

Counter Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia (SEA)

LECTURERS AND EXPERTS



Simon Baker

Trafficking Expert

Simon Baker is a researcher and monitoring and evaluation expert who has worked on issues related to children such as education, child prostitution, child labour, human trafficking, reproductive health, poverty, HIV/AIDS and migration for over 20 years in Asia.

His research has focused on operation research, surveys, population size estimates of trafficked victims, among children, female sex workers, trafficking victims, migrant workers, men who

have sex with men, injecting drug users, at-risk youth and getting communities to develop edutainment materials related to health.



Sebastian Boll

Regional Research Specialist, UN Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons (UN-ACT)

Sebastian Boll is the Regional Research Specialist at the United Nations Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons (UN-ACT), a regional anti human trafficking project of the United Nations Development Programme based in Bangkok with offices in the six Greater Mekong Sub-Region countries.

He has worked on research with UN-ACT and its predecessor, the United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking, originally in LAO PDR and later from Thailand. Prior to that, he worked with an international foundation on labour issues in Vietnam.

**Mark Capaldi**

ECPAT Head of Research; Lecturer at the Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University

Mark Capaldi has a doctorate degree with the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRPS) at Mahidol University, Bangkok. The research topic of his dissertation was children's agency within independent child migration in Thailand.

He is now a full time lecturer at the IHRPS where he manages courses, carries out research and teaches under the Institute's various academic programmes.

His research areas of particular interest include issues around child rights, ethical approaches to researching vulnerable groups, and human trafficking and migration. Much of this work has been in South and East Asia, where Mark has lived for over 20 years where he worked with Concern Worldwide, PACT Inc. and Save the Children UK. As Deputy Director of ECPAT International (2001-2011), Mark Capaldi supported a wide range of programming in all regions of the world, including areas such as: combating child sex tourism; legal reform; care and protection; preventing exploitation of children through the internet and information technology; anti-trafficking initiatives; and the promotion of child and youth participation. From June 2011 to April 2018, Mark Capaldi took on the role of ECPAT's Head of Research and Policy.

**Borislav Gerasimov**

Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) and Editor of The Anti-Trafficking Review

Borislav Gerasimov is the Communications and Advocacy Coordinator at the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women and the Editor of Anti-Trafficking Review. He holds a degree in English Philology from the University of Sofia and has previously worked at Animus Association, Bulgaria (2001-2009) and La Strada International, the Netherlands (2009-2016).

Borislav Gerasimov holds a degree in English Philology from the University of Sofia and has previously worked for our Bulgarian member Animus Association (2001-2009) and our European member La Strada International (2009-2016).

Prof. Muntarbhorn has extensive experience in research, policy development and advocacy in the field of sexual orientation and gender identity. He was the Co-Chairperson of the drafting committee of the Yogyakarta Principles on the Application of International Human Rights Law in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity in 2006. He is the author of many publications on human rights issues, including sexual orientation and gender identity.



Ussarin Kaewpradap

Program Officer at Solidarity Center

Ussarin Kaewpradap grew up in trade union family, she has been involved in trade union activities since she was little, marching along the street with her mother who is a union leader. After she finished her undergraduate studies she continued to her master studies in Human Rights at the Institute for Human Rights and Peace, Mahidol University, with a thesis on "Violation against Trade Union Rights in Thailand".

Ussarin worked for 7 years as the International Affairs Specialist at the State Enterprises Workers' Relations Confederation (SERC), a national trade union center affiliated to the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). She has also been working closely with the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) to promote freedom of association and rights to collective bargaining for workers in the aviation sector.

She has also worked closely with Swedish trade union to promote rights to organize trade unions for the Swedish MNCs in Thailand. When she worked with SERC she was involved in several projects for more rights to organize unions for migrant workers in all sectors (fishing, seafood processing industry, and construction, among others) in Thailand, even though the Thai Labor Relations Act (1975) does not allow migrant workers to organize.



Anna Olsen

Independent expert on trafficking

Anna Olsen is taking part in this course as an independent expert on trafficking. She has worked for many years on migrant worker issues and is currently a Technical Specialist with the Tripartite Action to Enhance the Contribution of Labour Migration to Growth and Development in TRIANGLE in ASEAN project.

In this role, she works on legal and policy development, assisting with capacity building activities, providing support in drafting of legislation to protect migrants and managing activities for providing direct support to migrant workers in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia. Prior to this role, Anna worked more broadly on issues of human trafficking, labour migration, child protection and women's rights in South East Asia. She was based in Cambodia for over five years, working with the Ministry of Women's Affairs as a technical assistant to the Minister, The Asia Foundation as the Prosecution Project Officer for the Counter-Trafficking in Persons Project and with UNICEF and ILO as a consultant on child protection and legislative analysis.

COORDINATOR



Mike Hayes

Programme Director, Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Asia Pacific

Mike Hayes is a lecturer at Mahidol's Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies. His research interests include non-citizen rights, and human rights and migration. He provides professional training to a range of people and organizations in areas such as the Rights Based Approach, and human rights advocacy.

Currently he works with other faculty on developing the capacity of Southeast Asian lecturers to teach and research human rights. At the IHRP he was involved in the establishment of the PhD program and the regional master's program.