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### Trafficking in Persons

#### The Protection Project’s Eighth Annual Symposium on Trafficking in Persons

On Tuesday, November 6, 2013, The Protection Project hosted the Eighth Annual Symposium on “Domestic Work as a Form of Trafficking in Persons” at The Johns Hopkins University, SAIS, in Washington, DC to explore new legal developments and existing challenges in the protection of domestic workers both in the United States and abroad.

The Symposium highlighted the standards outlined in the most recent international convention, International Labour Organization (ILO) No. 189 on *Decent Work for Domestic Workers*, considering the present and potential future impact of the Convention on domestic legislation around the world. Law professors, practicing lawyers, labour and immigration law experts and representatives from the National Domestic Workers Alliance, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization on Migration, Shared Hope International, Solidarity Center and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority of Bahrain presented on how to improve upon the protection of domestic workers from abuse and exploitation.

**100 Best Practices in the Protection of Migrant Workers: A Series of Best Practices, Volume II** was also presented at the Symposium. The second in a series of best practices, this volume is divided by geographic region to take a global look at legal and programmatic responses to the plight of migrant workers and those employed in domestic service. The Symposium closed with a presentation of the 2013 International Human Rights Clinic Study Trip to the Philippines and Kuwait.

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Professor Tiffany Basciano, Associate Director of the International Law Program, Ms. Julia Braunmiller, Director of Legal Affairs at The Protection Project, and two Clinic students, Ms. Miriam D’Onofrio and Ms. Kelly C. Flanagan presented their findings and their published report, “The Protection of Migrant Domestic Workers in a Country of Origin and a Country of Destination: Case Studies of the Philippines and Kuwait.”

Professor Tiffany Basciano, Ms. Kelly Flanagan, Ms. Miriam D’Onofrio, and Ms. Julia Braunmiller present the findings of the 2012-2013 SAIS International Human Rights Clinic.
Global Consultation on the Right to an Effective Remedy for Trafficked Persons

On October 24, 2013, the Executive Director of The Protection Project, Dr. Mohamed Mattar, spoke to the United Nations in New York City as part of the Global Consultation on the Right to an Effective Remedy for Trafficked Persons. The Consultation was convened by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, Ms. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo and brought together representatives from 26 countries. International and regional governmental and NGO experts exchanged promising practices and provided input on the use of the Basic Principles (2011) as a tool to implement elements of redress, recovery, and reintegration for trafficking victims. In his speech entitled “Procedural Components of the Right to a Remedy, Restitution, Recovery and Compensation”, Dr. Mattar spoke of the progress made since the first Global Consultation in 2010. He presented basic principles that states should use in their efforts to combat trafficking, cited laws in place to help prosecute traffickers, and identified best practices for victim recovery.

“Taken By Talent” at the University of Maryland

On November 14, 2013, Ms. Elaine Panter, Director of Programs and Planning at The Protection Project, was invited to give the keynote speech at the University of Maryland at an event titled, “Taken by Talent.” The event was organized by the university’s anti-trafficking student group to raise awareness on the issue and to encourage youth activism in the anti-trafficking field.

Following a series of student performances by talented singers, rock and jazz musicians, and stand-up comedians addressing the problem of trafficking in persons, Ms. Panter spoke about concrete ways not-for-profit organizations, like The Protection Project, can be instrumental in promoting legal reform and awareness campaigns that increase protection for victims of trafficking. Ms. Panter elaborated on some of the anti-trafficking work being conducted by The Protection Project outside and inside the United States, highlighting some of the weaknesses that need to be addressed in the United States to improve the anti-trafficking framework. Ms. Panter closed her speech by presenting The Protection Project’s DC Homeless Youth and Trafficking Program to raise awareness about local trafficking issues and encouraged students to take part in the DC Homeless Youth and Trafficking Program and other anti-trafficking efforts with The Protection Project.

LEGAL REFORM

The Islamic Waqf and The Charitable Trust: A Comparative Perspective

On September 28-29, 2013, TPP held an international seminar on “The Islamic Waqf and The Charitable Trust: A Comparative Perspective,” in Istanbul, Turkey. The seminar was designed to facilitate scholarly dialogue on contemporary issues relating to Islamic and Western charitable legal institutions in both their economic and legal aspects, as well as in their applied aspects, from the perspectives of sustainable development, education, and economics. Presentations focused on general historical and comparative considerations; historical development and contemporary applications of waqf and charitable trusts; legal, economic, and social aspects of waqf and charitable trusts; waqf and charitable trusts in the development context; waqf and charitable trusts and corporate social responsibility; law clinics and waqf and charitable trusts; and emerging innovations in these institutions. Participants included experts in the fields of waqf and charitable trusts from countries including Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, and the United States.

