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The Protection Project

The Protection Project (TPP) is a human rights research body based at the Foreign Policy Institute, Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). The Protection Project's main goal is the promotion of human rights values throughout the world. Of particular importance to The Protection Project is the protection of human security, especially women's and children's rights, the enhancement of the rule of law by increasing access to justice and encouraging citizen participation in the political process, the development of civil society and NGOs through capacity building and coalition building, the advancement of human rights education, and the elimination of trafficking in persons.

The Protection Project's activities include raising public awareness, monitoring and reporting on violations of internationally recognized human rights, establishing legal aid clinics, developing curricula in human rights and international trafficking in persons, establishing partnerships with universities and NGOs, and organizing seminar series, workshops and conferences.

In addition, The Protection Project staff has given congressional testimony on trafficking in persons before the United States Congress and advised the United States Government on the 2000 Trafficking Victims Protection Act and its amendments in 2003, 2005, and 2008 as well as foreign countries on drafting anti-trafficking legislation. An internship program offers students the opportunity to contribute to The Protection Project's mission as does the International Human Rights Fellowship for scholars from developing countries. The Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society provides a forum for scholars and practitioners from around the world to submit academic papers analyzing the most pressing topics of concern in the realm of international human rights and to analyze the evolving roles and responsibilities of contemporary civil society. Finally, the Human Rights Report on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children is a country-by-country narrative of the status of trafficking in persons which provides updated information on the various forms of trafficking, the factors contributing to the trafficking infrastructure and the latest government responses in every country of the world.

This progress report contains the various programs, initiatives, and activities of The Protection Project during 2006-2008.



Mohamed Mattar
Executive Director

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I. *Fellowships, Scholarships, and Internships*

The Protection Project International Human Rights Fellowship

The Protection Project International Human Rights Fellowship is designed to provide a rigorous academic and professional experience in the field of human rights for the purpose of fostering both grassroots and government level leadership and support for the promotion of human rights values in targeted countries throughout the world. The fellowship is awarded to outstanding non-U.S. citizens currently working either for a non-governmental organization or a government agency outside the United States and who exhibit a concerned interest in and commitment to furthering a respect for human rights values in their home countries. The Protection Project International Human Rights Fellowship is made possible by the generous contribution of Mr. Aria Mehrabi, a SAIS alumni and Principal of Pacific Star Capital in Los Angeles, CA.

The first Protection Project International Human Right Fellow, **Ms. Anil Gurtuna** from Turkey, conducted extensive research on the issue of Secular Islam in Turkey. Ms. Gurtuna also spoke on this same issue at a seminar that took place at The Protection Project on May 23, 2005.



Ms. Nazek El-Wakeel

The second fellow, **Ms. Nazek El-Wakeel** from Egypt, completed her fellowship in the Spring 2007 semester. Ms. El-Wakeel focused on issues of reform toward greater compliance with international human rights standards in the Middle East.

The third fellow, **Ms. Esraa Said Adlan** from Egypt, arrived in September 2008 and her research focused on the issue of slavery in the Middle East.



Ms. Esraa Adlan

The Protection Project Human Rights Conference Prize

The Protection Project Human Rights Conference Prize is a fellowship awarded to a SAIS student to attend a human rights conference throughout the world. The purpose of the prize is to expose students to current issues in the field of human rights. During the 2007-2008 academic year, the first prize in this competitive process was granted to **Ms. Jill Craig** from the United States to attend the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Trafficking (UNGIFT) Vienna Forum in Vienna, Austria, on February 12-15, 2008.



Ms. Jill Craig



Ms. Jessica Morrison

The prize for the 2008-2009 academic year was granted to **Ms. Jessica Morrison** to attend the Conference entitled “Regional Human Rights Mechanisms: The European Convention on Human Rights and the Arab Charter on Human Rights” at the SAIS Bologna Center in Bologna, Italy, on December 2-3, 2008.

The Protection Project’s Applied Research Program in International Human Rights



Ms. Hillary Wehr

The Protection Project’s Applied Research Program in International Human Rights is a fellowship open to SAIS and non-SAIS students to conduct field research on an approved topic of his/her choice relating to human rights and the strengthening of the rule of law in the Middle East. The purpose of the project is to encourage professional, academic and cultural exchange and to promote the study and research of human rights at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Arab Reform Forum) in Alexandria, Egypt. The experience is intended to foster greater understanding of the Middle East and the movement toward reform in this part of the world among students studying and interested in international relations. Upon completion of the Research, the fellow is required to submit a report of his/her findings. In 2007, the selected fellow, **Ms. Hilary Wehr**, went to Egypt for one month to conduct research on the teaching of human rights at Universities and institutes of higher education.

