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MAIN HIGHLIGHT

October Marks Progress on Women's Issues in the International Sphere

The date 31st October 2010 marks the 10th anniversary of the United Nations (UN) Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. The resolution was the first international instrument to link women's experiences of conflict to the international peace and security agenda. It draws attention to the impact of conflict on women, and calls for the engagement of women in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

The commemoration of the resolution is also intended to emphasise the importance of continuing efforts to enhance its implementation. In the last five years, eighteen countries have developed action plans to implement elements of the resolution. To advance the implementation of the resolution in the Asia-Pacific, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) launched a multi-country initiative, the Asia-Pacific Regional Advisory Group on Women, Peace and Security, in Bangkok on 6 October 2010. The grouping is composed of women and men with recognised expertise in furthering the role and interests of women. This grouping will advise and support governments, civil society and other relevant players on the effective implementation of resolution 1325.

The resolution's anniversary follows the launch of the UN's newly created Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women – known as UN Women – which will be operational in January 2011. Former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet is to head the agency, which merges four UN agencies and offices: UNIFEM, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI) and the UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW).

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MIGRATION

News & Commentaries

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- International Labour Organization (ILO) Country Office for the Philippines, 2010, *Decent Work for All Newsletter: Working Together for Filipino Youth*, Vol. 8, No. 3.
- 'Nail Torture Case Shines Light on Asia's Migrant Maids', *Agence France-Presse / Channel NewsAsia*, 14 September 2010.
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- 'Myanmar: Smuggled Abroad and Shunned at Home', IRIN, 14 September 2010.
- 'Indonesians Vent Anger over Maid Abuse in Malaysia', *Agence France-Presse / Channel NewsAsia*, 22 September 2010.
- Travis, Alan, 'Ministers Face High Court Battle over Cap on Immigration', *Guardian*, 23 September 2010.
- Traynor, Ian, 'Sweden Joins Europe-wide Backlash against Immigration', *Guardian*, 24 September 2010.
- 'Berry Pickers Struggle to Make Ends Meet', ScandAsia.com, 30 September 2010.
- O'Toole, James and Sam Rith, 'Thailand Mulls New Migrant Registration, Phnom Penh Post', Mekong Migration Network, 1 October 2010.
- Ortiz, Gonzalo, 'Social Movements to Go Ahead with Int'l Meetings despite Crisis', Inter Press Service, 7 October 2010.
- Kuntheart, Mom and Brooke Lewis, 'Illegal Migrant Workers Await Decision in Malaysia, Phnom Penh Post', Mekong Migration Network, 14 October 2010.



Selected Publications

- Johnson, Mark, 2010, 'Diasporic Dreams, Middle Class Moralities and Migrant Domestic Workers among Muslim Filipinos in Saudi Arabia', *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*, Vol. 11, Nos. 3–4.

This paper is about middle-class Muslim Filipinos in Saudi Arabia, and their relationships with migrant domestic workers in that country. It notes the support provided by middle-class Filipinos to those working-class Filipinos labouring in difficult and legally unprotected conditions; at the same time, some of these middle-class Filipinos may employ migrant workers in their homes and in the process reproduce negative gendered stereotypes.

- International Labour Office, 2010, *World of Work Report 2010: From One Crisis to the Next?*, Geneva: International Labour Organization (ILO).

The report highlights the ongoing 'labour market recession' which is worsening the social outlook in many countries. Asia is seeing encouraging signs of employment recovery three years into the global economic crisis. The report highlights key findings, which underpin calls to place employment creation at the heart of economic recovery, that is, to make employment a key macroeconomic objective.

- UN-Habitat, 2010, *State of the World's Cities 2010/2011 – Cities for All: Bridging the Urban Divide*, London: Earthscan.

This book uses an urban divide framework to analyse the complex social, political, economic and cultural dynamics of urban environments. It focuses on the ways in which urban dwellers are excluded from the advantages of city life. It uses the framework to explore the links among poverty, inequality, slum formation and economic growth.

Events & Announcements

- 'Visioning Event for an ILO Asia Pacific Community of Practice on Migration', 25–27 October 2010, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 'How Safe is Safe? Evaluating Migration Channels for Women Migrants', 25–26 November 2010, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.
- 'Third Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region: Legal Framework and Practice for Labour Dispute and Settlement', 25–26 November 2010, Manila, Philippines.
- 'Going Back – Moving On: Economic and Social Empowerment of Migrants', February 2009 – January 2012, Philippines and Thailand.

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INTERNAL AND CROSS-BORDER CONFLICT

News & Commentaries

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- 'Rights Group Urges School Security in South Thailand', *Agence France-Presse / Channel NewsAsia*, 11 September 2010.
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- Thien, Rachel, 'ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meet UNGA President, UN Sec-Gen', *The Brunei Times*, 26 September 2010.
- 'Indonesia Urges Stronger Ties between UN and Regional Organizations', UN News Centre / Spero News, 28 September 2010.
- 'Conflict Then Floods – Pakistani Family Shows Resilience', World Food Programme, 4 October 2010.



