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Non-Credit Course: The Past and Present of Slavery - Developing a Strategic Response

Session 1: The Global Slave Trade from Early History to the Present Day

Speaker: Professor Trevor Burnard



Trevor Burnard is the Wilberforce Professor of Slavery and Emancipation at the University of Hull and the Director of the Wilberforce Institute. Between 2011 and 2019 he was Professor of American History and Head of School (2011-18) in the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne, where he has been a faculty member since February 2011. In addition to many articles, book chapters and edited books on the Caribbean and the Chesapeake, Trevor has written the following monographs. One was

Creole Gentlemen: The Maryland Elite 1690-1776 (New York and London: Routledge, 2002) and a prize-winning study of a Jamaican slave overseer, *Mastery, Tyranny, and Desire: Thomas Thistlewood and His Slaves in the Anglo-Jamaican World* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004). He has published a study of plantation societies in late seventeenth and eighteenth-century British North America and the West Indies in the American Beginnings Series called *Planters, Merchants, and Slaves: Plantation Societies in British America, 1650-1820* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015). In June 2016, he published a co-authored comparative study of colonialism and slavery (with John Garrigus of University of Texas at Arlington) called *The Plantation Machine: Atlantic Capitalism in French Saint-Domingue and British Jamaica* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016). In 2020 he published two syntheses – *The Atlantic in World History, 1492- 1830* (London: Bloomsbury) and *Britain in the Wider World* (London: Routledge) – and a monograph on mid to late eighteenth-century Jamaica, *Jamaica in the Age of Revolution* (Philadelphia: Pennsylvania). He has been the editor-in-chief of the Oxford Bibliography Online in Atlantic History since 2009.

Readings:

* Trevor Burnard “Terror, Horror, and the British Atlantic Slave Trade in the Eighteenth Century,” in [Robert Antony, Stuart Carroll and Caroline Dodds Pennock, eds., *The Cambridge World History of Violence*](#), vol. 3: *AD1500-AD1800* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020), ch.1.

Trevor Burnard, “The Atlantic Slave Trade,” in [Gad Heuman and Trevor Burnard, eds., *The Routledge History of Slavery*](#) (Routledge: London, 2010), 80-98

[Nicholas Radburn & David Eltis, Visualizing the Middle Passage: The Brooks and the Reality of Ship Crowding in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Volume 49, Number 4, Spring 2019, pp. 533-565](#)

Useful Websites:

<https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199730414/obo-9780199730414-0053.xml?rskey=njaBZW&result=2&q=atlantic+slave+trade#firstMatch>

<https://slavevoyages.org/>

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/>

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/series/cambridge-world-history-of-slavery/23FA76D353956CE0B10BD4EAED4485B9>

* Recommended reading for the session.

Session 2: Britain's Own History of Slavery

Speakers: Dr Faridah Zaman and Professor Alex Balch



Dr Faridah Zaman is Associate Professor of the History of Britain and the World at the University of Oxford, and Tutor of Modern History at Somerville College. Dr Zaman is a historian of the modern British Empire, South Asia and global intellectual history.

After completing her PhD at the University of Cambridge, she held a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago from 2015-2018.

Currently, she has two main areas of research. The first is a study of Muslim political activists, religious scholars, journalists and poets in early twentieth century British India. She situates developments in the thought of these figures within a history of worldwide war, political revolution and imperial decline. The second research area concerns history as an academic discipline in Britain from the late eighteenth century, and its relationship to the expansion and legitimisation of empire. To date, she has also written on memory and nostalgia, heritage and imperial visual culture and political visions of the future in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.



Alex Balch is a professor of politics at the University of Liverpool with research interests in policies on immigration and modern slavery. He has experience designing and implementing programmes and providing leadership in a diverse range of national and international contexts. He currently leads the Antislavery Knowledge Network which seeks to apply innovative methods to tackle modern slavery across Sub-Saharan Africa, funded by the UK Government's Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) via the national Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). He is also Acting Director of Research at the Policy and Evidence Centre on Modern Slavery and Human Rights based at the Bingham Centre which

seeks to enhance understanding of modern slavery and transform the effectiveness of laws and policies designed to overcome it.

Readings:

* [Catherine Hall, Nicholas Draper et al, *Legacies of British Slave-ownership: Colonial Slavery and the Formation of Victorian Britain* \(CUP, 2014\) esp. Introduction and Chapter 3](#)

[David Olusoga, *Black and British: A Forgotten History* \(Penguin, 2017\)](#)

[James Walvin, *Making the Black Atlantic: Britain and the African Diaspora* \(Bloomsbury, 2016\)](#)

[Eric Williams, *Capitalism & Slavery* \(University of North Carolina Press, originally published 1944, 1994\) esp Chapters 5 and 7](#)

* [*The Modern Slavery Agenda: Policy, Politics and Practice in the UK* \(eds. G Craig, A Balch, H Lewis and L Waite\) \(Policy Press, 2019\) Editorial Introduction: The Modern Slavery Agenda – Policy, Politics and Practice](#)

* Recommended readings for the session.

