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Monthly Newsletter from CRN6 Sex, Work, Law and Society

Dear Friends,

In an effort to maximize the utility of CRN6, we will now be compiling a monthly newsletter. The CRN6 Newsletter will go out on the 15th of each month. Please send information on publications of interest, job postings, call for proposals (in Word format), grants or awards of interest to section members to nels5271@gmail.com. Please include "CRN6" in the subject line of Newsletter requests. For books, please provide a link to your publisher's page rather than a summary.

June Newsletter Contents:

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Sincerely,

Alex Nelson & Patricia Fernandez

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On June 5th CRN6 help a day of dialogue with members of the Rouge Support Network, a collection of community partners, researchers and activists devoted to helping sex worker communities in the US through activism and direct support. Through this event \$2,135 was raised. This was sufficient to pay for the event venue and the travel expenses of one of the contributors coming from New York City for the event and the conference. However, the Rouge support network has an extremely limited budget and the amount raised was not sufficient to cover the travel costs of all of the contributors or even some expenses of the event.

This event was not just a one-off event but a starting point for future collaborations with the rouge support network, including an effort to co-construct a classroom activity that could be disseminated and implemented providing an experiential learning experience of the intersecting forms of discrimination and marginalization experienced by sex workers and other marginalized groups in the US (similar to poverty simulations). Here is a link to an information packet prepared by the Rouge Support Network and distributed at the day of Dialogue: [LINK](#)

In order to more fully support the Rouge Support Network, we strongly encourage all CRN6 members to donate generously. There are two ways you can show your support for these efforts.

1. Donate through the event fundraiser link: https://givebutter.com/lisa-iwd?fbclid=IwZXhobgNhZWwCMTEAAR2CiVvmlOQfg8O-StQR_v2bZ6m-DZ4QOZ7RR6WAu4kRo3ii4Wip3w_L4Kk_aem_ZmFrZWR1bW15MTZieXRlcw

2. Provide continual support through a recurring donation to the Rouge Support network:
<https://www.rougesupportnetwork.org>

If you have any questions or would like additional information, you are welcome to reach out to us at co-chairs@sex-work-law-and-society.org

Sincerely,

Alex

On Behalf of the CRN6 Co-Chairs:

Menaka Raguparan, Kate Korgan, Alex Nelson, Cherisse Francis, Julie Ham

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Call for Papers: Understanding Resilience among People in Sex Work

Editors: Dr. Cecilia Benois & Dr. Andrea Mellor (University of Victoria)

Dear Colleagues,

The concept of resilience—the capacity to withstand or overcome major stress or hardship—is becoming increasingly prevalent in research that focuses on structurally marginalized groups, including people in sex work. This Special Issue aims to publish original work on resilience among sex workers, whereby they conserve their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual health despite exposure to material hardship, health vulnerabilities, and psychosocial difficulties due to prejudice, stigmatization, and discrimination.

The impetus behind this Special Issue emerged from a lingering problem in studies of people in sex work, which presents them in a simplistic and one-dimensional fashion, overlooking their diverse lived realities, complex experiences, capabilities, and strategies to thrive in the face of adversity. Like other stigmatized groups who are structurally marginalized—such as people who are Indigenous, racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+, use substances, are street-involved, live with disabilities, and/or are/were engaged in child welfare systems—people in sex work challenge normative models of physical, mental, emotional and social resilience, thus pushing back against stereotypes and other tools of oppression.

There is a clear need to consider at great depth how people in sex work self-determine their own models of resilience, and how these are both helped and hindered by micro-, meso-, and macro-level factors, including self-awareness and self-esteem, interpersonal relationships, community support, policies, and legislative frameworks. We invite empirical research papers that highlight some of the following:

- The application of different models and frameworks of resilience that are specific to people in sex work;
- To identify ways that resilience influences structural, social, and individual determinants of health for people in sex work;
- To identify strategies of resilience employed by sex workers at individual, organizational, and/or community levels;
- To show how models of resilience integrate with intersectional frameworks that are specifically related to people in sex work and/or when conducting research with people in sex work.

