



## **The Protection Project Seventh Annual Symposium on Trafficking in Persons**

### ***The Procedural and Substantive Elements of Prosecuting Cases of Trafficking in Persons: Comparative Models and International Standards***

#### ***Call for Papers***

Tuesday, November 6, 2012  
Kenney Auditorium, The Johns Hopkins University  
School of Advanced International Studies  
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*On Tuesday, November 6, 2012, The Protection Project will host the Seventh Annual Symposium on “The Procedural and Substantive Elements of Prosecuting Cases of Trafficking in Persons: Comparative Models and International Standards” at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, in Washington, D.C., USA. The Symposium will investigate the procedural and substantive elements of prosecuting trafficking cases in the United States and abroad. Law Professors, prosecutors, practicing lawyers, legal clinics providing aid to victims and NGOs representing victims of trafficking are encouraged to submit a paper addressing different aspects of prosecuting trafficking cases.*

**Conference overview:** Since the enactment of the UN Trafficking Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2000, there has been a legislative movement that recognizes trafficking in persons as a specific offence and a number of cases have been prosecuted to punish the perpetrators of the crime. The purpose of this annual Symposium is to investigate and analyze these cases from an international and a comparative perspective. Law Professors, prosecutors, practicing lawyers, legal clinics providing aid to victims and NGOs representing victims of trafficking are encouraged to submit a paper addressing different aspects of prosecuting trafficking cases which may include, but are not limited to:

- The procedural law of trafficking in persons;
- US cases of trafficking in persons prosecuted since the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) 2000;
- The impact of the three Reauthorizations of the TVPA (2003, 2005, 2008) on the effectiveness of the law in prosecuting trafficking cases in the United States;
- Comparative models of prosecution of cases of trafficking in persons in different legal systems;
- The prosecution of cases of child sex tourism, marriage order bride, domestic service and other forms of forced labor;
- Obstacles and difficulties in prosecuting cases of trafficking in persons;
- Witness testimony and reliance on the trafficked victims;
- Techniques, collection of evidence and trial procedures;
- Analysis of cases of trafficking that highlight success and failures;

- Liability of corporations for forced labor, child labor and labor trafficking;
- Prosecution of cases of trafficking in persons under the Alien Tort Claims Act;
- Statutes of limitations in cases of trafficking in persons;
- Prosecution of cases of trafficking in persons under RICO;
- The preclusion imposed by the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act to the application of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act;
- The extra-territorial application of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act;
- Constitutional challenges to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act;
- The role of civil society in the prosecution of cases of trafficking in persons;
- Comparative models of prosecution of cases of trafficking in persons in foreign countries.

**Terms and Conditions:** Authors are kindly requested to submit an abstract not exceeding 3 pages by Friday, June 15, 2012. The authors of the selected abstracts will be notified by Friday July 6, 2012 and asked to submit a final paper by Friday, August 17, 2012. The final paper should not exceed 30 pages in double-spaced, 12 point font. The authors are requested to utilize the Bluebook citation style. Papers should include a cover page, the author's name, contact information, article title, a complete abstract and a brief bio. Successful candidates will be notified by Friday, September 14, 2012 and invited to present their findings at The Protection Project Seventh Annual Symposium on Trafficking in Persons. Following the event, selected papers will be published in The Protection Project Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society, Volume 5.

**Travel and lodging expenses:** Travel and lodging expenses will be fully covered by The Protection Project.

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