The Association of Scholars of Trafficking in Persons

In November 2007, The Protection Project launched the “Association of Scholars of Trafficking in Persons” which seeks to create a forum for professors and scholars in the fields of international human rights and trafficking in persons. The purpose of the Association is to promote information sharing among experts in trafficking and serve as a platform for constructive dialogue in the field of international trafficking in persons by engaging its members in joint initiatives, conferences and other activities. To foster the development of this network of scholars, The Protection Project has launched a specialized website where the professors’ syllabi, upcoming conferences and latest publications on the issue of trafficking in persons are constantly updated.

The Trafficking in Persons Dissertation Scholarship

The Protection Project awards a one month scholarship to a PhD student from any country in the world who is writing his/her PhD dissertation on trafficking in persons. The aim of the Program is to promote research in a specific field of trafficking in persons. The student spends one month in Washington, DC taking advantage of the wide range of libraries and research institutes that operate in the capital, while participating in the activities of The Protection Project.

The Internship Program

Each semester, The Protection Project offers an Internship program based in Washington, DC for a period of three months. Interns have the opportunity to work closely with project staff to expand on their undergraduate and graduate study by conducting research, analyzing legal materials, contributing to publications, assisting in organizing seminars and conferences, and participating in a variety of other activities at The Protection Project. The Protection Project provides the interns valuable experiences, networking opportunities, skills, and knowledge. This fall, The Protection Project welcomed 20 new interns and is working with them on a number of projects, including updating The Protection Project's Human Rights Report, as well as publishing a comprehensive annotated bibliography on trafficking in persons, and creating a graphical book on human rights. Since fall 2007, 15 interns have joined the internship program from various disciplines at SAIS.



Fall Interns '08

The Protection Project Best Publication Award

As a sign of gratitude for their generosity and commitment to the cause of human rights, The Protection Project launched an award in the name of Alicia and Arthur Winn called The Protection Project Best Publication Award. The Award is granted to a scholarly work that analyzes the various aspects of trafficking in persons globally and makes recommendations for the appropriate responses to combat this problem.

II. Seminars and Conferences

On November 25-28, 2008, The Protection Project participated in the Third World Congress against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents which was held in Rio, Brazil.



From Left to Right: Emily Blank, John Ingham, Gabriel Gonzales, & Robert Moosy

On November 10, 2008, The Protection Project held its Third Annual Symposium on Trafficking in Persons entitled "**The Economics of Trafficking in Persons**", in Washington, DC. The issues covered during the Symposium included money laundering, supply and demand, and child pornography. Speakers from the United States Department of Justice as well as scholars from around the world participated in the event which was attended by Embassy representatives, Government officials and the general public.

On June 5, 2008, The Protection Project hosted an Embassy Luncheon entitled "**The Council of Europe Approach to Trafficking in Human Beings**", in Washington, DC on the Council of Europe Convention and

its role as a model for international cooperation in the fight against trafficking in persons. Ms. Maud De Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms. Riikka Puttonen, Crime Prevention Officer of the Anti-Human Trafficking Division of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), His Excellency Alexandros Mallias, Ambassador of Greece in Washington, and Ms. Carla Menares-Bury, Multilateral Affairs Coordinator at the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State were among the speakers who attended the event.

On May 26-28, 2008, The Protection Project submitted a study on the legislative history of trafficking in persons to the expert group meeting on best legislative practices on the elimination of violence against women which was held at the United Nations in Vienna, Austria.

On March 31, 2008, The Protection Project organized an Embassy Luncheon on “**The Status of Trafficking in Persons in the Arab World**”, at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC.

On February 17 – 20, 2008, The Protection Project took part in the **United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Trafficking in Persons (UNGIFT) Vienna Forum**, on sharing strategies and best practices to combat trafficking. Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director of The Protection Project chaired the Panel on The Effectiveness of Legal Frameworks and Anti-Trafficking Legislation. Ms. Estelle Appiah, Director of Legislative drafting, Attorney General’s Department, Ministry of Justice, Ghana, and Mr. Fernando Garcia-Robles, Coordinator, Anti-Trafficking of Persons Section, Department of Public Security, Organization of American States were among the experts that participated in the Panel.



