AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL LINKAGE GRANT

AUSTRALIA’S RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN: TOWARDS A MODEL FOR THE REGULATION OF FORCED MIGRATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

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Collaborating Organisations: Australian Human Rights Commissions; Cardno-ACIL Ltd; Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department; and World Vision Australia

OUTCOMES OF ARC GRANT
(July 2006 - November 2009)

Publications

- Kneebone and Debeljak, ‘Combating transnational crime in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region – the cases of Lao PDR and Cambodia’ to be published in Les Holmes (ed), Trafficking and Forced Migration: Australian, European and Global Perspectives (Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2009)
Conference Papers and Seminars

- Kneebone, ‘Trafficking Crime and Migration: A Proportionate Response? Australia, Canada and the UK compared’ (Presented at the Contemporary Europe Research Centre’s International Conference on Corruption, Organised Crime and Illegal Immigration, Melbourne, 4-5 December 2006)
- McSherry, ‘Australia’s Criminal Justice Response to Trafficking and Slavery: Putting the Law into Practice’ (Presented at the Contemporary Europe Research Centre’s International Conference on Corruption, Organised Crime and Illegal Immigration, Melbourne, 4-5 December 2006)
- Debeljak and Kneebone, ‘Regional Responses to Global Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region: the cases of Laos PDR and Cambodia’ (Presented at Restoring the Rule of Law in International Affairs: the 15th Annual Australian New Zealand Society of International Law Conference, Australian National University, Canberra, 28-30 June 2007)
- Kneebone, ‘Regional Responses to Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region: Cambodia and Laos’ (Presented at the International Association of the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Cairo January 2008)
- Kneebone, ‘Researching Trafficking Issues – Australia’s Response’ (Presented at the Inaugural Australian Trafficking Forum, Anti-Slavery Project at the University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, 24 July 2008)
• Kneebone, ‘International Standards for the Protection of Migrant Workers’ (Presented at the Inaugural *Australian Labour Trafficking Forum*, Anti-Slavery Project at the University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, 14 July 2009)


**Events**

• Launch of Report by the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women, *Collateral Damage: The Impact of Anti-Trafficking Measures on Human Rights Around the World*, jointly hosted by the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law and World Vision Australia, Melbourne, 5 October 2007, with participation by Debeljak

• *Human Trafficking Forum: The Reality for Australia*, jointly hosted by the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law and the Law Institute of Victoria, Monash University Law Chambers, Melbourne, December 2007, with participation by Kneebone

• Kneebone, Convened a Workshop Session entitled “National and Regional Responses to Trafficking: Lessons for a Global Response”, at the *Metropolis Conference*, Melbourne, 9 October 2007

• Kneebone, Co-organiser of a panel on ‘Global Governance’ at the 12th *International Association of the Study of Forced Migration Conference*, Cyprus, Greece, June 2009, including presentations on trafficking issues

• Debeljak and Kneebone, Convened a one-day Workshop entitled *Legal and Criminal Justice Responses to Trafficking in Persons in Australia: Obstacles, Opportunities and Best Practice*, Melbourne, 9 November 2009

**Workshops, Roundtables, Forum Invitations, etc**

• Debeljak, Participant, Australian Institute of Criminology, *Trafficking of Women for Sexual Purposes: Barriers to Reporting and Engaging with Victim Services*, Roundtable, Canberra, 28 July 2006


• Debeljak, Participant, Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Wolem (“GAATW”) Workshop, *Working Together to Prevent Human Trafficking*, Bangkok, Thailand, 13-16 November 2006

• Debeljak, Kneebone and McSherry, hosting and presenting seminar papers at a *Trafficking Workshop*, Monash University, 11 December 2006
  o Debeljak, ‘Prevention of Trafficking’
  o Kneebone, ‘Trafficked Women and Refugee Protection’
  o McSherry, ‘Trafficking and Slavery Offences in Australia Compared’
• Debeljak and Kneebone, ‘Regional Responses to Global Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region’ (Invited by Dr Robin Warner to presentation for the Masters of Law unit “Issues in Transnational Crime”, University of Melbourne Law School, Melbourne, 27 July 2007

