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RESILIENCE versus VULNERABILITY

How to Break the Cycle of Exploitation and Human Trafficking in the Digital Age

Speakers/Stakeholders Short Bios List

Shams Asadi,

Partner of Cooperation; Human Rights Commissioner and head of the Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna. She studied architecture and urban Planning abroad before she arrived in Vienna, where she graduated from the University of Technology. Shams has many years of practical and academic experience in Urban Regeneration and Urban Development with a focus on European and international affairs. The human rights dimension of urban development accompanied her from beginning of her professional life and since 2010 human rights are the main subject of her career.

Markus Gonzalez Beilfuss,

Professor of Constitutional Law at Barcelona University since 2001. He has taught and researched in the fields of Human Rights, Constitutional Review, Immigration and Human Trafficking. He was General Director of Immigration of the Spanish Government between 2010-2011, when the main regulations against Human Trafficking were passed. He has also taught a course on Human Trafficking at the City University of New York (August 2014). He has worked as Legal Adviser of the Spanish Constitutional Court (2005-2010) and has advisory experience with a number of international institutions including the United Nations and the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe.

Peter von Bethlenfalvy,

Founder and Executive Director of CEIPA - Centre for European and International Policy Action in Brussels, has a long professional experience of European and international cooperation in the field of migration, foreign and development policies, security and human rights. He formerly held leading positions at IOM – International Organization for Migration in Brussels, Berlin, Rome and Vienna. He has been the driving force in strengthening the European Union and International stance towards a number of issues such as economic migration, organized crime and trafficking in human beings, democratization and parliamentary elections as well as humanitarian and emergency aid. He advised and worked closely with a number of EU Presidencies and European Commissioners as well as European Parliamentarians in carrying forward their priorities. His experience and commitment led to numerous policy improvements in the above fields in Europe, and strengthened cooperation between governments, international organizations, civil societies and regions.

Francesca Bocchino,

Adviser on Combatting Trafficking of Human Beings at OSCE, Transnational Threat Department. Previous, Head of Department, Protection, Save the Children Italy with extensive experience both at HQ and field level in Program Management and Development within the areas of child trafficking, child protection, violence against children, child soldiers and criminal justice. My 17 years' experience ranges from (1) building long term partnerships and representation with governments, regional agencies at bilateral and multilateral level, (2) structuring country strategies, political policies, and political action plans in different post-conflict countries (3) being in charge of local and sometimes international teams. I have worked in Africa (Sierra Leone, Mauritania, Liberia), Middle East (Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen and Syria) and in Europe (Italy and Netherlands) with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, international organizations such as IOM and IDLO, and international NGOs. As Head Trainer, I have also developed training modules, worked on development of curricula in governance and protection and acted as a speaker or facilitator for various trainings also with DPKO police forces.

Manfred Buchner

Head of MEN VIA – Protection and Support for Men Affected by Human Trafficking, Men Health Center, Vienna. Staff Member of the Counselling Center for Men, Vienna, Department for Victim Support. Psychologist with many years of experience in working with youth and in the field of mental disorders. Specializations in group-work and counselling for boys and men within a gender-reflecting framework. Trainer for prevention of violence, lecturer for victim support on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Justice. Engaged in developing and establishing a model for

victim-support in Austrian prisons; lecturer at the Sigmund Freud University, Vienna.

Stana Buchowska,

Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, ECPAT International, anti-trafficking expert, co-founder of La Strada network and previously the National Coordinator of La Strada Foundation against Trafficking in Persons and Slavery in Poland. Main areas of her work and expertise include project coordination, networking on national and international levels, and development and implementation of training programs, particularly for law enforcement representatives, social service providers and NGOs. She served as a board member of the Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW) and the International Board of La Strada International Association (2002- 2010). In 2008 she was appointed as a Member of the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings by the European Commission. In 2011-2013 she served as a project coordinator of the “Parliamentarians Against Human Trafficking” in ECPAT UK. She was also selected as an international consultant to monitoring a ChildFund The Gambia's PROTECT Project on prevention of and response to child trafficking in Gambia in 2013-2014. Since July 2016 she was a Central and Eastern Europe Migration Alliance Advisor in Oxfam International. Additionally, she is involved in a work of the Human Trafficking Studies Center at Warsaw University. From June 2018 she is a regional coordinator for Eastern Europe and Central Europe for ECPAT international and is based in Vienna. Stana Buchowska holds a PhD in social sciences.