From Left to Right: Mr. Fernando Garcia-Robles, Dr. Mohamed Mattar, & Ms. Estelle Appiah

On December 10, 2007, The Protection Project hosted a regional summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates with the six countries of the Gulf to draft and discuss strategies to implement a **model anti-trafficking law** in cooperation with the Gulf Cooperation Council.

On November 27, 2007, The Protection Project organized the Second Annual Symposium entitled “**Incorporating Trafficking in Persons in Human Rights Curricula**”, in Washington, DC. At this conference, The Protection Project presented a model human rights and trafficking in persons syllabus and discussed the best ways to incorporate this substantial human rights issue into existing university programs.

On October 28, 2007, The Protection Project, in conjunction with the League of Arab States, hosted a summit with all 22 Arab countries on model anti-trafficking in persons legislation. For this conference, **The Protection Project drafted a report on behalf of the League of Arab States on the status of trafficking in persons in every Arab country.**

On September 11, 2007, The Protection Project organized a conference in Washington, DC on “**Democratization in the Middle East: The Perspective of Local Activists**”, in conjunction with Human Rights First.

On June 20, 2007, The Protection Project hosted an Embassy Luncheon with Ambassador Mark P. Lagon on the newly released Trafficking In Persons Report, entitled “**Analysis of the United States Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report of 2007**”. Mark P. Lagon, Ambassador at Large, US Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons was the keynote speaker.



Ambassador Mark P. Lagon & Dr. Mohamed Mattar

On April 18, 2007, The Protection Project organized a Conference on “**The Middle East Agenda for Reform: Challenges and Opportunities**”, at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, in Washington, DC.

On March 28, 2007, The Protection Project held an Embassy Luncheon with Ms. Rachel Gershuni, Israeli National Coordinator on Trafficking on “**The Role of the Israeli National Coordinator on Trafficking**”, at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

On February 13, 2007, The Protection Project hosted an Embassy Luncheon with Swedish Ambassador Oljelund on “**Trafficking in Persons in Sweden: The Role of the Swedish Ambassador for International Cooperation in the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons**”, at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

In November 2006, The Protection Project launched “The Protection Project’s Annual Human Rights Symposium Series” with an inaugural symposium exploring “**New Challenges in the Fight against Trafficking in Persons: Combating Child Sex Tourism and Child Pornography on the Internet**”. The Symposium Series is designed to bring together the governmental, non-governmental and academic worlds to discuss important contemporary human rights issues.

On September 27, 2006, The Protection Project organized a Conference for the release of the “**Report from the U.S. Mid-Term Review on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in America**”, prepared by The Protection Project, Shared Hope International and ECPAT-USA, at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

On July 10, 2006, The Protection Project organized an Embassy Luncheon entitled “**Trafficking in Human Beings in Europe: The Scope of the Problem and the Appropriate Regional Response**”, at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

On March 7, 2006, The Protection Project organized a Conference on “**Women’s Rights Under the Iraqi Constitution**”, at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

III. Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building

The Protection Project is commencing work under a one-year program entitled “**Implementing the Iraqi Constitutional Mandate: Fighting Trafficking in Persons and Strengthening the Role of Civil Society in Iraq**”, which focuses on assisting government officials and civil society in Iraq in drafting comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation, raising awareness on the issue of trafficking among at-risk populations and throughout all sectors of society, and training law enforcement officials on how to respond. The program consists of hands-on workshops to be organized by The Protection Project in Istanbul, Turkey to build the capacity of Iraqi stakeholders in tackling the problem of trafficking in persons, an increasingly acute phenomenon in the country.

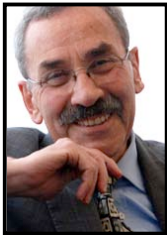


From Left to Right: Brad Glick, Mohammed Al-Midani, Jessica Morrison, & Dr. Mohamed Mattar

The Protection Project is carrying out a program entitled “**Strengthening Civil Society, Democratic Governance, and Reform**”, aimed at strengthening human rights knowledge and education in the Middle East, and which seeks to boost the ability of civil society to advocate for reform in countries of the Middle East. The program covers different countries including Morocco, Turkey, Indonesia, Egypt, and Iran. As part of this program, The Protection Project has organized a number of international workshops and a conference with participation from members of civil society, religious scholars, law students and legal professionals, as well as government officials and representatives of regional and international bodies, such as the League of Arab States, the Council of Europe, and the United Nations. These programs included a workshop on “Violence against Children” (Ankara, Turkey, August 2007); a conference on “Family Laws in the Muslim World: Comparative Perspectives” (Fes, Morocco, December 2007), a workshop on “Clinical Legal Education: International and Comparative Models” (Istanbul, Turkey, April 2008), and a workshop on “Islam, CEDAW and Women’s Rights: Reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women” (Tunis, Tunisia, August 2008).



