

The Prosecution of Human Traffickers: A Comparative Analysis Among International Courts and Tribunals

**Abstract Nicole J. Siller, JD
PhD Candidate, University of Groningen**

Despite its international construction and codification, the criminal offense of 'human trafficking' is absent from statutes of international judicial institutions. Does this result in the inability to hold traffickers accountable under international law? A comparative analysis of international courts and tribunals exposes the practical manifestations of human trafficking prosecutions. While offenders are charged with various exploitative crimes including enslavement, child soldiering and sexual offenses, the establishment of their guilt often materializes on the converging characteristics of human trafficking. Can this course of action survive, or should our present international judicial forums recognize human trafficking as a separate offense?