

Assignment form I Lab 2022-2023
Outreaching program, Tilburg University

Main characteristics

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| <u>Title of lab</u> | Developing a Course/Module on Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict |
| <u>Professor/Lab supervisor:</u> | Dr. Eefje de Volder |
| <u>Name of the chair</u> | Impact: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict |
| <u>General information</u> | www.impact-now.org |
| <u>Number of students</u> | 4 |
| <u>Period</u> | February 2023 – April 2023 |
| <u>Effort per student</u> | ~100h/student |
| <u>Effort for supervisor</u> | Bi-monthly meetings in February, March, April 2023 (6 x 2 hours) to discuss progress made (offline and online) |
| <u>Final presentation</u> | April 2022 |
| <u>Background of the project</u> | |
| <p>Impact: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict is an expertise centre focussing on addressing the crimes of human trafficking (THB) and conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV). One of the goals of Impact is to develop a course/module on human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence that will be taught in different universities within the Netherlands, and ultimately abroad. Once developed, the course will be piloted within one-two universities within the Netherlands first.</p> <p>In order to establish such a course, Impact wishes to do a solid background research on THB by looking at, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Already existing courses which address THB. - Important documents (articles, books, protocols, laws, etc.) that address THB. - Important audio, video/movie and other IT-materials on THB. - Interesting assignments on THB for students. - Interesting (variety of) teaching methods to be used. - Important materials (e.g. documents, audio, video) and teaching methods that address the nexus between THB and CRSV. - Important input on what else students think should be interested to be included in the course. | |

The students will work with the materials (and previous student evaluations) that are already available for Impact's Summer School on Justice to Victims of Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict that is taught at Tilburg University each year (6 ECTS). In addition, the course that will be developed would need to reflect an interdisciplinary approach (different disciplines need to be reflected in the course) and would need to address the following four main themes in relation to THB: (1) prevention; (2) THB: what it is (e.g. definitions, goals); (3) impact and needs post-conflict (e.g. justice, reparation, counselling, socio-economic); and (4) justice forms (legal and non-legal).

This llab will focus on the crime of THB solely (the previous llab in the fall of 2022 focused on CRSV already), but also invites students to look for information materials and teaching methods on the nexus between THB and CRSV. The results of the previous llab will furthermore be used for this llab.

Problem statement

What would an interesting inter-disciplinary course on human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence look like? – Developing a course (focus on THB)

Stakeholders

- Students interested in the topic.
- Universities interested in the course.
- Funders interested to invest in the development of the course.

Research approach

- Desk top research.

Final reporting

- Final report with recommendations on what to include in a course on THB and CRSV (with focus on THB) and which teaching methods to use.

Organizational issues

This is a highly intensive course that requires students to work independently and in a group. It provides students an opportunity to think along in the set-up of a course (and to also think from the students' perspective what he/she might find interesting) and to learn about the topic of THB at the same time (as one needs to read, see, listen to all materials that one finds and critically discuss with the supervisor which material and teaching methods is useful and why).

For this llab we seek students (from any discipline) who are highly interested in the theme of THB. In fact, there is a preference for a mix of students in this llab from the fields of psychology, law, criminology, economics, victimology or otherwise.

The first llab will be an introduction by the supervisor to the theme of THB and the aims of this llab, after which students will work independently and in groups to analyse the already existing materials and teaching methods that could be of use to the development of a course on THB and CRSV (with a focus on THB for this llab). Every two weeks they will present their findings to the supervisor who will provide them with feedback.