

A Rights-Based Approach to Anti-Trafficking: Lessons from Asia and Europe

Panel Discussion, *Dipak C. Jain Hall, Sasa International House, Chulalongkorn University*, [map](#)
Tuesday, 25th October 2016, 09:00 am – 11:45pm

Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a gross violation of human rights. The Palermo Protocol promotes international cooperation on counter-trafficking, criminalising trafficking and punishing the traffickers, and encourages signatories to protect and assist the victims of trafficking ‘with full respect for their human rights’. Since the majority of trafficking victims are trafficked intra-regionally, regional efforts to combat human trafficking have only intensified, yet there are still challenges in anti-trafficking efforts that need addressing.

Based on the outcomes from the [15th Informal ASEM¹ Seminar on Human Rights](#) and Trafficking in Persons, the objectives of the panel session are to:

- Exchange best practices and lessons learnt in Asia and Europe for applying a rights-based approach to combat trafficking
- Identify emerging trends and challenges for inter-regional and intra-regional anti-trafficking efforts
- Provide the current state-of-play on the advances made across ASEAN in the implementation of ACTIP & identify opportunities for a multi-stakeholder approach to counter-trafficking
- Launch the publication ‘Human Rights and Trafficking in Persons’

Programme

09:00 – 09:30 am: **Registration** (kindly RSVP your attendance by registering [here](#))

09:30 am – 11:45 pm: **Panel**

Welcome remarks: **Asst. Prof. Dr. Naruemon THABCHUMPON**, Director, Asian Research Centre for Migration
Mr. Rolf RING, Deputy Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute

Moderator: **Dr. Ratchada JAYAGUPTA** (Asian Research Centre for Migration, Chulalongkorn University)

- *Using a rights-based approach for regional co-operation against human trafficking* – **Dr. Anne GALLAGHER** (Independent Expert and Scholar)
- *European and Swedish experiences to counter-trafficking* – **Amb. Per-Anders SUNESESSON** (Swedish Ambassador at Large for Combatting Trafficking in Persons)
- *Combatting trafficking in Thailand (challenges and successes)* – **Mr. Storm TIV** (Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women)
- *New and emerging trafficking trends and challenges and how to address them* – **Ms. Klara SKRIVANKOVA** (Anti-Slavery International)
- *Achieving behaviour change: the role of media and technology in trafficking* – **Ms. Emily CHOLETTE** (IOM X)

Closing remarks: **Ms. Ratna MATHAI-LUKE**, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Presentations will be followed by a Q&A session and a coffee break.

¹ The [Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\)](#) is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern. ASEM brings together 53 partners (21 Asian and 30 European countries, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the European Union). www.aseminfoboard.org

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Speakers' Profiles (As of 18 October 2016):

Rolf RING is the Acting Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute. Prior to joining Raoul Wallenberg Institute, he worked as a Project Co-ordinator for Swedish Red Cross and served as an assistant to the Chair of International Law at the Faculty of Law, Lund University. Mr. Ring holds an LL.M from Lund University and has published intensively on the various international law topics.

Ratchada JAYAGUPTA (moderator) is a senior researcher and a lecturer (AR-5) at the Asian Research Center for Migration (ARCM) at the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Currently, she is a member of National Sub-Committee on anti-human trafficking in the Mekong Sub-Region (appointed by the Thai Deputy Prime Minister). Also, a member of National Sub-Committee on anti-human trafficking especially for women and children (appointed by the Thai Prime Minister).

Dr. Ratchada Jayagupta was a National Programme Officer for Governance CEDAW Southeast Asia Programme at UN WOMEN regional office for Asia and the Pacific during 2014-2015. She was also a National Project Coordinator (NPC-NOB/C level/technical position) of United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking in the Mekong Sub-Region (UNIAP-Thailand Office) during 2008 to 2010.

Anne T. GALLGHER AO is a lawyer, practitioner, teacher and scholar with an established reputation in international affairs, most particularly human rights and the administration of criminal justice. She served as Special Adviser to Mary Robinson, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and former President of Ireland. During that time she represented the High Commissioner at negotiations for the United Nations Convention on Transnational Crime and its protocols on human trafficking and migrant smuggling. Dr. Gallagher subsequently led the development of the United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking and was founding Chair of the UN Inter-Agency Group on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling.

