



OXFORD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FESTIVAL MARCH 2008

**Network of Oxford Women (NOW) for Justice and Peace
Presents**

WOMEN IN SLAVERY - THEN AND NOW

ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SATURDAY, 8 MARCH 2008, 7:00pm



KHI RAFE

UNISON Regional Equalities Convener, Greater London, will give a presentation on "WOMEN AND THE TRANS-ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE" and African women's contribution to the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Act (1807).

DR SONDRHAUSNER

Lecturer in the Anthropology of Migration, Oxford University, will speak about both the rhetoric and the reality of "TRAFFICKING WOMEN FROM NEPAL" in relation to modern-day 'slavery'.



The Asian Cultural Centre, Manzil Way, off Cowley Rd Oxford
Free entry to all. Donations welcome. Refreshments

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DR SONDRA HAUSNER

Sondra Hausner teaches the anthropology of migration at the University of Oxford, where she focuses specifically on issues of women's mobility from Nepal. Before moving to Oxford, Sondra lived in Kathmandu, Nepal, the city where she grew up, as an advisor to international development organizations.

In 2004, Sondra served as the International Research Advisor for Save the Children's Himalayan Field Office, where she directed an ethnographic research project on the circumstances and motivations of women's migration from Nepal to India. Sondra's team argued that safe migration, when women are accompanied by supportive family or village members, strong enough to stand up to strangers, and educated in the mechanics of migration - opens up opportunities to work in new settings and obtain new experiences more often than it closes them down.

Her research monograph, *The Movement of Women: Migration, Trafficking and Prostitution in the Context of Nepal's Armed Conflict* (Save the Children 2005), was disseminated to a wide forum of NGOs and multilaterals working on women's issues in South Asia, and used in a variety of anti-trafficking and safe migration programming. It is freely available online.

In addition to researching migration, trafficking and prostitution for Save the Children, Sondra has worked with the World Bank to establish an index for measuring the empowerment of women and Dalit or low-caste groups, the Asia Foundation on women's participation in conflict mitigation, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to advocate for public awareness on the issues of gender-based violence in the context of conflict.

KHI RAFE

Khi Rafe is an energetic and effective lay member of Unison. She is an Assistant Branch Secretary and is the Regional Equalities Convener for Greater London. Khi has consistently pressed employers to recognize and challenge racism and sexism within the workplace.

Since the age of 16, Khi has been politically active within the black community and has supported many campaigns for social justice; most recently her work has extended to promoting black and ethnic minority LGBT equality.

One of Khi's greatest achievements so far is that she is one of the co-founders of UK Black Pride - an event to promote and celebrate the achievements of black and ethnic minority LGBT women and men, as well as raise awareness of the ethnic and cultural diversity within this community.

To mark the bicentennial year of the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Act (1807), Khi devised and created a presentation looking at the contributions enslaved African women made towards the abolition of the trans-atlantic slave trade, dispelling any notion that black women were not at the forefront of fighting for liberation against slavery, racism and sexism.

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