

**July speaker Associate Professor Marinella Marmo
from Flinders University. 12/7/21
Modern Slavery...Pam Lacey**

A/Prof Marmo holds a PhD in Applied Social Science (University of Lancaster, UK) and an LLB (Honours) (Università di Salerno, Italy).

She joined the Flinders Law School in 2005, after having held positions in the UK (University of Leicester and the Liverpool John Moores University).

A/Prof Marmo is a leading expert on human mobility, human rights and cross-border migration.

Her research has been cited by academics and senior policymakers worldwide, profiled by several prominent international and national media outlets, formed the base for a British Parliamentary Q&A session and used to inform a documentary in Britain.

In October 2019 Marinella released a report entitled Slavery and Slavery Like Practices in South Australia, in collaboration with the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans.

In her presentation, Marinella said that slavery and slavery like practices are issues of the past and of the the present. Modern slavery is a gross violation of human rights, impacting on the most vulnerable, who have no choices, who can't walk away from a situation and who are not able to make informed choices.

In her report Slavery and Slavery like Practices in South Australia, released in October 2019 in collaboration with the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking Humans, Marinella said that the term Modern Slavery covers the following:

- Servitude
- Slavery
- Forced marriage
- Forced labour
- Deceptive recruiting
- Trafficking in persons
- Debt bondage
- Organ trafficking

Some of these activities are occurring in South Australia.....we have the highest level per head of population.

- In 2015 the United Kingdom passed the Modern Slavery Act.
- In 2018 Australia passed the Modern Slavery Act.
- Both NSW and Victoria have held inquiries into Modern Slavery to understand the issues better.
- South Australia has been slow to respond.

- One of the key recommendations from the 2019 report was for a Parliamentary Inquiry into Modern Slavery, which hasn't happened yet.
- In 2020 Katrine Hildyard asked for an inquiry into Modern Slavery in SA
- No action yet.
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- It is known that fruit pickers have been significantly underpaid.
- ABC radio AM program 12/7/21
<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/adelaide/programs/am/hort-battle/13440980>
- Some workers are paid according to their cultural groups
- Workers are closely supervised so that they can't speak to each other, or other cultural groups.
- Reporting is limited. Considered that for every one 1 report, there are 4 others not reported because people are frightened.