The Johns Hopkins University, SAIS, Bologna Center, Bologna, Italy- Workshop Participants in attendance of the “Regional Human Rights Mechanisms: The European Convention on Human Rights & the Arab Charter on Human Rights”



On December 2-3, 2008, The Protection Project hosted a workshop entitled “**Regional Human Rights Mechanisms: The European Convention on Human Rights and the Arab Charter on Human Rights**”, at the Bologna Center of The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna, Italy.

Kenneth H. Keller, Director of the Bologna Center, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna, Italy



On December 8-9, 2008, The Protection Project held a conference at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center (HNC) in China entitled “**Volunteerism: Innovative Practices and Pathways for Future Engagement**”.

Jan Kiely, American Co-Director of the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese & American Studies

On July 25-26, 2008 The Protection Project conducted a training program in cooperation with the International Republican Institute (IRI) on the “**Implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women: Shadow Reports and Individual Complaints**”, in Istanbul, Turkey.

The Protection Project has completed a legislative assistance project to combat labor trafficking for the purpose of domestic service in the six Persian Gulf countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates) entitled “**Developing the Appropriate Legal Response to Combating Labor Trafficking for the Purpose of Domestic Service in the Countries of the Persian Gulf**”. In carrying out this program, The Protection Project provided technical assistance in drafting comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation, built alliances among NGOs and other members of civil society to obtain support for legislative reform, and organized a regional summit to seek collective endorsement of the proposed amendments to domestic legislation, which took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in December 2007.

On July 16-17, 2008, The Protection Project conducted a training course in cooperation with the International Office for Migration (IOM), on the “**Implementation of the January 9, 2008, Anti-Trafficking Law of Bahrain**”, at The Royal Police Academy in Manama, Bahrain.

In May 2008, The Protection Project conducted a training program in cooperation with the UNODC on “**Trafficking in the Gulf Area: the National, Regional, and International Frameworks**”, hosted by the Naif Arab University for Security Services in Saudi Arabia.

On October 28, 2007, The Protection Project organized a meeting held by the League of Arab States on the status of anti-trafficking legislation in the Arab world. The meeting was attended by representatives from different Arab countries.

On October 1, 2007, The Protection Project participated in an expert group forum in Vienna, Austria held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to **draft a model anti-trafficking law**.

On July 23–26, 2007, The Protection Project conducted a pilot training on anti-human trafficking for law enforcement organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for the Middle East & North Africa – Lebanon Outpost entitled “**State Compliance on the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Trafficking Protocol**” in Beirut, Lebanon.

In May 2007, The Protection Project conducted **training programs on trafficking in persons** for the Institutes for Diplomatic Studies in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and in Muscat, Oman as well as for the National Office for Combating Trafficking in Persons in Doha, Qatar.

In May and June of 2007, The Protection Project conducted an assessment of the status of domestic trafficking in persons in Egypt, in conjunction with the United States Agency for International Development and Chemonics International. The findings of the assessment were published in the USAID Report entitled “**Assessment on the Status of Trafficking in Persons in Egypt. Changing Perceptions and Proposing Appropriate Interventions**”, USAID (August 2007).

In 2007, in cooperation with Shared Hope International, The Protection Project carried out a project entitled “**Facilitating Services for Domestic Child Sex Trafficking Victims**”. The Protection Project analyzed federal, state and local laws, constitutional provisions, and case law from U.S. cities where anti-trafficking task forces have been established to provide the statutory basis for service delivery to domestic child sex trafficking victims.

In January 2007, The Protection Project advised the National Committee for Combating Trafficking in Persons of Syria on drafting anti-trafficking legislation, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

In January 2007, The Protection Project completed a research study entitled “**Child Sex Tourism: Documentation of the Scope of the Problem and Assessment of Existing and Emerging Anti-Child Sex Tourism Activities**”. As part of this program, The Protection Project conducted fact-finding missions in the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, and Costa

Rica to examine the scope of the problem of child sex tourism in those countries, and gathered information on initiatives which were implemented or planned to combat the trafficking in persons. At the culmination of this program in November 2006, The Protection Project hosted a major conference at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies entitled “**New Challenges in the Fight against Trafficking in Persons: Combating Child Sex Tourism and Child Pornography on the Internet**”, releasing the findings of the fact-finding missions and discussed strategies to combat child sex tourism and child pornography.