Session 3: Slavery and Trafficking in the UK Today

Speakers: Emma Crates and Professor Bernard Silverman



Emma Crates is Prevention Lead at the Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, working with industry, the public sector, enforcement bodies and NGOs to develop more effective ways of detecting and fighting modern slavery in the workplace.

A former business journalist, Emma has written for a variety of publications, covering the built environment, supply chains, technology and human rights. She has been researching modern slavery since 2014 and is author of three reports on modern slavery for the Chartered Institute of Building, examining how business models, recruitment and procurement practices can contribute to exploitation, both domestically and internationally.

Before joining the IASC office, she worked closely with CIOB on industry engagement with anti-slavery initiatives. In her current role Emma is exploring best practice, drivers of change and the role that technology can play in detecting and preventing exploitation. She is also interested in industry initiatives to support survivors in their recovery.



Bernard Silverman is Professor of Modern Slavery Statistics at the Rights Lab, University of Nottingham. He is a statistician whose research has ranged widely across theoretical and practical aspects of statistics. His focus has been on computational statistics, researching the ways that computing power has changed our ability to collect, analyse, understand and utilise data.

He has collaborated in many scientific fields, and with various areas of industry and government. After an academic career, he spent seven years as Chief Scientific Adviser to the Home Office.

He now works freelance, with roles including research, consultancy, and expert advice. His [current portfolio](#) encompasses modern slavery, security, official statistics, and science and technology for policy, business and government.

Readings:

Justine Nolan & Boersma Martijn, *Addressing Modern Slavery* (Sydney: UNSW Press, 2019)

* [Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Annual Report 2019-2020](#)

[Bernard Silverman, TEDx Whitehall talk given at the Royal Society, 2018](#)

[Operation Fort: What Businesses should learn from the UK's largest anti-slavery prosecution \(June 2020\)](#)

[Bernard Silverman, *Modern Slavery: An Application of Multiple Systems Estimation* \(November 2014\)](#)

[Bernard Silverman, *Understanding the nature of modern slavery in the UK* \(March 2020\)](#)

[Bernard Silverman, *Symposium: Demonstrating Risks is not the Same as Estimating Prevalence* \(December 2018\)](#)

[Centre for Social Justice, *It Still Happens Here: Fighting UK Slavery in the 2020s* \(July 2020\), Appendix, pp. 78-79](#)

Useful websites:

<https://www.antislaverycommissioner.co.uk/>

<https://www.bernardsilverman.co.uk/>

<http://www.kalayaan.org.uk/>

<https://www.antislavery.org/>

<https://www.stopthetraffik.org/>

* Recommended reading for the session.

Session 4: Policing and Prosecution

Speakers: Phil Brewer and Philippa Southwell



Phil Brewer is Director of Intelligence at STOP THE TRAFFIK (STT), a global charity combatting modern slavery and human trafficking through collaboration with a diverse range of partners. He is also a specialist advisor on modern slavery at the Human Trafficking Foundation.

Phil was a Police Officer for nearly 30 years' service, retiring from the London Metropolitan Police in September 2019 as Detective Superintendent and head of the Met's Modern Slavery Unit. In addition to this role, Phil sat on a number of national modern slavery working groups as well as regularly representing UK Policing at the Europol Trafficking Human Beings Expert Group (Project Phoenix). At the 2019 Anti-Slavery Day Awards, Phil was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the fight against modern slavery. Phil is also at St Mary's University, Twickenham, studying for a master's in human trafficking, migration and organised crime.



Philippa Southwell is Managing Director of Southwell & Partners. She was called to the bar of England and Wales in 2009 as a Barrister, having cross qualified she practices as a Solicitor Advocate. Prior to founding Southwell and Partners she set up and headed the human trafficking and modern slavery department at leading criminal firm Birds Solicitors. Philippa is also Managing Director of the Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery Expert Directory.

Philippa is an award-winning and internationally recognised lawyer in the field of modern slavery law. She was called to give evidence as a legal expert in the Home Affairs Committee Modern Slavery Inquiry. Philippa drafted the Law Society practice notes on human trafficking and was advisor to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in relation to the UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015. Philippa has acted in most of the significant and leading cases involving victims of modern slavery and forced criminality of the last decade, including *R v L & Ors* [2013] EWCA Crim 991 and representing five of the six applicants in the specially convened victims of trafficking court before the Lord Chief Justice *R v VSJ et al* [2017] EWCA Crim 36. She has acted

at all levels, representing the interests of victims of trafficking, including during police station investigation stage, as well as in the Magistrates Court, Crown Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights.

Readings:

[Philippa Southwell, Michelle Brewer, Ben Douglas-Jones QC, *Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Law and Practice* \(Bloomsbury 2018\)](#)

* [Middleton, B., Antonopoulos, G. A. and Papanicolaou, G. \(2019\) 'The Financial Investigation of Human Trafficking in the UK: Legal and Practical Perspectives', *The Journal of Criminal Law*, 83\(4\), pp. 284–293.](#)

* [R v VSJ \[2017\] EWCA Crim 36](#)

* [The Crown Prosecution Service, *Human Trafficking, Smuggling and Slavery: Legal Guidance, International and Organised Crime* \(April 2020\)](#)

[College of Policing, *Major Investigation and Public Protection: Modern Slavery*](#)

* Recommended readings for the session.