The Protection Project addresses the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The Protection Project and The International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), were invited to participate in the 129th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in Geneva, Switzerland on October 7-9, 2013. Dr. Mattar presented the Child Protection Model Law during a panel discussion of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights focusing on “The Role of Parliaments in Protecting the Rights of Children, in Particular Unaccompanied Migrant Children, and in Preventing their Exploitation in Situations of War and Conflict.” This was the first time the IPU has addressed child protection in 13 years. Based on the panel discussions and consultations with TPP, ICMEC, and other civil society groups, the IPU has recently adopted a resolution on the role of parliamentarians in protecting the rights of children which addresses several of the principles outlined in the Child Protection Model Law.

To read the Model Law, please visit our website: http://www.protectionproject.org/resources/law-library/human-rights-model-laws/
Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility

In cooperation with the University of Oslo Faculty of Law and the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, The Protection Project held an international workshop on “Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility,” on November 25-26, 2013, in Oslo, Norway.

The academic seminar was designed to exchange best practices in the areas of legal ethics education and to elaborate upon exemplary codes of professional responsibility for legal professionals. The participants, which included leading specialists in legal ethics and professional responsibility from the University of Oslo and the International Bar Association (IBA), as well as experts from the United States, Germany, and the United Kingdom, had the opportunity to exchange best practices and discuss comparative standards with scholars and professors of law from the Middle East.

The purpose of the program was to discuss both the theory and practice of legal ethics, to advance the quality of legal education in the field of legal ethics, to further and advance the elaboration of and adherence to codes of professional responsibility for legal professionals, and to translate emerging best practices into new contexts. One of the main purposes of the workshop was to begin the process of drafting a Model Law on Legal Ethics, as well as a Model Course on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility for law students.

Corporate Social Responsibility

Corporate Social Responsibility Luncheon: Advancing CSR through Corporate-Academic Partnerships

On September 10, 2013, The Protection Project hosted a Corporate Social Responsibility Luncheon at The Johns Hopkins University SAIS Washington DC campus to discuss current trends in and obstacles to promoting and implementing CSR initiatives throughout the world, and specifically in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) region. The experts discussed ways in which academia can assist the corporate sector in advancing its CSR agenda and can help enhance responsible business practices, human rights, and sustainable development.

Ms. Joyce Brayboy, Vice President of the Office of Government Affairs, Goldman Sachs, Washington, DC accepted the award on behalf of Ms. Dina Habib Powell, President of Goldman Sachs Foundation and Global Head of Corporate Engagement.

The 2013 Protection Project Corporate Social Responsibility Excellence Award

Following the CSR Luncheon held at The Johns Hopkins University SAIS on September 10, 2013, The Protection Project awarded “The 2013 Protection Project Corporate Social Responsibility Excellence Award” to Ms. Dina Habib Powell, President of Goldman Sachs Foundation and Global Head of Corporate Engagement in special recognition of her efforts to promote human rights in business. The award was received by Ms. Joyce Brayboy, VP of Office of Government Affairs, Goldman Sachs, Washington, DC.

Mr. Ashraf Mahfouz, legal advisor of the Qatar Foundation for Protection and Social Rehabilitation, select faculty, and students of Kuwait International Law School, Qatar University College of Law, and Sultan Qaboos University College of Law meet to discuss their work at Kuwait International Law School.

For more information regarding our Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative, please visit our website at: http://www.protectionproject.org/areas-of-work/csr/
Clinical Legal Education

Joint Legal Clinic Meeting and Best Model Law Competition

In cooperation with the Kuwait International Law School, The Protection Project hosted a “Joint Legal Clinic Meeting” in Kuwait City, Kuwait on June 5-6, 2013. Dr. Mohammed Abdul Mohsin Al-Moqate, Dean of the Kuwait International Law School, greeted participants and discussed the missions and goals of clinical legal education. The meeting discussed the work of the law clinics at Kuwait International Law School, Qatar University College of Law, and Sultan Qaboos University College of Law during the spring semester 2013. Additionally, the Clinics collectively reviewed the domestic work model law and standard contract that had been drafted by each clinic.