In December 2006, in cooperation with Human Rights without Frontiers and the Iraqi Foundation, The Protection Project conducted a training program for Iraqi NGOs on “**Minorities’ Rights in Comparative Constitutionalism and International Conventional Law**”.

In July 2006, The Protection Project participated in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Expert Group Meeting to draft the “**Regional Plan of Action and Technical Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in the Middle East and North Africa Region**”.

In April 2006, The Protection Project, in cooperation with Shared Hope International and ECPAT-USA hosted the “**Mid-Term Review of United States Government Efforts to Combat Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**”. The Mid-Term Review was organized to measure the United States’ progress in combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children since the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, which took place in 2001, in Yokohama, Japan.

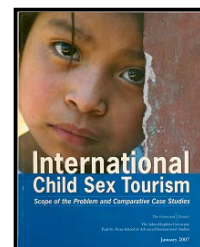
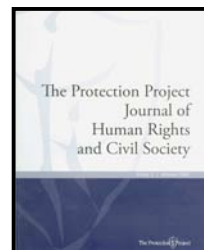
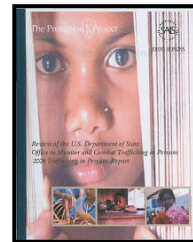
Throughout 2006, The Protection Project acted as a legal adviser to the IOM-UNICEF joint “**National Capacity Building Program to Counter Child Trafficking in Yemen**”. The Protection Project provided support in the establishment of a National Committee on Child Counter-Trafficking and on drafting a National Plan of Action for Countering Child Trafficking in Yemen.

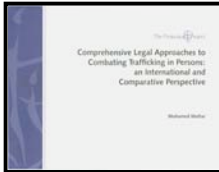
The Protection Project participated in the **Iraqi consultative constitutional process** and assisted NGOs and other elements of civil society in incorporating human rights values in the various provisions of the Iraqi constitution. Article 37 of the Iraqi Constitution now prohibits forced labor, slavery, commerce of slaves, and trading women and children in the sex trade, and article 45 imposes a duty on the government to strengthen the role of civil society.

IV. Publications

- “The Parliamentary Handbook on the Appropriate Legal Responses to Combat Trafficking in Persons”, written for the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime Prevention, (2008).

- “Comparative Models of Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms”, 41 *Vanderbilt Journal of TransNational Law*, 1355 (2008).
- “Review of the U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, 2008 Trafficking in Persons Report”, published by The Protection Project at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (July 2008).
- “Legal Approaches to Trafficking as a Form of Violence against Women: Implications for a More Comprehensive Strategy in Legislation on the Elimination of Violence against Women”, a paper prepared for the expert group meeting on good practices in legislation on violence against women (May 2008).
- “Assessment on the Status of Trafficking in Persons in Egypt. Changing Perceptions and Proposing Appropriate Interventions”, USAID (August 2007).
- The Protection Project Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society”, Issue 1, published by The Protection Project at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Spring 2007).
- In fall 2008, The Protection Project released the second publication of “The Protection Project Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society”. The Journal aims to provide a forum for scholarly analysis of critical contemporary human rights issues within the realm and from the perspective of civil society and practitioners in the non-governmental sector. The second publication includes various scholarly articles on the issue of the Economics of Trafficking in Persons, an annotated bibliography on trafficking in persons from 2004 to 2008, and the proceeding of The Protection Project interview with Ms. Yakin Ertürk, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its Causes and Consequences.
- “Review of the U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, 2007 Trafficking in Persons Report”, published by The Protection Project at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (June 2007).
- “International Child Sex Tourism: Scope of the Problem and Comparative Case Studies” published by The Protection Project at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (January 2007).
- “Unresolved Questions in the Bill of Rights of the New Iraqi Constitution: How Will the Clash between “Human Rights” and “Islamic Law” Be Reconciled in Future Legislative Enactments and Judicial Interpretations?”, 30 *Fordham International Law Review* (Fall 2006).



- “Comprehensive Legal Approaches to Combating Trafficking in Persons: An International and Comparative Perspective”, published by The Protection Project at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Fall 2006). 
- “Human Security or State Security? The Overriding Threat in Trafficking in Persons,” *I Intercultural Human Rights Law Review, Inaugural Trafficking in Human Beings, A Global Concern* 249 (Spring 2006).
- “Incorporating the Five Basic Elements of a Model Anti-trafficking in Persons Legislation in Domestic Laws: From the United Nations Protocol to the European Convention”, *14 Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law* 357 (Spring 2006).
- “Human Rights Report on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children”, A Country by Country Report on a Form of Modern-Day Slavery, published by The Protection Project at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Third Edition, 2006).