Session 5: Protection, Support and Assistance of Survivors

Speakers: Ahmed Aydeed and Kate Garbers



Ahmed Aydeed is director of public law at Duncan Lewis Solicitors. Specialising in public law and human rights, he regularly acts for NGOs and legally aided individuals in complex systemic challenges. Ahmed has been responsible for a series of high impact cases in the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights.

Ahmed gave evidence at the Home Affairs Select Committee's Inquiry into Modern Slavery. He was shortlisted by ECPAT for the Children's Champion award 2019, and was awarded the Marsh Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Fight Against Modern Slavery at the 2019 Anti-Slavery Day Awards.

Ahmed won the Black Solicitors Network Rising Star (Private Practice) at the 2019 Diversity Legal Awards. He was also awarded Junior Lawyer of the Year at the 2017 Law Society Excellence Awards, and was Highly Commended in 2018 and 2020 as Human Rights Lawyer of the Year.



Kate Garbers is a founder and former Director of Unseen, a charity working towards a world without slavery by working directly with exploited people whilst also tackling the wider systemic issues of slavery. Kate recently left her directorship role with Unseen but is assisting the organisation and the wider sector in her capacity as a modern slavery consultant.

Kate developed the Anti-Slavery Partnership, an innovative model to bring together a range of partners and agencies working across the sector. She co-chaired the regional partnership with Avon and Somerset Constabulary. She continues to be a member of the Modern Slavery Implementation Group with a focus on Victim Care. This group reports directly to the Minister and the Modern Slavery Unit (Home Office) on issues that impact and effect victims of slavery in the UK.

Kate is regarded as an expert on trafficking; she contributed to the Modern Slavery Act and the National Referral Mechanism Review and recently was invited to write a

research paper for the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. She has advised, collaborated with law enforcement, statutory agencies and businesses to assist them to identify and eradicate modern slavery in their sectors.

Readings:

* <https://www.theguardian.com/news/2019/jul/26/vietnamese-cannabis-farms-children-enslaved>

[Modern Slavery Act 2015 – Statutory Guidance for England and Wales](#)

[K and AM v Secretary of State for the Home Department & Ors, \[2018\] EWHC 2951 \(Admin\)](#)

[NN v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2019\] EWHC 766 \(Admin\)](#)

[NN and LP v Secretary of State for the Home Department, \[2019\] EWHC 1003 \(Admin\)](#)

Useful Websites:

<https://www.unseenuk.org/>

<https://www.aspartnership.org.uk/>

<https://atleu.org.uk/>

* Recommended reading for the session.

Session 6: Exploitation, Business and Human Rights

Speakers: Patricia Carrier and Qiraat Cunningham



Patricia Carrier is a Project Manager with the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre. Her work focuses on company reporting under the UK Modern Slavery Act and she manages the Modern Slavery Registry. She has published several reports on the quality of reporting by the FTSE 100 companies, and conducted the compliance audit of over 16,000 companies for the Home Office.

Prior to joining the Centre, Patricia worked as a researcher on human rights issue at various organizations in London including Amnesty International, Interights, the UN supported Principles of Responsible Investment (PRI) and ShareAction. Patricia is a licensed attorney in the U.S., qualified solicitor in England and Wales, and holds an LLM in Public International Law from the University of Oslo.



Qiraat Cunningham is the policy lead for transparency in supply chains in the Modern Slavery Unit (MSU) at the Home Office. Qiraat was previously the deputy head of International Policy in the MSU. Prior to joining the MSU, Qiraat worked on education policy at the Department for Education and Ofsted.

Readings:

[Shelley Marshall, *Living Wage: Regulatory Solutions to Informal and Precarious Work in Global Supply Chains* \(OUP, 2019\)](#)

* [Lisa K.E. Hsin, *Modern slavery in law: towards continuums of exploitation*, *Australian Journal of Human Rights* \(2020\)](#)

* Recommended readings for the session.

[Operation Fort: What Businesses should learn from the UK's largest anti-slavery prosecution \(June 2020\)](#)*

[Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, FTSE 100 & the UK Modern Slavery Act: From Disclosure to Action \(2018\)](#)

[Genevieve LeBaron & Andreas Rühmkorf, Steering CSR Through Home State Regulation: A Comparison of the Impact of the UK Bribery Act and Modern Slavery Act on Global Supply Chain Governance \(2017\)](#)

[Genevieve LeBaron, The Global Business of Forced Labour](#)*

[Ethical Trading Initiative, Base Code Guidance: Modern Slavery](#)

Examples of Modern Slavery Statements:

<https://www.co-operative.coop/ethics/modern-slavery>

https://www.asosplc.com/~/_media/Files/A/Asos-V2/documents/modern-slavery-statement-2019-2020.pdf