TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND THE CRISIS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM
2018 CONFERENCE

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Welcome – James R. Stellar, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for University at Albany

Conference Overview – David E. Guinn, JD, PhD, Senior Associate and Research Professor, SUNY Center for International Development

9:25 – 10:45 – Session 1: Trafficking in Persons: An Overview

Moderator: Laura V. Gonzalez-Murphy, PhD, NYS Governor’s Taskforce on Trafficking,
Director, New York State Office for New Americans, Department of State

Overview of USAID Program – Vy Lam, PhD, Human Rights Fellow, US Agency for International Development, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance; Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Center, Human Rights Division

Legal Enforcement and Criminal Enterprise – Patrick J. Hannon, Director, Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center

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Moderator: Camila Campisi, Empire State Fellow, New York State Office for New Americans, NYS Governor’s Taskforce on Trafficking

Nature of USAID CVE Programming – Vy Lam, PhD, Human Rights Fellow, USAID/DCHA/DRG, Human Rights Division


12:30– 1:30 – Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 – Session 3: Researching Trafficking and Violent Extremism

Moderator: Rey Koslowski, PhD, Master of International Affairs Program Director and Professor in the Department of Political Science in Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy

Researching Trafficking and Violent Extremism:

University at Albany – Niloufer Siddiqui, PhD, Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy

Crime, Conflict and the Legitimacy Trade-off
University at Albany – Victor Asal, PhD, Chair of the Department of Public Administration and Professor in the Department of Political Science at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy; and R. Karl Rethemeyer, PhD, Interim Dean Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy and Professor in the Public Administration and Policy Department

Femicide Rates and their Relation to TIP
University at Albany – Matthew C. Ingraham, JD, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy

3:30-3:45 – Coffee Break

3:45-4:50 – Session 4: Reflections on the Intersection between VE and TIP

Moderator: David E. Guinn, SUNY Center for International Development

Panel: Laura Gonzalez-Murphy, Vy Lam, Patrick J. Hannon, Camilla Campisi, Rey Koslowski, Victor Asal, Karl Rethemeyer, Niloufer Siddiqui, Matthew Ingram.

4:50-5:00 – Closing Remarks: Gina Volynsky
Laura V. Gonzales-Murphy

Director, NY Department of State Office for New Americans

Dr. Gonzalez-Murphy has been director of the New York State Department of State, Office for New Americans (ONA) since October 2015 with a specialty in U.S. Mexico Relations/Immigration Policy, U.S. Immigration Law and Policy, and State-Civil Society Relations. She also serves as the Departments’ Language Access Coordinator. She has also been a Research Assistant Professor for the New York State Research Foundation through SUNY at Albany with the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. Before her position as a director, Dr. Gonzalez-Murphy was an Empire State Fellow with the Department of State, assisting the program administration of ONA and helping promote the Governor’s Anti-human Trafficking campaign.

Her publications include a chapter on Tackling Southern Turbulence in Imtiaz Hussain ed. "Border Governance and the Unruly South, Theory and Practice" and an analysis of the changing role played by civil society in the formulation and implementation of government policies, particularly with migration policy for Routledge titled, “Protecting Immigrant Rights in Mexico: Understanding the State-Civil Society Nexus.” Dr. Gonzalez-Murphy is a Rockefeller College alumni where she received her PhD in Comparative Politics and International Relations.
Vy Lam, PhD, Democracy Fellow on Human Rights, US Agency for International Development, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance; Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Human Rights Division

Vy Lam is a Democracy Fellow on the Human Rights Division at USAID’s Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance in Washington DC. Vy joined USAID in 2012 and works to integrate vulnerable communities and their concerns into USAID’s policies and programs. Vy has provided technical support to missions across Africa, Asia, Europe and Eurasia, and Latin America and the Caribbean on the protection of human rights and strengthening civil society. In Washington, Vy contributes to interagency discussions; reviews agency policies, guidance and operations; and provides technical assistance to field offices. Prior to joining USAID, Vy was an interdisciplinary scientist with background in bioinformatics, microbiology, cardiovascular diseases, and tissue engineering. Vy received his Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Patrick J. Hannon

Director, Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center

Mr. Patrick Hannon joined the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center (HSTC) in July 2017. The HSTC is an interagency Center, designated by law with a mission to provide multi-source and multi-agency data fusion and analysis to assist law enforcement and policymakers in preventing trafficking, protecting victims and prosecuting traffickers.

