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RESEARCH NOTES

Trafficking Of The Girl Child in India: Human Trading For Economic Gains

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Magnitude of the Problem

There has been a substantial increase in the trafficking of children within and across South Asian countries. The globally accepted definition for trafficking is "the moving, buying or selling of women and children (for sexual exploitation/prostitution) within and outside a country for monetary or other con-



A home called "Neehar" in Pune (a city in Western India) where children of sex-workers are rehabilitated.

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FROM OUR STUDENTS

A Conference Experience

By Beatriz Padilla, Sociology



I presented a paper and chaired a panel at the XXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), held in Miami, in March, 2000. The conference was entitled, "Hands Across the Hemisphere: Cooperation and Connections for the New Millennium." I was the chair of the panel, "Popular Feminisms and Popular Women's Organizing in the

1990s," which I shared with Karen Kampwirth of Knox College and María Margarita Castro Flores of the Center for the Study of the Americas in Cuba. The aim of this panel was to discuss through different research projects and experiences in Latin America arising issues of feminism. The papers illustrated new interpretations of popular feminisms (in contraposition to radical or academic feminism) in which women, as they engage and participate in their communities, adopt a practical feminist position although they strongly resist to the label of feminism. My paper entitled "Popular/ Practical

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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Office of Women in International Development announces its Annual Student Paper Competition, with two awards of \$100.00 each for the winning graduate and undergraduate papers. Papers should focus on gender issues in the context of international development.

Eligibility: Graduate and undergraduate students of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign may submit papers. Papers from all disciplines will be accepted.

Guidelines: Papers should be typewritten, double-spaced, and prepared in a journal format acceptable to the student's major discipline. Papers should not exceed 30 pages in length. Please indicate graduate or undergraduate, include identifying information and Summer telephone contact or address only on the title page of the paper.

Submission deadline: Monday, May 15, 2000. The winners will be publicly announced September 2000.

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