Prof. Dr. Cecilia M. Benoit

Dr. Andrea Mellor

Guest Editors

For submission information and additional details on the editors and this special issue visit the special issue site:

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sexes/special_issues/12N3227LVV

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Call for Papers: Exploring Media Representations of Human Trafficking
Editor: Menaka Raguparan, PhD; University of North Carolina Wilmington

I invite scholars, activists, and practitioners to contribute to a groundbreaking volume on *Human Trafficking in Mass Media: (Mis)Representations, Sensationalization, and Implications*, currently under consideration with Palgrave Publishing for their esteemed Crime and Media series.

Human trafficking, a hot-button public debate and policy issue, is frequently sensationalized and misrepresented in mass media. Media coverage often distorts realities and influences public perception. This edited collection seeks to critically examine the multifaceted role of media in shaping narratives surrounding human trafficking, locally and internationally.

Drawing on the framework outlined by Austin and Feral (2017), which identifies three primary framing strategies employed by the media—Diagnostic, Prognostic, and Motivational—this volume aims to dissect and analyze how these frames contribute to the construction and perpetuation of specific narratives surrounding human trafficking.

I invite contributions that explore a wide range of topics, including but not limited to:

- Analyzing media representations of human trafficking and their impact on public perception and policy formulation.
- Examining the intersectionality of race, gender, and class in media depictions of human trafficking victims and perpetrators.
- Investigating the role of digital media and social networking platforms in disseminating information and shaping narratives about human trafficking.
- Exploring the ethical implications of media coverage of human trafficking, including issues of sensationalism, victimization, and survivor empowerment.
- Examining the influence of popular culture, including films, television shows, and literature, on shaping public attitudes and understanding of human trafficking.

I welcome interdisciplinary and decolonial approaches and encourage submissions from scholars across fields such as media studies, sociology, criminology, gender studies, anthropology, law, and beyond. Additionally, I seek contributions that offer empirical research, theoretical insights, case studies, activist perspectives, and policy analyses.

Palgrave Publishing has expressed keen interest in publishing this timely and impactful collection, which aims to contribute to scholarly discourse, inform public understanding, and advocate for more ethical and nuanced media representations of human trafficking.

Please submit abstracts of 300–500 words, along with a brief author biography, to raguparanm@uncw.edu by June 30th, 2024. I look forward to receiving your contributions and engaging in critical dialogue on this crucial issue.

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Publications of Interest

Books

Roots, K., De Shalit, A., & van der Meulen, E. (Eds). (2024). *Trafficking harms: Critical politics, perspectives and experiences*. Halifax, NS: Fernwood Publishing. [LINK](#)

Book Chapters

Kelly, L. (2024). "Chapter 7 Aruban Women's Protests against Campo Alegre [1950–1957]". In *Handbook of Gender Studies in the Dutch Caribbean*. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill. [LINK](#)

Sharma, R. (2024), "Indoor Sex Workers in Punjab: A Qualitative Enquiry", Demos, V.(V). and Segal, M.T. (Ed.) *People, Spaces and Places in Gendered Environments*. Emerald Publishing Limited, Leeds, pp. 99–116. [LINK](#)

Articles (1 of 4)

Ham, J. (2024). Hypersexualisation and racialised erotic capital in sex work. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 1–15. [LINK](#)

Walkowitz, J. R. (2024). The Idea of Sex Work. *Radical History Review*, 2024(149), 81–110. [LINK](#)

White, L. (2024). Sex Work. *Radical History Review*, 2024(149), 41–43. [LINK](#)

Bowen, R. (2024). Survival Sex Work. *Radical History Review*, 2024(149), 31–34. [LINK](#)

Nencel, L. (2024). Selling Sex—Sex Work or Prostitution? *Radical History Review*, 2024(149), 38–40. [LINK](#)

Lee, E. (2024). Asian massage worker. *Radical History Review*, 2024(149), 48–50. [LINK](#)

Easterbrook-Smith, G. (2024). Working Girl. *Radical History Review*, 2024(149), 35–37. [LINK](#)

Walkowitz, J. R. (2024). From Activist to Ally. *Radical History Review*, 2024(149), 57–60. [LINK](#)