Mike Dottridge,

Consultant on human rights issues, based in the United Kingdom. He worked for two human rights non-governmental organisations from 1977 until 2002 (Amnesty International, where his work focused on Africa, and Anti-Slavery International, where he was director from 1996 to 2002). Since 1995, he has focused on various forms of exploitation, how to protect the adults and children involved and how to prevent exploitation from occurring in the first place. Since 2002, he has worked independently, undertaking evaluations and institutional learning exercises for organizations that include the ILO and UNICEF, NGOs such as the coalition 'Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women' and several governmental and private donors.

Patrick Hauvuy,

Director of a specific department of Association ALC in Nice gathering a specialized social service working on identification, assistance and protection of victims of trafficking, especially for the purpose of sexual exploitation, and a shelter for women victims of violence and victims of trafficking. In 2001, he created the French National Network for assisting and protecting victims of human trafficking. He is at the origin of the main proposals made to the French government for the establishment and the improvement of the public policy in the matter of protection and specific and global assistance of the victims of human trafficking. He is a trainer for professionals on the issue of the identification and assistance of victims of trafficking. He holds a master's degree in social intervention and development

Claire Healy,

Anti-Trafficking Research Coordinator at the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). Dr. Healy is the author of *The Strength to Carry On: Resilience and Vulnerability to Trafficking and Other Abuses among People Travelling Along Migration Routes to Europe* (2019) and of *Targeting Vulnerabilities: The Impact of the Syrian War and Refugee Situation on Trafficking in persons - A Study of Syria, Turkey Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq* (2015). She has also been working with the ECOWAS Commission on combating trafficking in West Africa since 2013. Working at ICMPD since early 2011, Claire has coordinated research projects on trafficking and migration at the Brazilian land borders for the Brazilian government, and on child begging in Europe for the European Commission. She co-authored a study and manual on combating trafficking for exploitation through begging, as well as authoring studies, reports, book chapters and academic articles on various migration and trafficking issues. Claire was previously a post-doctoral fellow at Lisbon University Institute, and, during 2007-2009, Advisor at the Portuguese Government's High Commission for Immigration. From 2005 to 2007, she worked in Dublin, Ireland, as a Research Consultant for a number of NGOs in the fields of trafficking, refugees and migration. In 2006, she was awarded a PhD in Migration History by the National University of Ireland, Galway. She has done voluntary work with the children of refugees and migrants in Germany, Portugal and Ireland. Claire has also worked as a translator and interpreter and is fluent in German, Portuguese, Spanish, Irish and French.

Duco van Heel,

Vulnerable Groups Coordinator, FRONTEX– the European Border and Coast Guard Agency

is coordinating Frontex efforts to support the Member States in the identification and referral of vulnerable persons at the EU external border. He has contributed to a number of international forums and policy papers on combating trafficking in human beings, including the organisation of the EU Anti-Trafficking Day 2011. He has also led a number of international border and migration projects across Europe, including in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Romania. He brings with him more than twenty years of experience in migration information management and anti-trafficking, previously serving as the Deputy Head of the Immigration Service Analysis Centre within the Dutch Ministry of Interior. Mr. van Heel can be reached at duco.vanheel@frontex.europa.eu.

Suzanne Hoff,

International Coordinator of La Strada International since 2004, NGO Platform against trafficking in human beings, comprising 27 member NGOs in Europe. She is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The overall aim of LSI is to prevent trafficking in human beings and exploitation in Europe and to protect the rights of trafficked and exploited persons and ensuring their access to justice. As International Coordinator, she manages a broad range of tasks including strategy planning, lobby & advocacy and coordination of European projects and research on the issue of human trafficking. LSI has been partner in numerous international project consortia. Projects relate to early identification of trafficked persons, access to justice and compensation; to building the capacity of anti-trafficking NGOs to cooperate with businesses and trade unions and address labour exploitation and ensuring complaint mechanisms and access to remedies for workers. Before La Strada International, she worked for different NGOs, like the Dutch foundation against trafficking in Women (now Comensha/LS NL), Caritas Netherlands, the Dutch Centre for International Cooperation and the Dutch Refugee council as well as for the Amsterdam Municipality. Most of her work focused on human rights and the situation in Central and Eastern Europe. Suzanne has an academic background; a master in Eastern European Studies and journalism.