V. *Speaking Engagements*

- “Five Principles in Implementing a Victim Centered Approach to Trafficking in Persons”, Regional Expert Meeting on Rights-Based Assistance to Victims of Trafficking organized by the Foreign Ministry of Egypt and IOM, Cairo, Egypt (December 13-15, 2008).
- “Islam and Human Trafficking”, Yale University, the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition, New Haven, Connecticut (8-9 November 2008).
- “Catholic Charities USA-Catholic Relief Services: Responding to Trafficking in the Americas”, Washington, DC (November 2, 2008).
- “Access to International Criminal Justice for Victims of Violence Against Women”, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia (October 16-18, 2008).
- “The West and the Rest in Comparative Law”, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law, University of California Hastings College of Law Together with The International University College of Turin, San Francisco, California (October 2-4, 2008).
- “Canada-US Consultation in preparation for the III World Congress Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents”, Arlington, Virginia (October 4, 2008).

- “Extraterritoriality and Child Sex Tourism”, Business Unusual, Winnipeg Global Thematic Consultation, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba (September 25-26, 2008).
- “Human Trafficking for the Purpose of Prostitution: The Bush Doctrine and Beyond”, Fifth Annual Conference on Prostitution, Sex Work, and Human Trafficking, University of Toledo, Ohio (September 19, 2008).
- “ALERT: Accountability, Legislation, Education, Religion, & Technology”, World Learning International Visitor Leadership Program: Combating Trafficking in Persons, A Multi-Regional Project, Washington, DC (September 12, 2008).
- “Child Sex Tourism in Anti-Trafficking Laws: Recent Developments”, Customs and Border Protection. Stop Human Trafficking Symposium, Washington, DC (September 3, 2008).
- “Sex Trafficking as a Form of Sexual Violence Against Women: East Meets West: Cross Cultural Perspectives towards Addressing and Preventing Sexual Assault”, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Bethesda, Maryland (August 21, 2008).
- “United Nations Informal Thematic Debate of the General Assembly on Human Trafficking”, New York, New York (June 3, 2008).
- “Trafficking in Persons and Human Organs in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” A Conference on Interfaith Dialogue, Doha, Qatar (May 13-14, 2008).
- “New Challenges in Combating Trafficking in Persons in the US and Abroad,” College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia (April 14, 2008).
- “National and International Responses to Trafficking in Persons: Omissions and Gaps, Symposium on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Critical Gaps and Prospects for Change”, Center on Rights Development, University of Denver (April 12, 2008).
- “A Call for Harmonizing Domestic Internet Laws to Combat Sexual Exploitation, Institute for Politics, Democracy and the Internet, The Use of New Technologies in Human Trafficking”, George Washington University, Washington, DC (March 25, 2008).
- “Promising Practices and Public Private Partnerships: The Path Forward to Combating Human Trafficking”, The World Bank, Washington, DC (March 25, 2008).
- “Human Rights of Women and Children in Haiti: A discussion of the new draft law on combating human trafficking in Haiti”, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego California (March 7, 2008).
- “An analysis of the Handbook for Parliamentarians on the appropriate legal responses to combat trafficking in persons”, The Parliamentary Forum, Vienna, Austria (February 12, 2008).

- “Slavery and Trafficking in Persons in Islamic Law”, the American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (January 3-6, 2008).
- “The Nexus Between a Good Anti-Trafficking Legislation and an Effective Government Policy to Combat the Problem”, The Protection Project and Freedom House conference on Human Trafficking and Freedom, Washington, DC (December 3, 2007).
- “Trafficking as a Form of Violence Against Women”, conference on Violence Against Women, Suzanne Mubarak Regional Center for Women’s Health and Development, Cairo, Egypt (October 23-25, 2007).
- “Recent Developments in Trafficking in Persons and International Child Sex Tourism”, conference on Hidden Epidemic: Child Sex Trafficking, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts (April 27, 2007).
- “Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms”, conference on Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Vienna, Austria (May 21, 2007).
- “Trafficking in Children: The Scope of the Problem and the International Legal Frameworks”, Mofid University, Qom, Iran (May 16 – May 17, 2007).
- “Prosecuting Demand: Issues of Policy and the Law”, Georgetown Conference on Human Trafficking, Georgetown University, Washington, DC (October 27, 2006).
- “Five Emails on Behalf of Our Females: Sex Trafficking and Labor Exploitation in Countries of the Middle East”, STAR – Steps Toward Achieving Reform conference, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt (December 11-13, 2006).
- “A Three-E Approach in Reviewing the U.S. Laws against Trafficking in Persons”, United States Department of Justice National Conference on Human Trafficking, New Orleans, Louisiana (October 3, 2006).
- “Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in the MENA Region – Regional Plan of Action and Technical Cooperation”, Expert Group Meeting, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, Austria (July 3-5, 2006).
- “Trafficking in Persons: Interference with Family Relations as a Violation of International Family Law”, conference on the Family, Focus, Colorado Springs, Colorado (June 13, 2006).
- “Trafficking in Persons in Central Asia: The Scope of the Problem and the Appropriate Responses”, Regional Central Asian Conference on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings – Regional Response, OSCE and the Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana, Kazakhstan (May 18-19, 2006).