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- United Nations Global Compact and Principles for Responsible Investment Initiative (PRI), 2010, *Guidance on Responsible Business in Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas: A Resource for Companies and Investors*, New York.

This guidance aims to assist companies in implementing responsible business practices in conflict-affected and high-risk areas, through adherence to the Global Compact Ten Principles. The objectives include maximisation of long-term financial performance and positive contributions to peace and development, whilst minimising risks and negative impacts to both business and society. It also aims to provide a common reference point for constructive engagement between companies and investors.

- Deschamp, Bryan, 2010, *Victims of Violence: A Review of the Protection of Civilians Concept and Its Relevance to UNHCR's Mandate*, PDES/2010/11, Geneva: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Policy Development and Evaluation Service.

The paper looks at the degree to which the UNHCR is involved and interested in the theme of protection of civilians (POC). It makes some proposals as to how the agency could position itself in relation to the POC, especially in the context of UN peacekeeping.

- International Crisis Group, 2010, *China's Myanmar Strategy: Elections, Ethnic Politics and Economics*, Crisis Group Asia Briefing No. 112, 21 September, Beijing/Jakarta/Brussels.

Based on interviews conducted on both sides of the China-Myanmar border, the paper looks at and analyses China's strategies and policies on Myanmar, particularly in relation to the latter's upcoming elections.

Events & Announcements

- '3rd ASEAN-UN Summit', 28–30 October 2010, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 'Reflections 2010: Managing Diversity, Reconciliation and Development', 1–3 November 2010, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- 'Enforcing the Laws of War: Modern Day Challenges to the Geneva Conventions', 16–19 November 2010, Salzburg, Austria.
- 'Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) 34th Steering Committee Meeting', 22 November 2010, Mandaluyong City, Philippines.
- 'International Conference on Minority and Majority: Language, Culture and Identity', 23–24 November 2010, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.
- '4th Annual Convention of the Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies (NTS-Asia)', 25–26 November 2010, Singapore.

WATER SECURITY

News & Commentaries

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- Chadha, Girish, 'Sustainable Use of Water Resources Key to Fight Climate Change', MSN Green, 7 September 2010.
- 'MRC Receives First Notification of Mainstream Mekong Project', Mekong River Commission, 22 September 2010.
- 'Groundwater Depletion Rate Accelerating Worldwide', ScienceDaily, 23 September 2010.
- Hesse, Stephen, 'Asia is Surely Gaining an Unquenchable Thirst', *The Japan Times*, 26 September 2010.
- 'UN United to Make the Right to Water and Sanitation Legally Binding', United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 1 October 2010.
- Gilbert, Natasha, 'How to Avert a Global Water Crisis', *Nature*, 4 October 2010.
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Latest Publications

- Vörösmarty, C.J., P.B. McIntyre, M.O. Gessner, D. Dudgeon et al., 2010, 'Global Threats to Human Water Security and River Biodiversity', *Nature*, No. 467, pp. 555–61.

In this article, the authors present a worldwide synthesis of human and biodiversity perspectives on water security using a spatial framework that quantifies multiple stressors and accounts for downstream impacts. Key findings include: nearly 80 per cent of the world's population is exposed to high levels of threat to water security, and biodiversity is threatened in habitats associated with 65 per cent of continental discharge. The article emphasises the necessity of limiting threats at their source instead of through costly remediation of symptoms if water security were to be achieved.

- Johnston, Robyn and Matthew McCartney, 2010, *Inventory of Water Storage Types in the Blue Nile and Volta River Basins*, IWMI Working Paper 140, Colombo, Sri Lanka: International Water Management Institute (IWMI).

This paper provides an inventory of existing and prospective water storage in the Ghanaian Volta and the Ethiopian Blue Nile basins based on quantitative data from published and gray literature. It further notes the dearth of readily available information, and the lack of integrated planning of storage in both basins. Recommendations are made for improved planning in the future.

- World Water Council (WWC), 2010, *A New Water Politics: World Water Council 2010–2012 Strategy*, Marseille.

This publication is aimed at guiding the work of the WWC and its members. It defines the basis for a strategy that gives real priority to improving access to water, specifying four key objectives and accompanying action plans. The emphasis is on helping policymakers understand how integrated water resources management can play a central role in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, and on a proactive approach to addressing risks at both regional and national levels.

- Lorenzo, Antonia and Anibal Vega, 2010, *Membrane Technology in Water Treatment in the Mediterranean Region*, European Water Research Series, London: IWA Publishing.

Membrane technology has different applications in water treatment – desalination, potable water treatment and wastewater treatment and reuse. The book outlines current research and development activities in membrane technology, focusing on water treatment in the Mediterranean region. Areas covered include municipal and industrial wastewater treatment, surface water purification, and brackish and seawater treatment for drinking purposes.

