

# 2009 Linguapax Asia Symposium

## Theme: Human Trafficking

June 14, 9:00 – 16:30

University of Tokyo, Komaba Campus, Bldg. 18,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Communication Room No 3

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With an estimated 900,000 victims annually, human trafficking is perhaps the major human rights issue of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The 2009 Working Session of Linguapax Asia will discuss the connection of language with human trafficking and will explore the following:

- How can language define the socio-political contexts of human trafficking?
- How has human trafficking (both labor and sexual) been described historically (e.g. biblical sources and slave narratives)?
- How have literary works described human trafficking?
- How has human trafficking been portrayed by visual media?
- How can the language of human experience explore human trafficking and the sex industry?

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### *Program*

9:00 Registration, Coffee

9:30 Opening of Session, Frances Fister Stoga, Director, and Jelisava Sethna, Vice-Director, Linguapax Asia

Morning Session. Chair: Jelisava Sethna

9:35 Daniel H. Garrett, US Embassy, *An Introduction to TIP (Trafficking in Persons): Scale, Types, and Definitions*

9:55 *Olaudah Equiano*: A reading from his narrative\*

10:00 Patricia Aliperti & Jason Aliperti, *The Role of Education to Prevent the Trafficking in Children for Forced and Bonded Labor in India*  
Q&A

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10:35 – 11:00 Coffee

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- 11:00 *Harriet Jacobs: A reading from Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl\**
- 11:05 Stewart Dorward, Shumei High School, *Slavery in the Bible*
- 11:25 *Frederick Douglass: A reading from his narrative\**
- 11:30 William Gater, Rikkyo University, *Proletarian Literature and Takiji Kobayashi's Kanikosen*: *Renewal of Interest in Times of Financial Crisis*
- 11:50 Charles Cabell, Toyo University, *"Troubled Waters" Within the History of Edo/Meiji Prostitution*  
Q&A
- 12:20 Peace Boat  
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- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch  
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- Afternoon Session. Chair: Frances Fister Stoga
- 14:00 Ignacy Marek Kaminski, Swedish Writers' Union, *The Language of Human Experience: Human Trafficking and Diplomacy*
- 14:30 *Uncle Tom's Cabin* – A reading\*
- 14:40 Debito Arudo, Hokkaido Information University, *Documentary film: Sour Strawberries: Japan's Hidden Guest Workers (2008, Tilman König and Daniel Kremers)*  
Q&A  
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- 15:50 – 16:30 Coffee  
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- 16:30 WAM: The activities of Women's Active Museum on War and Peace
- 16:45 Closing of Session

\* Readings by Ann Jenkins, Tokyo International Players