

‘Moving Forward, Looking Back’ to combat modern slavery

Australian Catholic University (ACU) and the Anti-Slavery Taskforce are joining together to run a series of webinars to examine issues about modern slavery, beginning on Thursday, 27 May.

The Taskforce, a work of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, has a program to support and empower survivors of slavery to have a public voice, speaking opportunities and to be strong advocates for change.

ACU is also committed to tackling the issue of modern slavery at every level. As a Catholic university, co-hosting this webinar series is a means to promote the dignity of every person and work for the common good.

Among the panellists is **Ima Matul**, a human trafficking survivor. She is also a founding member and former Manager of the Survivor Leadership Program at the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) in Los Angeles where she built a community and network of human trafficking survivor leaders across the United States that has impacted US anti-trafficking efforts and policies. In 2015 President Obama appointed Ms Matul to the first US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking to advise and provide recommendations to the President's Interagency Taskforce to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Sharan Burrow is the General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation. Previously President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) from 2000-2010, Ms Burrow is a passionate advocate and campaigner for social justice, women's rights, the environment and labour law reforms, and has led union negotiations on major economic reforms and labour rights campaigns in her home country of Australia and globally.

The other two panellists are **James Cockayne**, Professor of Global Politics and Anti-Slavery at the University of Nottingham and **Marie Segrave**, Associate Professor in the School of Social Sciences at Monash University.

Dean of Law at ACU's Thomas More Law School, **Professor Patrick Keyzer** will introduce the panel, and **Jenny Stanger** from the Anti-Slavery Taskforce will facilitate the discussion.

Details of the webinar

Modern Slavery – Moving Forward, Looking Back

Thursday 27 May, 4pm-5.30pm

Online: Register here: <https://bit.ly/3uzZ5tj>

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