Jihane Isseid,

Emergency Safe Housing Program Manager at ABAAD. She holds a BA degree in Social Work from the Lebanese University- Faculty of Public Health. Her thesis focuses on the influence of the internet on children and e-protection mechanisms. In 2004, she worked at the Caritas Migrant Center as a social worker at the Safe house for Migrant Workers Victims of Trafficking. From 2005 - 2011, she worked with AJEM (Justice & Mercy Association) as protection senior social worker for the migrant & refugee inmates. Between 2011 and 2013, she joined the Himaya NGO where she worked as a senior social worker and as a coordinator of the social department specialized in child protection. December 2013 marked a new beginning for her career as a Human Rights Activist, when she joined ABAAD- Resource Center for Gender Equality as the Safe Housing Program Manager. Since then she has been managing the three Emergency Safe Shelters. In 2017 she joined the Act.Now initiative and became an active member of the Exploitation & Counter Trafficking in Human Beings Working Group. Since 2018, she's representing ABAAD at the steering committee developing the SOP for the Victim of Trafficking Program Manager, Emergency Safe Housing, Beirut/Lebanon

Kristiina Kangaspunta,

currently heading the preparation of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria. The first edition of the Report was launched in 2012 and it will be published biannually presenting the global human trafficking trends and patterns. Previously, she was the Deputy Director of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) leading the Research Programme of the Institute in Turin, Italy. Before UNICRI, she worked with UNODC, as the Chief of the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit. She moved to UNODC from the Ministry of Justice of Finland where she worked at the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI).

Helga Konrad,

Head/Coordinator of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking' since 2010. Executive Director Anti-Trafficking; Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe IDM; former (first) Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the OSCE - Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (2004-2006); Chair of the EU Stability Pact Task Force on Human Trafficking for South Eastern Europe (2000-2004). In her capacity as Austrian Federal Government Minister for Women, she hosted the first EU Conference on Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation in Vienna (1995). She was Head of the Austrian government delegations to the 4th UN World Conference on Women in Beijing/China and of the first World Congress on Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Stockholm/Sweden (1996).

Jürgen Nautz,

Professor for economics, TH OWL University of Applied Sciences and Arts since 2014, Lemgo, speaker of the department “Business and Markets in Changing”, Graduate Institute of the Universities of Applied Sciences and Arts of the state North Rhine-Westphalia. Work / research priorities: governance of monetary integrated areas, civil society, trafficking in human beings and counter strategies, human rights and supply chain. studied history, philosophy and business sciences, Ph.D in history in 1983 at the Heinrich-Heine-University, Düsseldorf, 1996 Habilitation at the University of Vienna. Since then senior lecturer for economic history at the Dep. of Economics, Vienna University, visiting scholarships at the Institute for German Studies, Amsterdam and the Berlin Social Science Center, speaker of the interdisciplinary research group “Roots to Civil Society in Austria” of the Austrian Research Council, visiting professor at the University of Innsbruck, professor for business sciences, Internationale Berufsakademie, Nuremberg.

Catrin Neumüller,

Partner of Cooperation; CEO of ACT.NOW. Act.Now is an enterprise based on the private initiative, located in Vienna, acting internationally and above party lines. It initiates projects and international conferences for a respectful and appreciative social coexistence in a time of profound social changes that result in challenges to democratic systems. Act.Now supports people to take on more responsibility in their respective environment and connects people and initiatives to raise the effectiveness of projects aimed to strengthen social cohesion. It provides information about social change and its impact on society to promote new solutions. To achieve its objectives Act.Now employs processes that are both cognitively and emotionally effective.

Olivier Peyroux,

Sociologist, France. His work with children victims of trafficking notably from the Balkans and among the recent migration flows. He has involved him with in-the-field consulting assignments on local and European child protection issues for national and international organisations including UNICEF, UNODC and the European Union. His research has been widely published in scientific journals and he is regularly consulted by the media on trafficking and child protection issues. In addition to his non-profit commitments to children at risk. Peyroux is a legal expert on trafficking in human beings for the French judiciary.

Roger Plant,

Independent Expert/Consultant, Writer, Broadcaster

Between 2002-2009 he was Head of the ILO's Special Action Program to Combat Forced Labour since its inception, spearheading the ILO's work against forced labour and human trafficking.

His book *Sugar and Modern Slavery*, published in the 1980s, was one of the first to draw attention to new forms of forced labour and human trafficking in today's global economy. He has consulted on issues such as human rights and labour standards, migrant workers and contract labour, rural development, indigenous people and ethnic minorities, and corporate social responsibility for a range of international organizations, governments, financial institutions, private companies and NGOs.