• Kneebone, ‘Researching Trafficking Issues in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region’ (Presentation to Research Matters Forum, Monash University Law Chambers, Melbourne, 20 August 2007)

• Debeljak and Kneebone, ‘Roundtable on Australia’s Response to Trafficking in Persons’ (Roundtable the Australian Government’s Inter-Departmental Committee on Trafficking in Persons, Canberra, 28 September 2007)


• Debeljak, Participant, Australian Institute of Criminology, (Non-Sex Industry) Labour Trafficking Forum, Forum, Canberra, 18 June 2009

• Kneebone, ‘Trafficking of Humans: Relevance for Port Philip’ talk to Probus Club, Port Melbourne, 23 October 2009

**Book and Scholarly reviews**

• Kneebone, “Review of Karen Beeks and Delila Amir (eds), Trafficking and the Global Sex Industry” in Journal of Refugee Studies (September 2007)

• Kneebone has reviewed a number of publications for scholarly journals

**Parliamentary Inquiry and Submissions**

• Kneebone, Invited to give evidence at the “Inquiry into People Trafficking for Sex Work in Victoria”, Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee, Parliament of Victoria, 5 November 2009

• Debeljak, Invited to give evidence at the “Inquiry into People Trafficking for Sex Work in Victoria”, Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee, Parliament of Victoria, November 2009

**Interviews and Meetings**

• Debeljak, Meetings with nine Stakeholders in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra, August to September 2006

• Kneebone, Interviews with Stakeholders, Canada, September 2006

• Debeljak, Interviews with 14 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Cambodia, 6-10 November 2006
• Kneebone, Interviews with Stakeholders, Geneva, November 2006.
• Debeljak and Kneebone, Interviews with 18 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Thailand, 23-31 January 2007
• Debeljak and Kneebone, Interviews with 10 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Cambodia, 1-3 February 2007
• Kneebone, Interviews with 16 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Lao PDR, 5–9 February 2007
• Debeljak, Interviews with 6 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Sydney, 1-2 May 2007
• Debeljak and/or Kneebone, Interviews with 5 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Melbourne, from April 2007 onwards
• Debeljak and Kneebone, Interviews with 2 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Canberra, 27-29 June 2007
• Kneebone, Interviews with 7 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Thailand, November 2008
• Kneebone, Interviews with 11 governmental and non-governmental Stakeholders in Vietnam, November 2008

Additional Grants

• Kneebone and Sallie Yea, Australian Research Council Linkage Grant, entitled Delivering Effective Protection to Victims and Prevention of Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region, with three Collaborating Organisations: AusAID, the United Nations Intra-Agency Project on Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (UNIAP), and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) (2009-2011).
• Kneebone, Australian Research Council Discovery Grant, entitled Law, Governance and Regulation of the Intra-regional Labour Migration in South East Asia: An Agenda for Protection and Development (2009-2011)
• Attorney-General’s Department “Grants to Australian Organisations Program, 2009-2010”, to run a Workshop entitled “Legal and Criminal Justice Responses to Trafficking in Persons in Australia: Obstacles, Opportunities and Best Practice” on 9 November 2009

Research Fellowships

• Kneebone, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore, 2010

Higher Degree by Research Students, Law Faculty, Monash University

• Hoang Thi Tue Phuong, ‘Trafficking in and from Vietnam’ (PhD thesis)
• Sunil Rao, ‘Trafficking of Children in India, Legal and Policy Framework’ (LLM thesis)
Undergraduate Research/Honours Supervision

- Amanda Davis-Geddes, ‘Anti-trafficking discourse: human rights or state control?’, Research Unit (8,000 words, 2007)
- Alana Smith ‘The exploitation of migrant workers under the 457 scheme – Does their exploitation demonstrate that they are simply economic units of labour without human rights?’, Honours Research Unit (2009)

Masters of Law Subjects

- Kneebone, Developed a Masters of Law unit entitled “Forced migration”, commenced in Semester 2, 2007