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- “Labor Trafficking and Labor Migration in the Gulf States”, conference on Criminal Trafficking and Slavery, The Dark Side of Global and Regional Migration, Center for Global Studies of the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois (February 23-25, 2006).
- “Trafficking in Persons: Recent Developments in the United States”, The Martin Institute, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho (January 30-31, 2006).
- “Islam, Muslims and Islamic Law: Reflections on Contemporary Problems”, The Martin Institute, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho (January 30-31, 2006).

VI. Courses

The Protection Project designed the first comprehensive course on International Trafficking in Women and Children which has been taught at Georgetown Law Center, American University Washington College of Law, and Johns Hopkins University-SAIS.



Alicia Foley

The Protection Project is implementing the second semester of its online course, entitled “**International Human Rights: Theory and Practice**”, taught by the **Executive Director, Dr. Mattar and Alicia Foley**, which attracts an international body of students interested in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the foundations of international human rights law. The 12-unit Fall 2008 course began on October 6, 2008 and covers The International Bill of Rights, Women’s Rights, Gender Inequality and International Law, International Refugee Protection, International Humanitarian Law, and Regional Human Rights Systems in Europe, the Americas, and Africa.

The Protection Project is currently updating its “**Human Rights Report on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children**”. The fourth edition is expected to be ready for publication in January 2009 and covers the status of trafficking in persons in 192 countries.

The Protection Project prepared a course on Trafficking in Persons in the Arabic language for Naif, Arab University for Security Sciences, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Naif Arab University is incorporating the course in its curricula.

VII. Congressional Testimonies

“**Stopping Women Trafficking in the Muslim World**”, Capitol Hill, Distinguished Speakers Series, in collaboration with American-Islamic Congress (April 1, 2008).

“**The Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2007**”, Helsinki Committee for Security and Cooperation in Europe (March 28, 2008).

“**Human Trafficking: a Form of Modern-Day Slavery**”, Congressional Panel Discussion organized by the Embassy of Greece in Washington, DC (March 13, 2007).

“**Protecting Children: the Battle Against Child Pornography and Other Forms of Sexual Exploitation**”, Hearing before the Helsinki Commission for Security and Cooperation in Europe, United States Congress (September 27, 2006).

“**Trafficking in Persons: A Case of Human Tragedy**”, Congressional Hearing (February 14, 2006).

VIII. New Partnerships



In December 2008, after a constructive meeting between the Executive Director of The Protection Project and **Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, President of the National Council for Human Rights (NCHR)**, The Protection Project reached an agreement with the Egyptian National Council for Human Rights on cooperative project on rights of Egyptian migrant workers.

Dr. Boutros-Boutros Ghali & Dr. Mohamed Mattar

In August 2008, The Protection Project finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Center for Arab Women Training and Research (CAWTAR)**, and with the **Arab Institute for Human Rights in Tunis**, Tunisia, which solidifies

a framework of cooperation on training and public awareness activities concerning women's rights and international religious freedom.



In June 2008, The Protection Project signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Suzanne Mubarak Regional Centre for Women's Health and Development in Alexandria**, Egypt, to engage in cooperative projects on women's rights, especially in tackling violence against women.

First Lady of Egypt, Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak & Dr. Mohamed Mattar

In May 2008, The Protection Project signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Institute for Peace Studies in Alexandria**, Egypt, to conduct **projects of mutual interest in the field of peace**, democratization, and human rights.

In May 2007, The Protection Project agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Middle East Technical University in Ankara**, Turkey, which envisions the joint implementation of a variety of activities, particularly in the realm of human rights education and the strengthening of civil society networks.