Mr. Hannon was promoted to the Senior National Intelligence Service in 2014 at which time he served as the Director, Mission Engagement Division. In this capacity, Mr. Hannon worked directly for the Intelligence Community (IC) Chief Information Officer (CIO) and interacted with stakeholders from across the IC to ensure that customers took advantage of advanced capabilities to generate new mission insights, increase their speed of delivery and improve their confidence levels. Prior to this role, Mr. Hannon served as the Chief of the Needs Analysis & Program Assessments Group for the IC CIO.

Before joining the IC CIO, Mr. Hannon served as Chief of Planning and Evaluation for the National Intelligence Manager for Counterterrorism within the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC). He also worked as a Federal Civil Servant at National Geospatial Agency (NGA) where he had previously been a consultant. Prior to his service within the IC, Mr. Hannon served with distinction as a United States Air Force Intelligence Officer.
Empire State Fellow, NY Department of State Office for New Americans

Ms. Campisi is an Empire State Fellow, joining the New York State Department of State Office for New Americans (ONA) in September 2016, developing policy and support programs for immigrants and refugees throughout New York. She currently manages the Liberty Defense Project, an initiative of Governor Cuomo to provide free legal services and direct representation to immigrants throughout New York State. Prior to her fellowship, Ms. Campisi was a UN Representative at the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) from 2010-2016, leading the organization’s work on peacebuilding with a particular focus on civil society inclusion at the United Nations. She was also an Advocate and Advocacy Associate for Refugees International from 2006-2010, where she carried out multiple assessment missions to a variety of countries in Africa and Asia, with a particular focus on advocating for the protection and humanitarian needs of refugees and internally displaced people. Her publications include co-authoring “Filling the gap: How civil society engagement can help the UN’s Peacebuilding architecture meet its purpose” and an article on "Preventing Sexual Violence" in the Democratic Republic of Congo edition of Forced Migration Review. Ms. Campisi holds a master's degree in International Relations from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

Construction Safety & Occupational Health Manager, Overseas Buildings Operations U.S. Department of State

Mr. Vincent J. Abramo is in the Career Civil Service serving in the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations at the U.S. Department of State. For the past 25 years he has managed OBO construction site safety and occupational health programs. He is responsible for the safety, health and general welfare of more than 16,000 foreign construction workers employed by large American and international contractors to perform building construction tasks on U.S. Department of State properties. Mr. Abramo deals regularly with American and foreign construction company executives as well as the hundreds of foreign construction laborers and supervisors who are in their employ. His focus is to protect the lives, dignity, and human rights of the workers.

After graduating from the University at Albany in 1967 he pursued graduate degrees at Georgetown University Graduate School of Government and the University of Lyon (France). In 2001, as part of the U.S. Department of State's part time evening master's program at the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency's National Intelligence University, he was awarded the Master of Science Strategic Intelligence with distinction. His thesis for the MSSI identified the intractable core beliefs in Ultra-Orthodox Judaism that adversely affected Israeli compromise on the 1993 Oslo accord.
Professor Koslowski’s primary teaching and research interests are in the field of international relations dealing with international organization, European integration, international migration, information technology, and homeland security. He is the author of Migrants and Citizens: Demographic Change in the European States System (Cornell University Press, 2000); editor of International Migration and the Globalization of Domestic Politics (Routledge, 2005) and co-editor (with David Kyle) of Global Human Smuggling: Comparative Perspectives (John Hopkins University Press, 2001). His articles have appeared in International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, The Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Common Market Studies, The Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, The Cambridge Journal of International Studies and The Brown Journal of World Affairs. Prior to arriving at the University at Albany, Professor Koslowski taught at Rutgers University, Newark. He has held fellowships of the Transatlantic Academy at the German Marshall Fund, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Center of International Studies at Princeton University and the Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University. His research has been supported by grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the National Science Foundation.

