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Critical Perspectives on Religion, Sex, and Human Trafficking

Message from the Guest Editors

Western antitrafficking narratives closely associate human trafficking with commercial sex, and sex work with slavery; and (good) religion as a force opposing all of these. Tracing religious discourses of power raises critical questions about conventional understandings of human trafficking and sex work. We invite papers that critique the dominant narrative through discussion of:

- Religious support of human trafficking
- Religious responses to human trafficking that do not center on sexual exploitation (i.e., labor trafficking)
- Sex positive religious responses to commercial sex
- Connections between purity culture and antitrafficking activism and advocacy
- The religious lives and experiences of people in trafficking relationships/situations

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