Bibliography of Research-Based Literature on Human Trafficking: 2008-2014

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Preparation of bibliographies is an arduous and often thankless task, but it can also be rewarding and can lead to new discoveries of unknown research and exciting authors. At the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM) we have undertaken preparation of bibliographies and analyses of empirical research on human trafficking several times. The bibliography in front of you is our latest attempt to compile research-based articles, reports, and books on various aspects of trafficking of persons—adults and children—across international borders. We hope that you will find it useful in designing and conducting your own empirical studies on human trafficking.

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victims of trafficking. Dr. Goździak has published several articles on research on human trafficking and on child victims of trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation. She also edited (with Frank Laczko) a special issue of International Migration on Improving Data and Research on Human Trafficking. Currently, she is working on a book manuscript on children trafficked to the United States.

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Introduction

Human trafficking continues to capture the imagination of the global public. Popular books about trafficking, especially books on sex trafficking sell well in commercial and university bookstores alike. Gut wrenching narratives about women kept as sexual slaves and children sold into domestic servitude appear on front pages of major international newspapers and in academic journals. There are a lot of writings about human trafficking, but there is significantly less literature based on empirical research.

Critical observations about the state of research-based knowledge about human trafficking are of import to policy discussions about trafficking in persons and to programming for trafficked victims. In order to leave the empirical vacuum within which human trafficking is so often debated, we need solid and systematic empirical studies. At the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM), we have periodically undertaken the task of compiling and evaluating existing literature on human trafficking.

In 2005, Dr. Elzbieta M. Gozdziak (with Frank Laczko of the International Organization for Migration) edited a special issue of *International Migration* on Improving Data and Research on Human Trafficking. Two years later, with funding from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Dr. Gozdziak and Micah N. Bump compiled a comprehensive bibliography of English language research-based literature on human trafficking using EndNote, an electronic bibliographic management program, developed a taxonomy to categorize the identified references according to a set of criteria devised in consultation with the NIJ, and analyzed the compiled bibliography to assess the state of the English language research literature on trafficking in persons. The report resulting from this exercise—*Data and Research on Human Trafficking: Bibliography of Research-Based Literature*—is available for download at http://issuu.com/georgetownsf/s/docs/120731154817-518884e6603142779fa6798568862af1

The present bibliography builds on the earlier effort. It includes a listing of journal articles, reports, and books on various aspects of human trafficking, based on empirical research and published between the years of 2008 and 2014. The bibliography covers international cross-border trafficking of adults and children. It does not include readings on domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST). As scholars of international migration we focus on mobility across international borders.

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