Niloufer Siddiqui is currently a post-doctoral fellow at Rockefeller College. In September 2018 she will join the Department of Political Science as an Assistant Professor. Niloufer completed her PhD in Political Science at Yale University in 2017. Her book project examines why political parties engage in violence and the variation in violence strategies that they employ. Other research interests include political behavior, the politics of religion and ethnicity, electoral dynamics in developing or transitioning democracies, and voters and foreign policy. Siddiqui previously worked at the International Crisis Group (ICG) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Islamabad and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in New York. She has an MA in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a BA in English from Haverford College.
R. Karl Rethemeyer is currently serving as Interim Dean of Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany - SUNY. Rethemeyer’s primary research interest is in social networks, their impact on social, political, and policy processes, and the methods used to study such networks. A graduate of Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, Rethemeyer has presented work at numerous conferences, including the Academy of Management (AOM), American Political Science Association (ASPA), Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

Additionally, through the Project on Violent Conflict, Dr. Rethemeyer is currently co-investigator for two projects. The first focuses on organizational terrorist networks and is funded by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence. Dr. Rethemeyer is also lead investigator for a second project funded by the Office of Naval Research that examines counter-insurgency efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Victor Asal**

Chair of the Department of Public Administration and Professor in the Department of Political Science at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy

Victor Asal currently serves as Chair of the Department of Public Administration and as a Professor in the Department of Political Science. He received his PhD from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is also, along with R. Karl Rethemeyer, the co-director of the Project on Violent Conflict and affiliated with START. Dr. Asal’s research focuses on the choice of violence by nonstate organizational actors as well as the causes of political discrimination by states against different groups such as sexual minorities, women and ethnic groups. In addition, Prof. Asal has done research on the impact of nuclear proliferation and on the pedagogy of simulations. Asal has been involved in research projects funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, The Department of Homeland Security, The National Science Foundation, and The Office of Naval Research.

Prof. Asal teaches courses on world and comparative politics, political violence and oppression, negotiation and research design. He has worked as a negotiation trainer in a variety of academic, governmental and military settings, and in conjunction with the ICONS Project, created simulations on varied topics. Victor Asal is also a past Director of the Center for Policy Research.
Holding a law degree (2006) and a PhD in political science (2009) from the University of New Mexico, Ingram studies the political origins of institutional change and judicial behavior in the region's justice systems, focusing on sub-national courts in Brazil and Mexico. He draws also on a family history in Mexico (dual citizen, U.S. and Mexico), extensive fieldwork in Latin America, and seven years of professional experience in law enforcement in California. Ingram’s academic work has appeared in several peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes. His book, Crafting Courts in New Democracies: The Politics of Subnational Judicial Reform in Brazil and Mexico (Cambridge University Press, 2016), examines the causal role of ideas in shaping local court reforms in Latin America's two largest democracies and markets.

