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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Special Section: The human trafficking - organized crime nexus: Overlaps, vulnerabilities, and responses

Deadline for submissions of abstracts and LOIs: 15 August 2021

The overlaps between human trafficking and other forms of organized crime have been widely recognised. However, policy responses frequently adopt siloed approaches, viewing human trafficking in isolation. Recognising this, this special section aims to explore and advance the discourse on the overlaps between human trafficking and other organized crime markets, including drug trafficking, extortion, illicit trade, counterfeiting, and environmental crime. Overlaps may (i) be spatial - with a range of criminal activities operating in hubs or illicit flow corridors; (ii) relate to the actors involved in the different markets; or (iii) refer to other intersections (e.g. be linked in the laundering of funds, or leverage overlapping protection structures). The special section also seeks to shed light on the current gaps and challenges in response frameworks and approaches adopted to counter contexts where human trafficking and other criminal markets overlap.

We encourage contributions which explore the mapping of illicit geography and examine geographical convergence. This includes researching the characteristics which shape the emergence of hubs or hotspots of illicit activity where human trafficking overlaps with other illicit markets.¹ These spaces where human trafficking intersects with other illicit activities may include casinos, sports events, tourist hotspots, areas of natural resource exploration, borderlands.

In analysing response frameworks, we look forward to receiving contributions exploring promising approaches to addressing the intersection of human trafficking and other crime types. Examples include:

- the strengths and challenges of using international targeted sanctions (including those issued by the UN Security Council Sanctions, the EU, US, ECOWAS UN) as a tool to address human trafficking, including its links to conflict and terrorism, and the opportunities presented by the US, and more recently UK, EU and Canadian, human rights sanctions regimes;
- analyses of response frameworks adopted by financial institutions to address money laundering and corruption as enablers of human trafficking; and
- challenges and opportunities relating to regional cooperation to address human trafficking flows and intersections with other criminal markets.

We invite contributions from around the world and a broad range of disciplines, including anthropology, geography, sociology, criminology, political science, and international relations. In addition to full length research papers, we also invite policy analyses especially from activists, NGO leaders, or practitioners. In their contributions, authors are invited to engage with, but need not limit themselves to, the following themes and questions:

- contexts where forced labour, including child trafficking, is used in drug or illicit tobacco cultivation and trafficking (e.g. in the context of cannabis cultivation in the UK, and links between the hashish market and child trafficking in Morocco);
- networks and groups which traffic both in humans and in other illicit commodities (including drugs), and spatial areas of convergence in trafficking flows (i.e. the creation of illicit trafficking corridors, which include human trafficking activity);
- overlaps between human trafficking and extortion in Central and Latin America;

¹ See analysis in, for example, Stuart Brown and Margaret Hermann, *Transnational Crime and Black Spots, Rethinking Sovereignty and the Global Economy*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.

- characteristics shaping the emergence of criminal hubs, where human trafficking is a key illicit market;
- labour trafficking in the context of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in Latin America;
- how different legal frameworks interact when faced with a case / situation of multiple crimes;
- how the same protection structures are leveraged across human trafficking and other illicit markets; and
- how different stakeholder groups respond to the human trafficking-other crimes overlaps (this can be an analysis of one stakeholder group's responses to various human trafficking overlaps; or a comparative analysis of multiple stakeholder groups' response to a specific overlap).

Some of these topics will overlap or weave together. We particularly encourage submissions exploring overlaps which have received less research attention to date.

We also encourage submissions by female scholars and academics from less traditional backgrounds.

As noted, JIED calls for two types of contributions in English or Spanish:



RESEARCH ARTICLES

based on unpublished original research that makes a substantial contribution to knowledge and understanding to this special issue. Length: 8,000 words (abstract 250 words).



POLICY COMMENTARIES

which cover commentary on novel policy interventions, or review pre-existing interventions. Length: 3000 words (abstract 250 words).

If you are interested in responding to this call, please submit the following information:

- Article type: __Research Article / __Policy Commentary
- Tentative title of article
- Short biography (100 words), including name, affiliation, main publication(s) and place of residence of author(s)
- Abstract of the manuscript (250-500 words)

Deadline for Submissions:

- Deadline for submissions of LOIs: **15 August 2021**. LOIs submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Decisions will be communicated by mid-September 2021.
- Invited papers will be subject to the usual JIED peer review processes (based on a double-blind peer review). Authors commit to produce a final manuscript in [JIED house style](#) by **30 November 2021**.

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