In January 2007, The Protection Project reached an Agreement of Cooperation with the **Ricky Martin Foundation in San Juan**, Puerto Rico. The agreement outlines steps for future partnership activities, which include joint projects in researching and addressing the problem of trafficking in persons in Puerto Rico.

Dr. Mohamed Mattar & Ricky Martin



In December 2006, The Protection Project reached an Agreement of Cooperation with the **Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Alexandria**, Egypt. The agreement outlines avenues for cooperation and future partnership activities, especially assessing the processes of democratic reform in the Middle East. As part of this agreement, The Protection Project participated as a member of the Arab Expert Group Meeting at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in March 2007, to develop Indicators for Reform in the Arab Region.

IX. Awards

On May 10, 2007, Marina Elefante, Director of Legal Affairs and Anna Koppel, Director of Research and Development received the **2007 Public Service Award Honoring Public Service in International Law** from Mary Patricia Michel, Chair of the International Law Section of the District of Columbia Bar.



From Left to Right: Mary Patricia Michel, Marina Elefante, & Anna Koppel

X. The Protection Project Key Staff

Members

Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director. Dr. Mohamed Y. Mattar is a Research Professor of Law and Executive Director of The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). His professional expertise is in comparative and international law, especially international human rights and trafficking in persons. For over ten years, Mohamed Mattar has worked in more than 50 countries to promote state compliance with international human rights standards and has advised governments on drafting and implementing anti-trafficking legislation. He testified in the United States before the House Committee on International Relations, the House Committee on Government Reform, and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. He also testified before the Russian Duma and the Mexican Senate to advocate for the passage of legislation and its effective implementation. He has served as a member of various United Nations expert groups focusing on trafficking in persons. He participated in drafting the United Nations model law on trafficking in persons and he wrote the Inter-Parliamentarian Handbook on the appropriate responses to the problem of trafficking in persons. He teaches courses on international and comparative law including “International Human Rights: Theory and Practice”, “International Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children”, “Comparative Legal Systems”, “Islamic Law”, “Introduction to American Law”, and “International Contract Law”. His latest publications include “Comparative Models of Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms”, 41 *Vanderbilt Transnational Law Journal*, 1355 (2008), “Unresolved Questions in the Bill of Rights of the New Iraqi Constitution: How Will the Clash between ‘Human Rights’ and ‘Islamic Law’ Be Reconciled in Future Legislative Enactments and Judicial Interpretations?”, 30 *Fordham International Law Journal*, 126 (2007), and “Incorporating the Five Basic Elements of a Model Anti-trafficking in Persons Legislation in Domestic Laws: From the United Nations Protocol to the European Convention”, 14 *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law*, 357 (2006). Mohamed Mattar received his Doctor of Juridical Sciences (S.J.D.) and Master of Laws (LL.M) from Tulane University, his Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.) from the University of Miami, and his License en Droit (LL.B.) from Alexandria University.



Ms. Anna Koppel, Director of Research and Development. Ms. Koppel works to develop and implement human rights programs submitted by The Protection Project to federal and private donor agencies. Ms. Koppel received her Master’s degree in International Relations with concentrations in International Development and International Economics in May of 2003 from The Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) and her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland, May 1999.



Ms. Leanne Cochrane, Director of Legal Affairs. Ms. Cochrane specializes in research and analysis of domestic, comparative, and international legislation on human trafficking and violence against women, and human rights. Ms. Cochrane received an LL.M in International Legal Studies, from Georgetown University Law Center in 2008; and a LL.B from Queens University, Belfast, in 2006.



Ms. Elaine Panter, Director of Programs and Planning. Ms. Panter conducts research, analysis and programs on human rights in the Middle East and coordinates The Protection Project publications. Ms. Panter received a Master's degree in International Relations with concentrations in Conflict Management and International Economics from Johns Hopkins University (SAIS), in May 2007; and a Laurea in Scienze Internazionali e Diplomatiche, from the University of Bologna, Italy, in July 2005.



Ms. Jaime Arvon-Jones, Director of Accounting and Finance. Ms. Arvon-Jones is an experienced business administrator in managing company logistics, organization, and finance in both the private and non-profit sector. Ms. Arvon-Jones received her BA in Political Science with a French Minor from Marist College and joined The Protection Project in June 2008.

Internship Program: From January 2006 to December 2008, The Protection Project offered over 100 Research Associate positions to students and young professionals interested in pursuing a career in international development and human rights. Their contribution is instrumental to the advancement and success of the work of the organization.

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