Prior to arriving at Rockefeller, Ingram held post-doctoral fellowships at the UC San Diego's Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (2009-2010) and Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute (2011-2012). He was also an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (2010-2011). In 2012-2013, Ingram will offer courses in Comparative Judicial Politics, Comparative Criminal Procedure, and Latin American Politics. Prof. Ingram, born and raised in Mexico, speaks English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Dr. David E. Guinn is a Senior Associate and Research Professor of International Law and Human Rights. He is currently the Project Director for the Legislative Strengthening Program for Cote d’Ivoire and previously served as Project Director for the Afghanistan Parliamentary Assistance Project (2010-2013) and the Project to Support the Lebanese Parliament (2011-2012). Dr. Guinn also served as Chief of Party for the Afghanistan Project in 2013. Dr. Guinn has written extensively on issues of national and international human rights, pluralism and law and is currently working on two new books: Constantine's Standard: Meditations on Religion, Violence, Law, Politics and a Faith to Die For and Encyclopedia of Religion and Society (Vol. 5) - Religion, Law, Politics and Economics. Dr. Guinn obtained his law degree from Fordham University Law School and practiced entertainment and creative rights law for almost 15 years. He subsequently received an MA from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from McGill University in Montreal.
Gina Volynsky is a 25 year veteran of international development, which includes fourteen years living and working in developing countries. She has gained a deep expertise of the work, operations, and issues confronting global non-profit organizations by working with nearly every type of entity involved in international development. Gina had senior level appointments at two major multilaterals, representing the MIGA of the World Bank in Russia, and running a 27 country portfolio on trade and inclusive development for the United Nations Development Program in Central Asia and Eastern Europe. At Deloitte and Touche, Gina ran in the Ural region, the most successful of eight regional programs of USAID’s flagship economic development program in Russia. When she returned to the US, she lead the business development divisions at Crown Agents USA, and later at CARANA. Before coming to SUNY/CID she worked with USAID where she advised the agency on strategy and thought leadership of partnering with the private sector to solve development issues. Gina Volynsky has a Bachelor of Economics, and a Master of International Development.

William B. Hedberg

Senior Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

William B. Hedberg joined the University at Albany in 1974 as a grants coordinator in the Office for Research. Rising through successive positions over 37 years, Dr. Hedberg has been instrumental in the University at Albany’s growth as a modern research university. He has influenced every aspect of the academic enterprise, including personnel, budgeting, programming, support services, and academic facilities.

Serving seven provosts since joining the Office of Academic Affairs - currently as associate vice president for academic affairs - his presence contributes vitally to the continuity of university administration. He is widely admired for his deep knowledge of the institution and abiding commitment to the University’s purposes and people. His counsel is sought across the campuses for its positive, diplomatic, creative, incisive, and practical analyses of complex situations.

Dr. Hedberg received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the State University of New York College at Brockport, and his doctorate in Educational Foundations from the University at Albany. William Hedberg is a model of public service in higher education and one of SUNY’s own.
Overview of USAID Program — Vy Lam

From a development standpoint, modern slavery, also known as Trafficking in Persons (TIP), is a global human rights abuse which does not respect borders. Its perpetrators prey upon the vulnerable, threaten national and global security, corrupt global commerce, and undermine the United States’ core values and principles. The most recent 2016 estimate states that 24.9 million people are held in modern slavery, which includes labor and sex trafficking. USAID has implemented Counter-Trafficking in Persons (C-TIP) programs in 20 to 25 countries at any given time since 2001. USAID’s efforts are guided by C-TIP Policy that outlines concrete, measurable programming objectives and principles to focus and reinvigorate the Agency’s efforts. USAID is committed to integrate C-TIP activities into broader sector development programs including agriculture and economic growth. For example, in Ghana, USAID commissioned a study on child labor in agriculture, which helped inform the design of a new Sustainable Fisheries Management Program that includes a component to combat child trafficking in the fishing sector. Other principles that guide USAID C-TIP programming are to employ innovative approaches, new technologies, and dynamic partnerships. For example, the Supply Unchained Initiative piloted the use of new technologies to end human trafficking in global supply chains. Additionally, two pilot programs focused on the fishing sector in Thailand; one on carpets in India, and one on garments in Bangladesh. USAID also applies rigorous research to C-TIP work. In Peru, USAID is conducting a victim identification and reintegration survey to identify and follow a cohort of sex trafficking survivors, most of whom are women and girls, to learn about their backgrounds, circumstances, and trafficking experiences. Ensuring strong institutional accountability to combat trafficking is a critical priority for USAID. The Agency's C-TIP Code of Conduct and efforts to implement federal laws in U.S. government procurement are central to advancing this objective.
Legal Enforcement and Criminal Enterprise – Patrick J. Hannon