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Articles (2 of 4)

Lennon-Dearing, R., & Hickman, C. (2024). Criminalization of sex workers living with HIV. *Social Work*. [LINK](#)

Bishop, S., & Laingoen, O. (2024). From the bar to the cowshed: the impact of COVID-19 on female sex workers in Pattaya, Thailand. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 1-13. [LINK](#)

Saha, P., Nowsher, N., Baidya, A. U., et al. (2024). Computing and the stigmatized: Trust, surveillance, and spatial politics with the sex workers in Bangladesh. *Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI '24) (Article 780, pp. 1-22). [LINK](#)

Arruda-Barbosa, L. de ., Menegatti, M. S., Fonseca, R. M. G. S. da ., et al. (2024). Violence suffered by Venezuelan immigrant female sex workers: an intersectional view. *Revista Da Escola De Enfermagem Da USP*, 58, e20230282. [LINK](#)

Samudyatha, U. C., Kosambiya, J. K., & Rathore, M. S. (2024). Impact of COVID-19 on profession and health of female sex workers: Apprehension, acquiescence, and resilience. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. Advance online publication. [LINK](#)

Bilali, K., Crook, K., Gardy, S., & Reid, J. A. (2024). Onto the Next Generation: Exploring the Impact of Mother's Experiences of Child Abuse and Commercial Sex Industry Involvement on Child Custody Outcomes. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 1-20. [LINK](#)

Panju, M. (2024). (En)gendering Development: Mapping Spatial Contours of Urban Inequality in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. *Journal of Gender, Culture and Society*, 4(1), 47-51. [LINK](#)

Hand, M. D. (2024). Social Constructions of Sex Trafficking and Needs for a Critical Intersectional and Trauma-Informed Approach: A Critical Review. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 1-20. [LINK](#)

Horning, A., Jordenö, S., Motiwala, P. et al. A Visual Psychogeography Approach: Mapping Sex Market Facilitation in New York City. *Crit Crim* 32, 113-138 (2024). [LINK](#)

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Rossi, E., Thulemark, M., & Duncan, T. (2024). The “CSR facade” of the hospitality industry: The importance of social responsibility in fighting sex trafficking and illegal sex purchases in hotels. *Hospitality & Society*, 14(1), 69–92. [LINK](#)

Balasa, R., Khan, M., Gesink, D., et al. (2024). Experiences of child sex trafficking identification among Ontario pediatric emergency department healthcare providers: A qualitative study. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 153, 106852–106852. [LINK](#)

Lugo-Graulich, K., Meyer, L. F., Souza, K., et al. (2024). Improving Sex Trafficking Victim Identification: Indicators of Trafficking in Online Escort Ads. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 1–22. [LINK](#)

Chatterjee, A. (2024). Negotiating Stigma: How Adolescents of Sex Workers Growing Up in Red-light Areas of Kolkata Understand Stigma. *Society and Culture in South Asia*, 0(0). [LINK](#)

Borrelli, L. M. (2024). Mobile spaces of control and moral geographies: places of internal bordering, immorality and crime in Sweden. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 1–22. [LINK](#)

Morgenroth, T., Kirby, T. A., Zehnter, M. K., et al. (2024). Sex wars and TERF wars: The divisiveness of who is included in feminism. *Sex Roles*. [LINK](#)

Seyoum, H.B. (2024). Speak for Yourself, Don't Speak for Me: Democratizing Discourse and Sex Work Reform. *The Annual Review of Criminal Justice Studies*. [LINK](#)

Khan, W. A., Abbas, Q., & Ali, U. (2024). The cost of exclusion: How poverty leads transgender individuals to begging, dancing and sex work. *Journal of Asian Development Studies*, 13(2), 208–215. [LINK](#)

Ranjit, Y. S., Basnyat, I., Joshi, O., et al. (2024). Sharing Culture and Management of Sex Work Information on Mobile Phones by Female Sex Workers in Nepal: Implications for mHealth Practice and Research. *Health Communication*, 1–11. [LINK](#)