Events & Announcements

- 'Arab Environment 2010: Water, Sustainable Management of a Scarce Resource – Annual Conference of the Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED)', 4–5 November 2010, Beirut, Lebanon.
- 'Protocol on Water and Health – Meeting of the Parties, Second Session', 23–25 November 2010, Bucharest, Romania.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING



News & Commentaries

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- 'Implementing the Maritime Labour Convention is "Almost There"', International Labour Organization (ILO), 27 September 2010.
- 'IOM Launches Counter-trafficking Programme in Papua New Guinea', International Organization for Migration (IOM), 1 October 2010.
- 'Laos: Domestic Trafficking Goes Undetected', IRIN, 6 October 2010.

Selected Publications

- Touzenis, Kristina, 2010, *Trafficking in Human Beings: Human Rights and Trans-national Criminal Law, Developments in Law and Practices*, UNESCO Migration Studies 3, Paris: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

This is a legal analysis which seeks to clarify why the United Nations Convention against Trans-national Organized Crime and its Protocols contain provisions that could significantly advance the human rights of migrants and will therefore bridge trans-national criminal law and international human rights law.

- 'Memorandum of Understanding on Improving Industrial Relations in the Garment Industry', 2010, Signed by Garment Manufacturers Association in Cambodia and Union Confederations and Federations of Cambodia.

This memorandum of understanding comes into effect on 1 January 2011 in Cambodia and covers important aspects of collective bargaining, arbitration and productivity, and specific measures for implementation.

- Tyldum, Guri, 2010, 'Limitations in Research on Human Trafficking', *International Migration*, Vol. 48, No. 5, pp. 1–13.

In this article, common pitfalls and particular challenges in research on human trafficking are highlighted. It is suggested that primary data collection in the trafficking field should focus on former victims, and not current victims or persons at risk. The article looks at the factors that have inhibited the development and use of explicit operational definitions of trafficking, and the challenges in identification of trafficking victims. Finally, the usefulness of different research strategies in the trafficking field for the current knowledge needs is discussed.

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 2010, *Smuggling of Migrants: A Global Review and Annotated Bibliography of Recent Publications*, Vienna.

This thematic review surveys existing sources and research papers on migrant smuggling and provides a gap analysis of existing knowledge from a global perspective.

Events & Announcements

- 'United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) GIS-Linked Social Sentinel Surveillance Project'.
- 'United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Trafficking Statistics Project'.
- 'Workshop on Trafficking in Persons, Smuggling of Migrants and International Cooperation', 24–26 November 2010, Putrajaya, Malaysia.

TRANSNATIONAL CRIME



News & Commentaries

- 'Spike in Pirate Attacks in Indonesian Waters Raises Warnings', *VOA News*, 6 September 2010.
- 'Piracy at Sea', *The New York Times*, 10 September 2010.
- 'New UNODC Executive Director Sets Out Immediate Priorities', United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 13 September 2010.
- 'Pirate Ringleader Faces Execution in Somalia', *BBC News*, 28 September 2010.
- Macan-Markar, Marwaan, 'Teachers Take To Guns as Insurgency Targets Schools', Inter Press Service, 27 September 2010.
- 'Sharp Drop in Afghan Opium Production, Says UNODC', United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 30 September 2010.
- Lawrence, Felicity, 'We've Got to Stamp Out Modern Slavery', *Guardian*, 3 October 2010.

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- Lombardo, Robert M., 2010, 'The Hegemonic Narrative and the Social Construction of Deviance: The Case of the Black Hand', *Trends in Organized Crime*, 2 May, pp. 1–20.

This essay examines Black Hand crime in the city of Chicago from 1892 to 1931. The Black Hand was a crude method of crime in which Italian immigrants and others were extorted for money. This essay also examines the institutional legacy of the Black Hand phenomenon and argues that the inappropriate linking of Black Hand crime to the Sicilian Mafia led to the development of the alien conspiracy theory, forever linking organised crime in American society to the Italian immigrant. This essay concludes that the media plays an important role in defining the societal construction of crime.

- 'Cocaine: A European Union Perspective in the Global Context', 2010, *Trends in Organized Crime*, 9 September, pp. 1–10.

This article focuses on cocaine trafficking in Europe. It provides an overview of how cocaine is produced and trafficked; and a better understanding of the actors involved, the routes taken and the scale of the problem in Europe.

Events & Announcements

- '12th International Summit on Transnational Crime', 27–30 October 2010, Geneva, Switzerland.
- '14th International Anti-Corruption Conference', 10–13 November 2010, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 'Drugs, Conflict and Development: The International Workshop and Conference on Alternative Development', 17–19 November 2010, Petchburi Province, Thailand.
- 'Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEA) Meeting', 29 November – 3 December 2010, Bangkok, Thailand.

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