

A grayscale photograph of a person's hands holding a rectangular sign. The sign has the word "SOLD" written in large, bold, white capital letters on a dark background. The person is wearing a light-colored, button-down shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gray.

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS: FROM GLOBAL TO LOCAL

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The Global Context of Trafficking

Trafficking in persons refers to...

‘the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs’ (United Nations 2000).

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- The US State Department last year estimated that 600,000 to 800,000 men, women, and children are trafficked across international borders each year (US Department of State 2005)
- A study of trafficked women in five countries cites global trafficking figures of between 700,000 and 4 million (Raymond 2002).

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Stages of Trafficking:

I - The context of vulnerability

II - Recruitment

III - Removal

IV - Transportation

V - Establishment of control

VI - Arrival

VII - Exploitation, and

VIII - Resolution

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Push Factors:

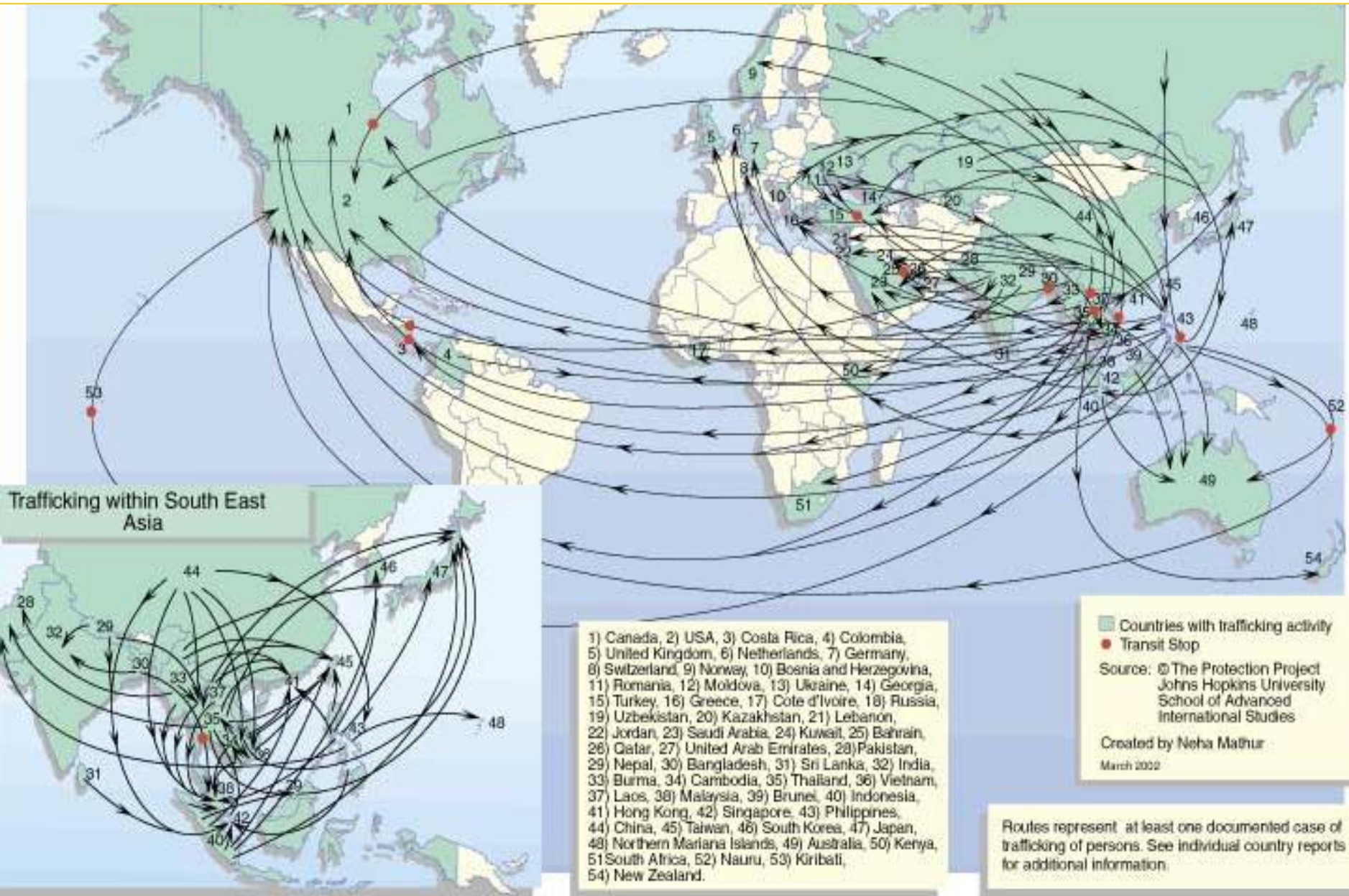
- Patriarchy
- Inadequate educational and employment opportunities
- Erosion of traditional family values
- Racial discrimination, racism and related intolerance
- Economic disparities & the feminisation of poverty
- Economic liberalisation
- Feminisation of international migration
- Civil and military conflicts
- Growth of transnational crime
- Weak law enforcement mechanisms
- Corruption of police and law enforcers

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Pull Factors:

- Patriarchy
- Male attitudes and perceptions of women in society
- Consumerist behaviour with the commercialisation and commodification of women's bodies
- Demand by employers for an unskilled and cheap labour market
- Confinement of women's labour in the domestic and entertainment spheres and in the informal sector
- Increased commercialisation of sex
- Development policies and patterns that depend on temporary migrant workers
- Military bases with their enormous prostitution infrastructure
- Unequal and exploitative political and economic relations
- Restrictive migration policies

Trafficking of Persons, Especially Women and Children: South East Asia Routes



Trafficking of Persons, Especially Women and Children: Australia Routes



1) Fiji, 2) Kiribati, 3) Nauru, 4) China,
5) Hong Kong, 6) Philippines, 7) Malaysia,
8) Indonesia, 9) Thailand,
10) Bangladesh, 11) Sri Lanka,
12) Turkey, 13) Zambia, 14) South Africa.

Routes represent at least one documented case of trafficking of persons. See individual country reports for additional information.

■ Countries with trafficking activity
● Transit Stop

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The Australian Context of Trafficking

- 1999: Reform of the criminal law at the federal level to introduce the *Criminal Code Amendment (Slavery and Sexual Servitude) Bill*
- 2003: Coronial Inquiry into the death of Puontong Simpaplee in Villawood Detention Centre in 2001
- October 2003: Announcement of a \$20 million package to combat trafficking
- January 2004: Introduction of a new visa regime, which included the creation of two new visa categories
- June 2004: Launch of the *Australian Government's Action Plan to Eradicate Trafficking in Persons*
- 2005: Introduction of the *Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offenses) Act 2005*
- 2005: Ratification of the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children

Grassroots-level Action

- **Anti-Slavery Project:**
<http://www.antislavery.org.au>
- **Trafficking in Persons Clearinghouse:**
<http://www.goodshepherd.com.au/justice/trafficking.html>
- **Project Respect:**
<http://www.projectrespect.org.au/>

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