Panchanadeswaran, S., Vijayakumar, G., Chacko, S., et al. (2024). “A little love is enough for me to live my life...”: Precarity and resilience among older sex workers in India. *Journal of Women & Aging*, 1–17. [LINK](#)

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Johnson, M. (2024). The state where sex is everywhere, yet is still a sin on the books: Why prostitution should be decriminalized in Nevada. *UNLV Gaming Law Journal*, 14(2), Article 7. [LINK](#)

Diaz, L. E. (2024). Intellectual Property Rights in Pornographic Content Creation: Are Your OnlyFans Your Only Fans? *Nova Law Review*, 48(3), Article 4. [LINK](#)

Frost, E., Shannon, K., Braschel, M., et al. (2024). Pandemic-related challenges accessing food and primary healthcare among sex workers during the COVID-19 pandemic: findings from a community-based cohort in Vancouver, Canada. *BMC Public Health*, 24(1), 1544. [LINK](#)

Magalhães, L. S., dos Santos, K. C., Diniz e Silva, B. V., et al. (2024). Cocaine/crack and cannabis use among transgender women in Goiás, Central Brazil. *PLoS ONE*, 19(6), e0304219. [LINK](#)

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Mlambo, V. H., & Masuku, M. M. (2024). Humanitarian Action: The Plight of Sex Workers in a Criminalized Setting in South Africa during COVID-19. *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social and Community Studies*, 19(1), 189-209. [LINK](#)

Rendleman, D. (2024). Illegal Contracts and Agreements: A New Standard for Prostitution and Marijuana Agreements. *Washington and Lee Law Review*, 81(2), 711. [LINK](#)

Phillips, T., Fairley, C., Maddaford, K., et al. (2024). Understanding risk factors for oropharyngeal gonorrhoea among sex workers attending sexual health clinics in 2 Australian cities: Mixed methods study. *JMIR Public Health and Surveillance*, 10, e46845. [LINK](#)

Comins, C. A., Baral, S., Mcingana, M., et al. (2024). ART coverage and viral suppression among female sex workers living with HIV in eThekweni, South Africa: Baseline findings from the Siyaphambili study. *PLOS Global Public Health*, 4(5), e0002783–e0002783. [LINK](#)

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Harris, M. T., Weinberger, E., O'Brien, C., et al. (2024). PrEP facilitators and barriers in substance use bridge clinics for women who engage in sex work and who use drugs. *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice*, 19(1), 47. [LINK](#)

Thesis/Dissertations (1 of 2)

Manard, F. R. (2024). The art of sex work: The figure of the sex worker in modernist and contemporary art. (Masters Thesis) University of Memphis. [LINK](#)

Bitsikokos, L. (2024). Living in the Hub: A Platform Study of Desire Semantics. (Masters Thesis). University of Chicago. [LINK](#)

Adams, Z. (2024). The Socio-Legal Regulation of BDSM in Canada. (Masters Thesis) Brock University. [LINK](#)

Tocci, B. (2024) The Mental Health Management of Individuals in Sex Work. (Doctoral Dissertation). Marquette University. [LINK](#)

Fore, R. (2024). Tracking the "Soiled Doves": A cultural landscape of sex work in Charleston, South Carolina from 1880-1939 (Masters Thesis). Clemson University. [LINK](#)

Forssén, C. (2024). Sex trafficking and prostitution in Thailand: A feminist critique of the legal framework (Masters Thesis) University College Stockholm. [LINK](#)

Martinez, K. (2024) Children of Mothers Who Are Sex Workers: A Scoping Literature Review. (Masters Thesis) California State University, Northridge. [LINK](#)

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Teng, N. (2024). The Sun, The Beach, and The Pad Thai: A Postcolonial discourse analysis of how Thailand is portrayed by Swedish travel agencies (Masters Thesis). Stockholm University. [LINK](#)

Roosban, N. (2024). Spiderwebs of Sin: An Analysis of Sex Trade Networks in Eighteenth-Century Stockholm (Masters Thesis). Uppsala University. [LINK](#)

Masterson, A. (2024) Sex robots at home: A political-economic analysis of a changing sex industry. (Doctoral Dissertation). Temple University. [LINK](#)