Evelyn Probst,

Coordinator of LEFÖ– Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls (IBF) since 2000, based in Vienna, Austria. In her capacity she monitors the support system for trafficked persons as well as their access to their rights. Further focal areas of the work include access to compensation for trafficked persons, interlinkages between THB and undocumented work etc. She is a much sought-after trainer for seminars on the issue of THB carried out by public authorities, police, NGOs and other relevant actors. She has been a member in the EU Expert Group against Trafficking from 2008 to 2011. She is currently the European board member of Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW) and board member of La Strada International. Due to her long experience in the field she has been a teacher at the Austrian University in Klagenfurt for more than ten years and has given classes at other Austrian Universities as well as at the Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. Furthermore she has published in the field of trafficking in women, focusing on feminist women's rights perspectives, exploitation and compensation for victims of human trafficking. Evelyn Probst holds a Master in Psychology and is a certified trainer who has been working in the field of fighting Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) for over 20 years.

Kiril Sharapov,

Associate Professor of Applied Social Sciences at Edinburgh Napier University. Kiril is also affiliated with the Centre for Policy Studies at Central European University (Hungary). He received PhD in Politics from the University of Glasgow and MA in Human Rights from the Central European University. In 2015 – 2016, he was Senior Lecturer in

Sociology at the University of Bedfordshire and Programme Director of the Professional Doctorate in Children and Young People's Services. In 2013-2014, he led a research project investigating public understanding of human trafficking in three European countries. This research was funded by a Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship awarded by the European Commission. Kiril is a Senior Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (SFHEA) and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (FRSA). His interdisciplinary research examines the relationship between vulnerability to human rights abuses vis-à-vis neoliberal governmentality by focusing on the phenomena of migration, unfree labour and environmental degradation.

Claudia Singer,

Partner of Cooperation; she manages projects such as “Danube Cities Against Human Trafficking” within the coordination office of Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation” (PAC 10) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and is member of the local GRETA Working Group in Vienna. PAC 10 coordinates administrative capacity building and involvement of local stakeholders in the EUSDR. Ms. Singer is holding a degree in Political Science from the University of Vienna.

Klara Skrivankova,

Independent Expert on Trafficking and Business and Human Rights, UK. She is an internationally recognised expert on business and human rights, decent work and modern slavery. She has been working in the field since 2000, starting as a programme manager in La Strada Czech Republic. Between 2005 and 2019 she managed programmes in Anti-Slavery International and led the development of the organisation’s business and human rights programme, providing advice to numerous businesses including ASOS, The White Company, The White Stuff, Primark, Daimler and Legal&General. Since 2018 she has been acting as the Decent Work Advisor for the DaNa Facility, a private sector development programme in Myanmar funded by UK Department for International Development. Internationally she advises development, human rights organisations and the private sector. Ms Skrivankova 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. From 2010 until 2015 she was a Programme Adviser to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and 2016-17 a specialist advisor with the Ethical Trading Initiative. She has held numerous expert appointments: she has been an expert on human trafficking with the Council of Europe since 2005 and from 2008 until 2015 member of the EU Experts Group on Trafficking in Human Beings 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. She also co-chaired the Transparency in Supply Chains Working Group of the UK Government Modern Slavery Strategy Implementation Group, and the Governance Committee of the UK Modern Slavery Registry that holds company disclosure reports under the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Daja Wenke,

Independent Consultant on Child Rights, Policy Analysis, Research. She has long-standing professional experience working with UNICEF, international and regional organisations, national governments and NGOs. She has specialised in law and policy analysis and applied research that contribute to evidence-informed and rights-based policy making, programming and advocacy. A guiding interest in her work is to promote public sector innovation and systemic approaches to advance the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as an investment for democracy, stability and equitable, ecological development.

Roberto Ziglio,

Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Deputy Manager at Diakonie-Jefira - Intercultural Psychotherapy Centre in St. Pölten, which is specialized on Trauma-Psychotherapy with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; Advisor and Assistant of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Trafficking in Human Beings' on Web-management themes. He has also been Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Head of Organization and Administration at CentroMoses, S.r.l., a private mental health centre in Italy, where he used to perform his clinical activity since 2010. As Head of Organization and Administration he was involved in the organization of numerous trainings for mental health practitioners and citizens. He collaborated with the Treviglio-Caravaggio Hospital, in the Centre for Family Therapy and with the A.L.T. Association (association against drug addictions), located in Treviglio (Bergamo, Italy).