Human trafficking is a pervasive problem. It rivals, if not dwarfs other well-known problems such as terrorism. Human Trafficking is a global epidemic and it impacts all walks of life, either directly in the form of its victims, or indirectly through its impacts on society. Not only are the victims diverse, the traffickers themselves represent a broad range of criminals. Among the obvious, its high profit and low risk have converted many drug traffickers into human traffickers. When asked why they started trafficking humans instead of drugs, one former drug trafficker stated, "you can only sell drugs once, where as humans can be sold many times over". Other [recent] trafficking criminals include a minister and his wife, the head of a Bible School, a navy sailor, a cheerleader, a firefighter, and a real-estate agent. The Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center (HSTC) is a legislatively designated Center created in 2005 to combat human trafficking. The Center, which is co-administered by the Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, and the Department of Justice, works across the government to enhance collaboration and to develop and deliver intelligence to law enforcement stakeholders and policy-makers alike. My talk will discuss the above, compare human trafficking and terrorism, as well as delve into trends, patterns, vulnerabilities, areas where the non-government community can provide assistance.

Nature of USAID CVE Programming – Vy Lam

USAID’s policy on The Development Response to Violent Extremism and Insurgency provides the framework for using development tools in responding to violent extremism. Building on a growing knowledge base, the policy identifies those factors, or drivers, that can favor the rise of violent extremism include: structural “push” factors such as high levels of social marginalization and fragmentation; poorly governed or ungoverned areas; government repression and human rights violations; endemic corruption and elite impunity; and cultural threat perceptions, and “pull” factors that have a direct influence on individual level radicalization and recruitment include access to material resources, social status and respect from peers; a sense of belonging, adventure, and self-esteem or personal empowerment that individuals and groups that have long viewed themselves as victimized and marginalized can derive from the feeling that they are making history; and the prospect of achieving glory and fame. USAID’s policy affirms the importance of the development discipline and its distinct /critical role in addressing these critical national security and development challenges. This includes USAID’s focus on sustainability and building ownership and capacity at all levels.
Addressing Trafficking and Violent Extremism in Procurement — Vincent J. Abramo

The global construction industry is often found to be complicit in the trafficking and exploitation of young construction workers. These workers, recruited through labor brokers on false pretenses, toil on many large construction projects throughout the world. Millions of semi-skilled laborers are being exploited today to meet the labor demands of these mega construction projects. In particular, young men born in regions of economic distress have continuously been prime targets for recruitment and trafficking by unscrupulous labor profiteers. By virtue of socio-economic environmental conditions, they are also vulnerable to recruitment by perpetuators of violent extremism.

The U.S. Department of State, since 1924, has had the responsibility to design, construct and maintain U.S. Embassy and U.S. Consulate buildings in locations throughout the world, wherever there is an official U.S. Government presence. In the procurement of these building construction services, the U.S. Department of State construction program (valued at 2.5 billion annually) must rely on foreign laborers in the employ of both U.S. and foreign contractors to perform the work. In this presentation, Vincent Abramo will discuss how the Department of State has structured and refined its procurement practices, through executive order and the enactment of federal regulation, to check the abuse of labor, trafficking and support for violent extremism. Mr. Abramo has over 25 years’ experience at the U.S. State Department’s Bureau Overseas Buildings Operations.

