crisis and Conflict Situations*

Moderator: Noora Lori, Co-Director of FMHT
Keynote Luncheon 12:00-1:30PM

Beth Keeley, Chief of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Human Trafficking Division
Siobhan Mullally, President of GRETA (Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings), Council of Europe
Barbara Lochbihler, Member of the European Parliament, Vice Chair Subcommittee on Human Rights

Legal Challenges 1:45-3:15PM

Jan van Dijk, Vice President of GRETA, Council of Europe; former Director of Research at the Dutch Ministry of Justice
Hernan del Valle, Head of Humanitarian Affairs & Advocacy at Médecins Sans Frontières, (Doctors Without Borders)

Proposed intervention to assist migrants at the European border, outline the challenges for aid agencies, and explore policy questions that emerge around trafficking

Amira Ahmed Mohamed, Carnegie-BCARS Scholar (NEU); former researcher for UNHCR, Red Cross (IFRC), and the Geneva Institute for Human Rights (GIHR)

When human beings are commodities: Human Trafficking in the Middle East

Julie Dahlstrom, Clinical Associate Professor, Director of the Immigrants’ Rights & Human Trafficking (IRHT) Program, and Human Trafficking Clinic, Boston University School of Law

Beyond “Exploitation Creep”

Moderator: Yoana Kuzmova, Clinical Instructor, Boston University School of Law

Human Trafficking-Migration Nexus: Future Research 3:30-5:00PM

Quinn Kepes, Program Director, Verité
Paul Clewett, Migration Analyst at Seefar Organization
Ruxandra Paul, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Amherst College
Jamils Richard Achunji Anguaseh, Survivor and founder of The Global Welfare Association (GLOWA) in Cameroon
Roxane Ouadghiri Hassani, Comité Contre l’Esclavage Moderne (CCEM); MA Candidate, Sciences Po

Moderator: Noora Lori, Co-Director of FMHT
Keynote Discussion 5:15-6:45PM

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Closing Reception Dinner 7:00-8:30PM
~ For Participants & By Invitation Only ~
Casual round-table dinner at 121 Bay State Road (Pardee School of Global Studies)

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Accommodations & Travel

Logan Airport is located north of Boston, and we recommend using the taxis available at the airport to get to Hotel Buckminster (it will be approximately a 25min drive). Although Ubers are not allowed at Logan, once you are in Boston they are the easiest form of transport other than walking or using our metro, the MBTA.

The hotel we have arranged is the Boston Hotel Buckminster, located in Kenmore Square at the edge of the Boston University Campus (645 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02215). The hotel is a 10 minute walk to the Law Auditorium and a 5 minute walk from the Pardee School of Global Studies (121 Bay State Rd.). Hotel Buckminster is located above the Kenmore Station, and there are six stops on the BU campus (with ‘BU Central’ being the closest to the Law Auditorium on the ‘B’ Green Line).

As a reminder, in order to receive a reimbursement for your travel costs you must to send me a receipt of your flight information.

The Venue

The workshop will be held at the Boston University School of Law Alumni Auditorium (767 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215). It is located behind the School of Theology, adjacent to the Boston University School of Law tower. The entrance to the Auditorium is in the back of the building, facing the Charles River, along Bay State Road (see the location on the campus map).

We recommend either walking from Hotel Buckminster, through Kenmore Square to Deerfield St, turning left and continuing down Bay State OR walking down Commonwealth Avenue and turning right onto Granby St. before turning left onto Bay State Road until you reach the Law Auditorium. As our campus can be confusing to navigate, we will have undergraduate FMHT interns helping to navigate you from the conference hotel to the Law Auditorium by placing them at 121 Bay State Road (the ivy covered home of the Pardee School of Global Studies).

Registration will occur at a table in the “Atrium” outside of the Auditorium. Please be sure to check-in and pick up you name tag/folder if you did not already pick it up at the hotel.

Technology

If you are planning on using a visual aid at any point during your presentation, please be sure to email migrant@bu.edu your images/PowerPoint as soon as possible. If you prefer, you can use a flashdrive which can be plugged directly into the computer that will be made available on the stage for all speakers.

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