

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH APPROACHES IN COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

14 MAY 2025

Venue: University of Pécs Faculty of Law – Building ‘A’
H-7622 Pécs, 48-as tér 1, 3rd floor, Irk Albert auditorium (A308)

14:00-15:00

Registration and welcome with coffee and snacks

15:00-15:20

Opening ceremony

Ágoston Mohay, vice-dean of the University of Pécs Faculty of Law

H. E. Désirée Bonis, ambassador of the Netherlands to Hungary

István Szijártó, member of the Research Group on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

15:30-16:30

Keynote speech

How to involve third parties in preventive policing in combatting trafficking in human beings

Jorn van Rij

senior analyst, The Netherlands National Police

visiting professor, University of Pécs

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1ST SECTION

9:00-9:20

‘Leveraging educational platforms and AI-driven tools to mitigate the risks of human trafficking through awareness, prevention, and intervention’

Gabriel Zaharia

Technical University of Moldova

9:20-9:40

‘Legal issues of the victim protection system for human trafficking in Polish law’

Livia Palus

University of Wrocław

9:40-10:00

‘Online sex work-related risk factors: a qualitative snapshot from Georgia’

Tsisana Khundadze

Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University

10:00-10:30

Discussion

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

2ND SECTION

11:00-11:20

‘Identifying Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in the Context of Child Criminal Exploitation in Northern Ireland’

Gillian Kane, Ulster University

Andrew Chisholm, IOM UK

11:20-11:40

‘Good practices in collaboration in THB cases’

Sanne Spronk

University of Applied Sciences, Rotterdam

11:40-12:00

‘The applicability of novel crime prevention techniques in Hungary – a case study’

István Szijártó

University of Pécs

12:00-12:20

‘Identification and referral system for the victims of human trafficking in Hungary’

Péter Hudák

Ministry for Justice, Hungary

12:20-12:30

Discussion

12:30-14:00

Lunch break

3RD SECTION

14:00-14:20

‘Investigating trafficking of human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation in Europe. Conclusions from project INVERT’

Ernesto U. Savona

Transcrime, Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Milan

14:20-14:40

‘The Poland-Belarus Border Crisis and Trafficking in Human Beings - A Criminal Law Perspective’

Jan Stajanko

University of Maribor

Michał Wawrzyńczyk

University of Poznań

14:40-15:00

‘The European Anti-Trafficking Program: a model to stop cross-border human trafficking in the EU’

Stefan Coman

International Justice Mission

15:00-15:30

Discussion

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9:00-9:20

‘Supporting victims of trafficking for labour exploitation: Identification of early signs and risk indicators for adults and children’

Efthymis Antonopoulos

Victim Support Europe

9:20-9:40

‘Can prevention be standardised? Research on Public awareness and prevention campaigns on human trafficking and the Bulgarian experience’

Ernesta Rousseva

National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Bulgaria

9:40-10:00

(title and presenter tbc)

‘Ștefan cel Mare’ Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova

10:00-10:30

Discussion

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-11:45

Roundtable discussion

Partnership and proactivity in fighting THB

Moderator: Jorn van Rij

11:45-12:30

Roundtable discussion

How can academia efficiently contribute to the fight against THB

Moderator: Ágoston Mohay

12:30

Closing of the Conference, Lunch break

Participation is free of charge, but participants are requested to register
in advance at the link below:

[Registration](#)