TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND CORRUPTION IN BRAZIL: AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE LINK BETWEEN TWO CRIMINAL PHENOMENA

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“It is the theory that decides what can be observed”

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OVERVIEW OF THE THESIS

This thesis deals with the interrelationship between two criminal phenomena: Trafficking in Human Beings for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation, and Official Corruption in Brazil. The study is based on empirical data from four different sources: three sets of secondary data and a survey.

Chapter I highlights the importance of the study, the problems addressed by the thesis, and its objectives. Chapter II explores up-to-date scientific literature, the working hypothesis, applied methodology, and research design. Chapter III presents the empirical findings of each set of data which shows the dependence of Trafficking in Human Beings on Corruption, the most vulnerable points for corruption during the trafficking and criminal justice chains, regional differences and trends on THB and Corruption in Brazil.

Multivariate analysis is used to highlight the correlation between the two criminal phenomena, the strength of their interrelationship and the predictability. The dependence of Trafficking on Official Corruption is analysed by means of qualitative methods. Chapter IV presents the final conclusions.
ABBREVIATIONS

CATW  Coalition against Trafficking in Women
CPI   Corruption Perception Index
CPMI  Joint Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry (Comissão Parlamentar Mista de Inquérito)
ECA  Statute for the Child and Adolescent (Estatuto da Criança e do Adolescente)
ECPAT End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes
ETS  European Treaty Series
EU   European Union
IBGE  Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística)
INTERPOL  International Police Organization
ILO   International Labor Organization
IOM  International Organization for Migration
IPEA  Institute of Applied Economic Research (Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada)
NGO  Non-Governmental Organization
PACO Programme against Corruption and Organized Crime in South-Eastern Europe
PESTRAF National Report on Trafficking in Women, Children and Adolescents for Commercial Sexual Exploitation (Pesquisa sobre Tráfico de Mulheres, Crianças e Adolescentes para fins de Exploração Sexual Comercial)
THB  Trafficking in Human Beings
TI   Transparency International
TIP  Trafficking in Persons Report
UN   United Nations
UNFPA United Nations Population Fund
UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
US   United States
USAID United States Agency for International Development

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The term “federal states” as it appears in this thesis refers to all federal states in Brazil including the Federal District, unless specified otherwise.

The term “minor” as used in this thesis refers to any person under the age of eighteen, according to the definition of “child” in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.