Session 3: Researching Trafficking and Violent Extremism

USAID Research Strategies for TIP and VE — Vy Lam

USAID seeks to inform DRG strategic planning and project design with the very best theory, evidence, and practical guidance. USAID's Strategy on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) reaffirmed USAID’s commitment to “generate, analyze, and disseminate rigorous, systematic, and publicly accessible evidence in all aspects of DRG policy, strategy, and program development, implementation, and evaluation.” The research that USAID supports, along with contributions from other stakeholders, makes a valuable contribution to advance understanding of TIP and VE challenges and support evidence-based programming. In the Philippines, USAID is fielding a survey to gauge TIP prevalence nationally, and then conduct more extensive surveys in areas with the highest rates. In Cambodia, USAID has completed baseline data collection for the Agency’s first-ever impact evaluation of a counter-trafficking program, assessing the effectiveness of livelihoods activities in reducing trafficking vulnerabilities. In Peru, we are in the initial stages of conducting a victim identification and reintegration study.
Reseaching Trafficking and Violent Extremism — Niloufer Siddiqui

A concerted effort has been underway in recent years to assess the causes and consequences of violent extremism. While some answers have emerged, many more questions remain open. At the individual level, theories have been proposed about what leads people to join militant groups and participate in violent activity. At the group level, scholars have studied the effectiveness of various militant groups, their recruitment strategies, and their organizational structure, hoping that these focus areas would provide insight into their mode of fighting and likelihood of success. Perhaps most critically, questions remain about the best ways to counter violent extremism.

Explaining Variation in Insurgents’ Participation in Crime — Victor Asal, R. Karl Rethemeyer and presenting work done with Eric Schoon

Insurgent organizations have become major players in criminal enterprises around the world. However, research examining why some participate in crime while others do not, remains underdeveloped. Examining newly collected annual data on 140 insurgent groups from 1998 to 2012, we will look at the conditions driving insurgents’ participation in drug-crimes, extortion, smuggling, kidnapping for ransom, and robbery. We find that control of territory positively impacts involvement in all types of crime. However, we also find notable differences in the conditions driving participation in episodic crimes versus crimes that require institutional investments. Institutional crimes are, with the exception of smuggling, more likely to occur as insurgent groups age. Whereas efforts to cultivate legitimacy—as indicated by the ongoing provision of social services – substantially reduces the probability of involvement in episodic crimes. We will discuss how this latter effect is reflective of a legitimacy tradeoff that emerges for groups pursuing both social support and material resources.

Femicide Rates and their Relation to TIP — Matthew C. Ingram

Prof. Matthew Ingram will present on his work on violence in Latin America which is, in ways, aimed at detecting latent phenomena such as human trafficking. For instance, in a paper on the geo-spatial distribution of homicides across Brazil’s municipalities, Ingram and his co-author found concentrated pockets of homicides in which victims were consistently women. Since women are generally the victims of human trafficking, the authors proposed that one of the underlying explanations/mechanisms for this result could be the trafficking of women from these communities. They are also currently pursuing a related paper on femicide in the state of Sao Paulo, and concurrently Ingram is pursuing similar research in Mexico. Each of these studies utilize spatial statistics which allow the observer to see how changes in one community impact the outcome of patterns in nearby communities. One of Prof. Ingram’s goals is to detect whether socio-economic patterns affecting women in one community (e.g. female unemployment, kidnapping, disappearances, etc.) impact femicide rates in other communities. Any positive correlation could be interpreted as an indication of Trafficking in Persons (TIP).
Logistics for this conference were facilitated by Hairat Ajose, Matthew Ciotti, and Mia Nilo, three second year Master of International Affairs graduate students who partnered with the Center for International Development (CID) to fulfill their degree’s capstone project requirement. Matt and Mia, as aspiring Public Diplomacy Foreign Service Officers, regard organizing this conference as an opportunity to hone their skills in public affairs. With a concentration in Global Public Management, Hairat is interested in a career international development work. This event has been an opportunity for the Capstone Team to not only get an in depth look at this emerging conversation about the intersection of human trafficking and violent extremism, and international development, and to gain experience in event management and all the challenges it entails, from budgets to staffing and catering to marketing.

