The Protection Project

“Incorporating Human Trafficking in Academic Institutions: The European Experience”

Call for papers

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Amsterdam, The Netherlands

The Protection Project is a human rights research and training institute based at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC. The overarching mission of the organization is the elimination of human rights violations around the world, especially human trafficking and exploitation of women and children. On 25-26 November, 2011, The Protection Project, in cooperation with Amsterdam University, will host a conference titled “Incorporating Human Trafficking in Academic Institutions: The European Experience” at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The conference aims at promoting the incorporation of human trafficking in the academic curriculum of European Universities. The Protection Project is currently seeking papers from Professors from European Universities who wish to discuss their experiences in raising awareness on human trafficking through education and research at the conference in Amsterdam.

Terms and Conditions

The prevention of trafficking in persons is one of the four main strategies to confront this heinous crime, together with the protection of victims, the prosecution of the offenders and the partnership among governments and civil society organizations in joint anti-trafficking initiatives. Prevention of trafficking in persons can only be achieved through widespread education and sensitization to the issue across all sectors of society.

European Universities enjoy an unparalleled reputation in the fields of academic research and teaching of human rights due to their commitment to rigorous theoretical analysis and democratic principles. To engage these important institutions in the anti-trafficking discourse at the European level and promote broader awareness among students and academia on the problems of human trafficking, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC will hold a conference on 25-26 November 2011 titled: “Incorporating Human Trafficking in Academic Institutions: The European Experience”. The conference will take place at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands providing a forum for European scholars in human trafficking and related fields to discuss methodologies, new approaches and best practices in the field of education of human trafficking from the legal, economic, political, and cultural perspectives. Scholars, government EU, Council of Europe, and UN officials, Ombudsmen, NGO representatives, the media, and students will be invited to participate and contribute to the discussion.

In preparation for the conference, The Protection Project is now seeking papers from Professors and scholars from European Universities who teach human trafficking, either as a full subject or as a component of their syllabus, and are interested in sharing their expertise in the field with other professors and scholars.
Papers should focus on the importance of education and the role of academia in raising awareness on the problem of human trafficking. Professors and scholars from all disciplines are welcome to apply. Possible themes may include, but are not limited to:

- Methodologies and objectives for the inclusion of human trafficking in the European universities’ academic curricula;
- The role of academia and other elements of civil society in raising awareness on human trafficking;
- Comparative analysis between European and American scholarly work in the field of human trafficking;
- The role of academia in shaping the international, regional and national legal frameworks on human trafficking;
- Clinical legal education as a means to enhance access to justice for victims of human trafficking;
- The role of academia in supporting a religious dialogue on human trafficking;
- The reporting mechanisms on human trafficking and the role of academia.

Candidates are kindly requested to submit a paper by the deadline indicated below. The paper should not exceed 10 pages.

**Deadlines and expenses:** Papers must be received by September 23, 2011. Successful candidates will be notified by September 30, 2011 and invited to speak at the Conference in Amsterdam on 25-26 November 2011. Travel and lodging expenses will be fully covered by The Protection Project.

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