Dr. Gallagher has held various leadership positions in an intergovernmental initiative funded by the Australian Government that aims to strengthen legislative and criminal justice responses to human trafficking and related exploitation in all ten ASEAN Member States. Her various other current positions include Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Presidential Task Force on Trafficking; consultant to the United Nations; and Member of the IOM Director-General's Migration Advisory Board. An independent scholar and widely published author, she is recognized as a leading global authority on the international law of human trafficking and of migrant smuggling. Dr Gallagher's work and achievements has been acknowledged through multiple international awards including being named "2012 Trafficking in Persons Hero" by US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton.

Pers-Anders SUNESSON is Sweden's first Ambassador at Large for Combatting Trafficking in Persons. He has a legal background and in recent years has held various positions at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, including head of social services, disability issues and child rights. He has also previously worked at the Ministry of Justice, where his area was the standing of victims in criminal proceedings, and at the National Board of Health and Welfare, where he was responsible for supervision of health and medical care, and social services. Mr. Sunesson has also been the Government Offices coordinator for issues related to vulnerable EU citizens and human trafficking.

Storm TIV is Programme Officer Southeast Asia at the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) where he is responsible for the organisation's projects and engagement with members and other stakeholders in Southeast Asia. Prior to joining GAATW, he was a law clerk at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles focusing on Cambodia diaspora cases and most recently a senior associate and consultant for Human Rights Watch's Asia division in Washington, DC and Southeast Asia respectively. Storm holds a B.A. degree from the University of California Berkeley.

Klara SKRIVANKOVA is a recognised expert on human trafficking and forced labour in the UK and internationally. In 2005 she joined Anti-Slavery International where she leads its Europe Programme, managing research and advocacy to eliminate all forms of modern slavery, including in supply-chains, in the UK and Europe. She frequently provides expert witness statements in courts in the UK, Ireland and Hong Kong in modern slavery cases and in 2007 co-founded the UK Trafficking Law and Policy Forum, an educational think-tank on human trafficking and related issues. Since 2010, has acted as a Programme Adviser to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. She was also a specialist contributor of Human Trafficking Handbook: Recognising Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery in the UK, Chandran P.ed, Lexis Nexis, 2011, with chapters on forced labour and on compensation for victims of modern day slavery and a co-editor of Vulnerability, Exploitation and Migrants: Insecure Work in a Globalised Economy, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

Ms Skrivankova has held numerous expert appointments internationally. She has been an expert on human trafficking with the Council of Europe since 2005 and a member of the EU Experts Group on Trafficking in Human Beings from 2008 until 2015, advising the European Commission. Between 2010 and 2013 she served on the board of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking and 2009-2013 on the board of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. Currently she is also a special advisor to the Ethical Trading Initiative and provides consultancy on modern slavery to businesses.

Emily CHOLETTE is the Communication for Development (C4D) Officer at IOM X, the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) campaign to encourage safe migration and public action to stop human trafficking and exploitation in Asia Pacific. She oversees IOM X's research and learning to ensure that its projects are evidence-based and informed using participatory processes. Prior to this, Emily was the Communication for Development Officer at the former MTV EXIT Campaign. MTV EXIT was the world's largest Behaviour Change Communication campaign for the prevention of human trafficking. Emily has over seven years of experience working in media production, of which four have been focused on using C4D approaches. She has a Master of Science in Media, Communication and Development from the London School of Economics.

Ratna MATHAI-LUKE is a project manager at the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), responsible ASEF's governance projects on migration and human rights. In particular, she leads the secretariat for the Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, which is ASEM's annual human rights dialogue, taking place between civil society and government representatives from 53 ASEM partners. Ms. Mathai-Luke's interests lie in human rights, business and human rights, trafficking and forced migration. She holds a MSc degree from the University of Oxford and is currently pursuing studies in international public law.

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