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2nd WEBINAR : SEPTEMBER 2021

Parosha CHANDRAN

*Combatting Human Trafficking &
Modern-day Slavery: A Legal
Approach to Fighting for Victims'
Rights and Justice*

(webinar in English)

(French Time)

28 September 2021: 3.00-5.00 pm

A Snapshot of International Cases: recent findings of the European Court of Human Rights, the ECOWAS (Western African) Court and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on human trafficking, slavery, servitude and forced labour

29 September 2021: 3.00-5.00 pm

Current and Emerging Trends of Trafficking & Exploitation: Human Trafficking for Terrorism & Armed Conflict; Human Trafficking for Organ Removal; Orphanage Trafficking.

30 September 2021: 3.00-5.00 pm

A Spotlight on Critical Legal Issues Regarding Victims' Rights (1) The Right to Non-Punishment for Victims of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, including the recent landmark judgment of the ECtHR; (2) Corporate Liability and Accountability for Forced Labour and Slavery in Supply Chains

Registration fees for 3 webinars

50 euros
10 euros for students

Payment by credit or debit card only

The recordings will be accessible for participants who paid the registration fees but would not be able to attend the videoconferences live.

Deadline for registrations

21 September 2021 (midnight – French time)

Deadline for payments

22 September 2021 (midnight – French time)

Description of the webinar:

An estimated 40.3 million people are victims of modern slavery in the world today. That equates with one in every 200 people. The victims comprise children, women and men from many walks of life and every country in the world is affected. Modern slavery is the umbrella term that is used describes various forms of human exploitation in today's world, including slavery, servitude, forced labour and human trafficking.

With a careful focus on the protection of victims, the prosecution of traffickers, the need for effective prevention strategies and the important role of partnerships between civil society and the State in combatting trafficking and other forms of modern slavery this course will examine through the lens of real legal cases how victims become entrapped by perpetrators, how they are maintained in conditions of slavery or exploitation and the challenges victims face in obtaining legal justice and reparation through the courts. It is an international course, with comparative perspectives from different regional legal systems globally.

An explanation of relevant laws along with an examination of the anatomy of some key court cases and contemporary forms of exploitation will enable attendees to understand traffickers' and enslavers' strategies, victims' vulnerabilities and what often goes wrong at the domestic State level. The crucial role played by the law and by international and regional courts and tribunals in upholding respect for the human rights of victims and in requiring State responsibility for violations will also be analysed. Attendees who complete the course will leave with a good understanding of some of the complex issues that are engaged in combatting human trafficking and the ruthless exploitation of millions of children and adults across the world today.

Speaker: Parosha CHANDRAN



Parosha CHANDRAN is a distinguished human rights barrister at One Pump Court Chambers in London, a specialist in modern slavery law and a world-leading expert on the law relating to human trafficking, including for the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the British Parliament's work for Commonwealth States. She represents adult and child victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in their court cases and has set critical legal trafficking precedents in the asylum, slavery, criminal non-punishment, civil and public law fields. She has been practicing at the Bar of England and Wales for 24 years and holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of London and specialist qualifications in human rights from the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She won the Institute's coveted Diplôme in 1994.

She has contributed to numerous international legal guidance texts on all aspects of human trafficking (*available on request*), provides judicial, prosecutorial and legal training and has advised on domestic and international legislation including aspects of the UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015. She has received many honours for her work including the 'Trafficking in Persons Hero Award 2015' which she received from the Obama administration and Secretary of State John Kerry in Washington DC for her work in developing the rule of law on trafficking in the UK and abroad and for her '*unparalleled achievements in providing legal services to survivors of modern slavery*'.

She is Senior Legal Advisor to the UK Parliament's Modern Slavery Project, supporting Commonwealth States to improve their trafficking and modern slavery laws and special legal advisor on orphanage trafficking to Lumos, JK Rowling's children's foundation. She is also the independent legal advisor to UNICEF UK. She is the published author of two books and is the General Editor of the leading textbook, *Human Trafficking Handbook: Recognising Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery in the UK* (LexisNexis, 2011).

In 2018 she received the distinction of being appointed the first Professor of Practice in Modern Slavery Law at King's College London where she now teaches her own LLM course. She continues to practice at the Bar and maintains her advisory roles.



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