

MIGRANT SMUGGLING

Global and Comparative Perspectives

The Center for Law & Human Behavior at the University of Texas at El Paso cordially invites our local homeland security enterprise stakeholders to attend our Homeland Security Symposium entitled, "Migrant Smuggling: Global and Comparative Perspectives".



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Migration flows around the world occupy a significant portion of the daily news. There is an overabundance of reports of migrants being rescued in the Mediterranean or along the US - Mexico border, of their exploitation at the hands of smugglers in their journeys across the Sahara, Arizona or South Texas, and of the overall role organized crime plays in the smuggling market. Most coverage, while visually graphic and effective at communicating the tragic side of migration, often lacks depth. The aim of this homeland security symposium series event is to provide United States homeland security enterprise practitioners and policymakers a global view of migrant smuggling with the opportunity to get an insight into the "lessons learned" from other international locations.

In this symposium, a panel of international researchers whose work focuses specifically on the operation of smuggling groups will answer questions fundamental to understanding these groups' organization, scope and reach. Presentations on the increased sophistication of smuggling groups, their metamorphosis and growth; the role of organized crime, religion and conflict; the importance of social media and technology in the smuggling market, and the development of interactions among migrants and smuggling groups across vast distances will provide attendees with unprecedented insights into smuggling operations and their dynamics.

SEMINAR LECTURES

The symposium will consist of the following five short lectures and Q & A sessions.

1. This is Jihad: the role of Islam among Muslim smugglers in Turkey.
2. The Changing Roles of the Smuggler across Borders: evidence from Afghanistan, Somalia and Ethiopia.
3. The everyday interactions between asylum seekers and smugglers in the Sahara.
4. The Identification and Prosecution of Migrant Smugglers in Indonesia.
5. Boys, girls and teens in the Migrant Smuggling Market in Ciudad Juarez: a social-work perspective.

RSVP INFORMATION

Deadline to RSVP: Friday, March 31, 2017

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Where: The University of Texas at El Paso
Student Union East
Templeton Suite 313

Who Should Attend?

Federal, State, Local and Tribal personnel with homeland security enterprise responsibilities who are impacted by mass migration.

Registration:

To RSVP for this event please send an email to clhb@utep.edu with your name, agency name, and contact information or simply go on-line to register at <http://clhb.utep.edu/symposium>.

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