

# *Human Trafficking, Exploitation and Abuse of Sex Workers: Suggested Remedies*

CSW 55<sup>th</sup> Session



## *Panel Speakers*



**Charlotte Bunch**, Founding Director and Senior Scholar, at the Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University

Charlotte Bunch has been an activist, author and organizer in the feminist and human rights movements for four decades. A Distinguished Professor in Women's and Gender Studies, Bunch was previously a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in DC, and a founder of Washington D.C. Women's Liberation and of *Quest: A Feminist Quarterly*. She is the author of numerous essays, has edited nine anthologies, and authored *Passionate*

*Politics: Feminist Theory in Action* and *Demanding Accountability: The Global Campaign and Vienna Tribunal for Women's Human Rights*.

Bunch's contributions to conceptualizing and organizing for women's human rights have been recognized by many including the National Women's Hall of Fame, the White House Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights, being one of the "1000 Women Peace Makers" nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Connecticut.



**Frances Kissling**, Visiting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics

As a visiting scholar at the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, Frances Kissling researches and writes on ethics and reproduction. Kissling has worked internationally on the connections between religion, reproduction and public policy as president of Catholics for Choice till 2007. She was a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University in 2008.

Kissling is a prolific author with over 200 articles in popular and professional publications. She has testified before numerous parliamentary bodies and serves on the advisory boards of the Journal

of Feminist Ethics and the Women's Bioethics Project. She is a consultant to the Western Hemisphere Region of the International Planned Parenthood Federation where she develops and conducts values clarification workshops for doctors and nurses working on reproductive health in Latin America. Kissling was also one of the women leaders most identified with the Cairo Programme of Action and received a standing ovation when she spoke on religious fundamentalism in the closing NGO session at the Women's Conference in Beijing.



**Rachel Resnick**, M.F.A., Author, Founder and CEO of Writers On Fire

Rachel Resnick writes about the broad range of human sexuality, particularly sex and love addiction. She is the author most recently of *Love Junkie: A Memoir*, and a previous novel. Her essays and profiles have appeared in *The Los Angeles Times*, *Marie Claire* and *Women's Health*, among many others. She has published widely in anthologies, including *Stricken: The 5,000 Stages of Grief*, *and Damage Control: Women on the Therapists, Beauticians and Trainers Who Navigate Their Bodies*, and is a contributing editor at *Tin House Magazine*.

A graduate of Yale University and Vermont College, Resnick recently chaired the Programming Committee for her 25th Yale Reunion which set a record for the highest donation. She has spoken on a wide range of topics, including writing craft, sex/love addiction, and abusive relationships at colleges and on television. She has taught writing and literature at Stanford, USC, UCLA, and CalArts. In 2005, she founded Writers On Fire, which offers writing retreats both stateside and abroad, as well as workshops and private coaching. Recently she's published new work about cooking, trauma, and deep self-care. She lives in Topanga Canyon.



**Adele M. Stan**, Journalist and the Washington bureau chief of AlterNet

Adele M. Stan is the Washington bureau chief of AlterNet, a progressive news and culture Web site that attracts more than 1.5 million unique monthly viewers. Her work has appeared in *The New Republic*, *The Nation* and *Mother Jones* magazine, as well as on the op-ed pages of the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. She began her media career at *Ms.* magazine, where she served both on staff and as a contributing editor.

Stan is the editor of the anthology, *Debating Sexual Correctness: Pornography, Sexual Harassment, Date Rape and the Politics of Sexual Equality*, and co-editor, with Don Hazen, of *Dangerous Brew: Exposing the Tea Party's Agenda to Take Over America*.

## ***Commentator***



**Michelle Chen**, Journalist and Ph.D. Candidate at CUNY

Michelle Chen is a journalist, history doctoral candidate at the City University of New York Graduate Center and former Fulbright Scholar in China. She is a regular contributor to *In These Times*, a nonprofit and independent news magazine, specifically for their workers' rights blog, and is also a member of the *In These Times* Board of Editors.

Along with her self-published magazine, *cain*, Ms. Chen's work has also appeared in *Legal Affairs*, *Extra!*, *Colorlines*, *Alternet*, *City Limits*, *AirAmerica*, *WBAI's Asia Pacific Forum*, *Ms. Magazine*, *South China Morning Post*, and *Women's International Perspective*.

## ***Panel Moderator***



**Ana Lita**, Ph.D., Founding Director, Appignani Bioethics Center

Dr. Lita holds a Ph.D. in Applied Ethics and Social Philosophy from Bowling Green State University, U.S. and an M.A. in Sociology through Lancaster University, UK. The author of numerous conference presentations, as well as scholarly and popular publications in the fields of education, ethics and bioethics, Dr. Lita is the recipient of a Soros Foundation Fellowship and a National Association Fellowship for International Scholars in the US.

In September 2004, she was appointed Founding Director of the Appignani Bioethics Center (ABC) in New York City. She sits on the ethics committee of the UN Values Caucus, the UN NGO Health Committee and the NGO Committee on HIV-AIDS as well as the advisory board of the Genetics Policy Institute, a Miami-based think-tank focusing on embryonic stem cell research. From August 2009 until June 2010, Dr. Lita was a visiting scholar at the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

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