CID Internships

Some of the volunteers working on the conference are current CID Interns. Toby Greenfield, Paige Goerig, Sameer Modasra, and Adi Porat come from a range of academic disciplines at UAlbany, but are all interested in becoming future international development practitioners. CID offers internships year round and gives students the opportunity to start working on real-life international development projects right here in Albany. For example, CID has been working with students to analyze the work CID has done in Kenya for the past three years on improving public education. CID and its team of interns are also identifying new ways that the university can help people in developing countries by working with the US government and other organizations active internationally, including hosting public events like this conference meant to reach out to anyone with professional or academic interest in human trafficking and combatting violent extremism.
SSTEP

The mission of Students Stopping the Trafficking and Exploitation of People is to stand in solidarity to express our outrage at the many forms of human trafficking the exist in our world today and to assert their belief that everyone has a role in ending modern slavery. Their activities include holding fundraising events with organizations like The Lifeway Network in NYC, My Sisters Place in White Plains, sponsoring a petition to promote legislation that prevents children who have been trafficked from having to testify in court, helping draft a petition alongside a NYS Assembly woman to raise the minimum age to get married from 14 to 17 which was successfully signed into legislation in June 2017, and collaborating to support a training on Perspectives of Human Trafficking in the Capitol Region.

MEUT

The Model European union team (MEUT) is a group of students that study, research, and ultimately simulate the functions of the European union at an internationally renowned conference. The team has long been the most awarded group to participate in the SUNYMEU conference, racking up dozens of awards year after year. The MEUT is proud to continuously be recognized for academic excellence and works hard to be the best.

Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Delta Eta Chapter

APO’s mission is to assemble college students in a National Service Fraternity in the Fellowship of principles derived from the Scout Oath and Law of the Boy Scouts of America; to develop Leadership, to promote Friendship, and to provide Service to humanity; and to further the freedom that is our national, education, and intellectual Heritage. APO members/Brothers provide service to the nation, community, campus, and their fraternity. During a relatively brief pledging process, prospective "little" brothers learn about the history of the fraternity, while participating in service, fellowship, and fundraising events. They provide many opportunities to become a leader, and work on leadership skills such as getting involved in the Executive Boards ("E-Board") of the Brotherhood, or the Pledge class.

Student Group Participation
USAID has supported Counter-Trafficking in Persons (C-TIP) programs in over 68 countries and regions since 2001. USAID has endeavored to engage in innovative, private sector partnership approaches to C-TIP under the Supply Unchained Initiative - particularly to better identify and counter human trafficking in the fishing industry. USAID’s C-TIP approach follows the 4Ps: Prevention of trafficking through awareness-raising and addressing root causes, Protection of victims and survivors, Prosecution of traffickers by building government law enforcement capacity, and Partnership building for a strengthened response.

In 2012, USAID launched a Counter-Trafficking in Persons (C-TIP) Policy [PDF, 344K] to reinvigorate and further focus the agency’s C-TIP efforts. The policy emphasizes five key objectives:

- Integration of C-TIP activities into broader development programs
- Rigorous research on C-TIP programming through surveys and impact evaluations
- Institutional accountability within USAID to combat trafficking
- Investments in critical trafficking challenge countries
- Increase C-TIP activities in conflict and crisis-affected areas

Learn more [https://www.usaid.gov/trafficking](https://www.usaid.gov/trafficking)
The Department of State (State) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) are elevating and expanding our ongoing efforts to Counter Violent Extremism (CVE). In order to better support the CVE partnerships built over the past decade and to carry forth the White House CVE Summit work, the Department has released the Department of State and USAID Joint Strategy on Countering Violent Extremism. The Strategy will guide U.S. efforts to leverage the full range of diplomatic and development resources to prevent and counter the spread of violent extremism.

