

This talk will demonstrate that raising awareness and engaging in research and teaching about human trafficking and modern slavery can and should go hand in hand.

While living, studying and working in Quito, Ecuador, the presenter has seen some examples of child slavery, often related to the problem of street kids. In Ecuador, she was first introduced to a decolonizing approach to psychology, which has guided her theoretical outlook on the problem in her subsequent publications (http://www.psych.lse.ac.uk/psr/PSR2014/2014_1_3.pdf). Since 2009, she has been active on the Shadow Children committee dedicated to raising funds for shelters for street children in different countries and organizing conferences on this topic (holding three Shadow Children Forums in Rome, every three years since 2010: <https://bambinidistrada.wordpress.com/2014/05/21/invito-forum-il-futuro-e-nelle-mani-dei-bambini/>). As demonstrated in a research article on the topic of sex trafficking, objectification and dehumanization based on a field research and an outreach activity in Rome, Italy (<https://psr.iscte-iul.pt/index.php/PSR/article/download/110/75>), the phenomenon has significant psychological underpinnings.

In the case of human trafficking, research often brings action as demonstrated by a number of awareness-raising initiatives, including featuring a documentary about slavery to young people in Rome, speaking to service clubs in Italy and Southern California about this topic, and launching diverse events on campus at Biola University where the presenter currently works, inviting a survivor of child trafficking (<https://www.biola.edu/events/2018/sex-trafficking>), local activists, and even an international expert in assisting transgender trafficking victims (Dr. Marzia Giua).

The talk will cover some ideas on how to talk about modern slavery to psychology students in high schools, undergraduate schools, and graduate programs. It will concentrate on how to disseminate knowledge and critical approach that goes beyond the stereotypical views often offered by the media. In particular, the presenter will speak on the transfer of information to the students originally shared during a number of scientific and advocacy-oriented events, including a small meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology in Trento (Italy) in 2015, APA Convention in Toronto in 2015 (and a resulting a book chapter to a volume that is being edited by Lenore Walker, Giselle Gaviria, and Kaylani Gopal), APA Convention in Washington, D.C. in 2017, as well as networked with other scientists and activists during the Freedom from Slavery Forum in Palo Alto in 2017, and regular meetings of the Orange Country Human Trafficking Task Force.

Finally, the presenter will discuss in detail the two courses on human trafficking for psychology undergraduate and graduate students, as well as an online lifelong learning course (<https://learnapp.biola.edu/courses/18>) that she had developed. She will share some helpful tips and lessons learned from the students' evaluations and feedback.