**SEX WORKER BRIEFING**

**(can include the following parts in any order)**

* Intro and schedule
  + Think about Lecture 10 with Ajaan Jirapat
  + Explain why we kept this site visit in the schedule
  + Typical Schedule
    - Leave CIEE at 7PM
    - Sex worker interview in Kosa Hotel (2 rooms, 2 CSW’s: 1 female & 1 transgender)
    - “Red Light” Tour
* Context/Pitfalls from last year’s visit
  + Don’t just go down list of questions, ask follow-up questions, have participant share their story, see them as people - not just sex workers, get some background about the person, don’t make assumptions about it, don’t assume they are a sex worker- find their life story in general
  + Body language is extremely important, watch your facial expressions
  + Talk to your translator BEFORE exchange - give them the questions you will be asking - they will help you check whether something is inappropriate to ask or not
  + You should also keep each others’ behavior in check.
* Create Goals and Questions - both Jirapat and CSW interview
* Add to students’ understanding of sex work in Thailand (readings, videos, activities, discussions, etc.)

***Possible Readings to Send Out:***

**1. Thailand Country Report by End Child Prostitution and Trafficking [ECPAT]: Global Monitoring; status of action against commercial exploitation of children (2011)**

<http://resources.ecpat.net/A4A_2005/PDF/EAP/A4A2011_EAP_Thailand_FINAL.pdf>

This is a great overview of the current status of youth sexual exploitation in Thailand, with sections on current policy, reality, and recommendations. I recommend p. 9-13: the headers on trafficking in children for sexual purposes, child sex tourism, and child prostitution seemed particularly applicable. I'd also recommend p. 22-26 on preventive measures.

**2. An Australian male's "perspective" on Isaan women in the sex industry**

<http://www.sexholidayasia.com/dating/isaan-girls-the-charm-beauty-of-thai-ladies/>

This is one perspective from one client of the sex tourism industry. Your blood will boil, your stomach will churn. It's a visceral picture of the kind of people that the Thai sex industry attracts, and how they contribute to the system. Otherwise, I couldn't find a lot on sex work in Isaan.

**3. Info about the 100% Condom Program**

Mechai Viravaidya Ted Talk

**4. This article delves into the actual legal statements in the Thai Constitution related to prostitution.**

[**http://www.impowr.org/content/current-legal-framework-prostitution-thailand**](http://www.impowr.org/content/current-legal-framework-prostitution-thailand)

**5.** **2 short Bangkok Post articles about the actual implementation of the laws from the above article**

Finch, J., & Tangprasit, N. (2011, May 1). Part LXI: Sex crimes—prostitutes and their customers. *Bangkok Post.*

Finch, J., & Tangprasit, N. (2011, May 8). Part LXII: Sex crimes—underage prostitutes. *Bangkok Post.*

Shortened versions available here:

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/investigation/234769/criminal-law-in-thailand-part-lxi-sex-crimes---prostitutes-and-their-customers>

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/investigation/235911/criminal-law-in-thailand-part-lxii-sex-crimes---underage-prostitutes>