In May of 2016, in order put an end to the threat of terrorism, the Department of State and USAID formulated a National Security Strategy calling for a sustainable approach in countering all aspects of violent extremism.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Expand international partnerships, and nurture the necessary expertise to better understand violent extremism
2. Encourage partner governments to utilize more effective policies to counter violent extremism (including changing unhelpful practices)
3. Utilize foreign assistance programs to combat political, social, and economic factors which contribute to violent extremism
4. Empower local voices to change the perception of violent extremist groups and their ideologies
5. Encourage and ensure the reintegration of previously radicalized citizens

Implementation Strategies to Achieve Objectives:

1. Enhancing CVE Diplomacy
2. CVE Strategic Communication
3. Expanding Rule of Law and Development Programs to Advance CVE
4. Promoting Research and Learning
5. Elevating CVE within Broader U.S Foreign Policy

https://www.state.gov/j/ct/
https://www.state.gov/j/cve/
https://www.usaid.gov/countering-violent-extremism
In 2007, the New York State Social Services Law §483-ee established an interagency task force co-chaired by the Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Office for Temporary and Disability Assistance. Eight other state agencies participate in the task force:

- Office of Victim Services
- Department of Health
- Department of Labor
- Division of State Policy
- Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
- Office of Children and Family Services
- Office of Mental Health
- Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
- State Police

The various duties of this task force include collecting and organizing data on the nature of human trafficking, identifying federal, state, and local social service programs for victims, developing recommendations for prevention, protecting and assisting victims, establishing protocols among and between governmental organizations, law enforcement and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and evaluating and recommending strategies to increase public awareness of human trafficking and training programs. This task force facilitates a collaborative response from individuals in various agencies throughout New York State who endeavor to respond collectively in the fight against human trafficking.

Learn more
- [http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/pio/humantrafficking.htm](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/pio/humantrafficking.htm)
HUMAN SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING CENTER

FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND
Section 7202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA) established the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center (HSTC) to achieve greater integration and overall effectiveness in the U.S. Government’s enforcement and other response efforts to address the separate but related issues of human smuggling, human trafficking, and criminal facilitation of clandestine terrorist travel. In 2015, a National Security Council Deputies Committee refocused the HSTC’s mission on human trafficking exclusively, in recognition of the creation and advancement of other entities managing the other mission sets.

MISSION and OBJECTIVES
The HSTC is an interagency center whose mission is to provide multi-source and multi-agency data fusion and analysis to assist law enforcement and policymakers in preventing trafficking, protecting victims and prosecuting traffickers. HSTC objectives are to:
- Enhance collaborative information-sharing capabilities;
- Leverage interagency anti-trafficking subject matter expertise; and
- Provide fused analysis of data to facilitate detection, investigation and prosecution.

FUNCTIONS and ACTIVITIES
Human trafficking is a serious human rights issue both domestically and across the globe. The HSTC brings together law enforcement, intelligence, and diplomacy specialists from U.S. government agencies to convert information into intelligence that enables law enforcement, policy and diplomatic actions.

More specifically, the HSTC:
- Maintains, structures, correlates, and fuses trafficking information in accordance with protection and dissemination protocols;
- Interacts with stakeholders to understand their needs and requirements;
- Identifies information and intelligence gaps;
- Collaborates with interagency partners on issues of common concern; and
- Prepares and disseminates operational and strategic-level analysis on trafficking tactics, techniques and procedures.

Please direct any information, questions, or comments regarding this fact sheet to the HUMAN SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING CENTER, (202) 312-9746, HSTC@STATE.GOV
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In alignment with the University’s mission and the charge of the office, the ODI offers the following support to the University community:

• Provides support and resources for academic and professional staff recruitment and hiring efforts.
• Provides consultation & mediation on allegations and/or inquiries related to discrimination and sexual harassment/sexual assault.
• Educates and monitors the campus community on policies and procedures related to civil rights laws and regulations.
• Facilitates opportunities to dialogue and participate in activities and initiatives that encourage the exchange of different ideas and perspectives and promotes the development of inclusive working and learning environments.

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- Trafficking and Counter-Trafficking Factsheets from DOS, USAID, NYS Interagency Taskforce
- Intersection of CVE and Human Trafficking Literature Review and Data Analysis
- Issue briefs and summaries concerning CVE
- A comprehensive list of official USG positions on CVE and Human Trafficking

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