



## Trafficking Chains. Modern Slavery in Society by Sylvia Walby and Karen Shire

**Book Launch** and appraisal with the authors  
and discussants from various disciplines

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Despite economic development, modern slavery and trafficking persists in all parts of the world. The book launch offers a first insight into the main arguments, presented in *Trafficking Chains. Modern Slavery in Society*. The authors, Sylvia Walby and Karen Shire, argue for an integrated view on trafficking not only as an issue of crime, but nested in multiple regimes of inequality, pleading for a solid regulation of the economy, better welfare, and social protections.

The introduction to the main arguments of the book by the authors, is followed by a discussion of the book from different disciplinary perspectives by commentators Kristin Platt, Miriam Rehm and Brigitte Young.

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