To further incentivize the drafting of a comprehensive law, The Protection Project organized a Best Model Law Competition between the three legal clinics. At the close of the meeting, the three judges, Dr. Mohamed Mattar of TPP, Ms. Marie-Jose Tayeh of the ILO, and Ms. Eman Ereiqat of the IOM announced Sultan Qaboos University Law Clinic as the winner. The decision was based on a consideration of: the quality of presentation, demonstration of team spirit and responsibility sharing, technicalities and forms, and finding nexus between national realities and international standards.

SAIS International Human Rights Clinic

From January 5-11, 2014, the SAIS International Human Rights Clinic, a course taught jointly by the SAIS International Law & Organizations Program and TPP, carried out its second fact-finding mission. This year, the students researched the production of goods through child labor. One group of five students led by Julia Braunmiller traveled to Istanbul, Turkey to conduct interviews with NGOs and representatives of the private sector to learn about corporate social responsibility and other private sector initiatives aimed at combating child labor. The students also had the chance to participate in the conference “Enforcing international labor standards and combating labor trafficking: Multidisciplinary approaches” organized by TPP in Istanbul. Another group of five students supervised by Professor Tiffany Basciano spent a week in Ankara conducting interviews with government officials and members of international organizations to study the policy and legislative framework on child labor in Turkey.

Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) 7th Worldwide Conference on “Advancing Justice Education through Global Commitments and Connections”

On the dates of December 10-14, 2014, TPP’s staff members participated in the 7th Worldwide GAJE conference on “Advancing Justice Education through Global Commitments and Connections,” at the Jindal Global Law School in Sonipat, India, during which several members of The Protection Project’s Clinical Legal Education Network from legal clinics in Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, and Lebanon presented their work. The Executive Director of TPP chaired two panels on “The Status of Clinical Legal Education in the Middle East: Developments Since 2011,” and on “The Role of Legal Clinics in Combating Trafficking in Persons.”
Spotlight on The Protection Project Fellowship Program:
TPP Fellow Hossam Hassan

From June-December 2013, The Protection Project welcomed Professor Hossam Eldin Mohamed Hassan, a member of the faculty of law and assistant professor from the civil law department at Mansoura University in Egypt to conduct research as a TPP Fellow. During his Fellowship, Professor Hossam, who specializes in contract law and obligations and evidence, analyzed how manipulative clauses in the contracts of domestic workers can enhance their vulnerability to human trafficking. His research also explored the rights of victims of trafficking to remedies in accordance with contract and tort laws. During his final month as the TPP Fellow, Professor Hossam travelled with TPP to India for the Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) 7th Worldwide Conference on “Advancing Justice Education through Global Commitments and Connections”.

For more information regarding these programs, please visit our website at:
http://www.protectionproject.org/get-involved/

Legal Clinic Round-Table

On January 20-21, 2014, The Protection Project organized a round-table on clinical legal education at the Qatar University College of Law in Doha, Qatar. The event brought together members of a coalition of NGOs, religious scholars, and the private sector in a series of round-table discussions to obtain their collective input on the provisions of the “Model Law on Rights of Domestic Workers”, which was prepared by the legal clinics and revised by The Protection Project.

Over a two-day period, each provision of the model law was presented to the members of the coalition, who used their industry-specific expertise to provide insights and suggestions to further improve the model law. Professor Fawzi Belknany, Professor of Civil Law at Qatar University College of Law addressed the special nature of domestic work and the reasoning behind its exclusion from Qatari Labor Law. Deputy Director for the Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics in Qatar, Mr. Chaoiki Lazhar, discussed the rights of domestic workers in Islam while Dr. Sulaiman Al-Hosny, Judicial Expert at the Ministry of Endowment in Qatar used Islamic legal theory to equate the abuse of domestic workers with a form of oppression. Special Counselor Maryam Al-Malki and Mr. Ashraf Mahfouz, Legal Advisor, both representing the Qatar Foundation for Protection and Social Rehabilitation, addressed the challenges facing NGOs and the lack of data and statistics on the plight of domestic workers in the region and the necessity of interpreting national laws in light of international law.

For more information regarding our work on Clinical Legal Education, please visit our website at: http://www.protectionproject.org/areas-of-work/clinical-legal-education/
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New Publications


The Protection Project Review of the U.S. State Department Trafficking in Persons Report 2013, July 2013


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