

7.1: Introducing week seven

Hello everyone, welcome back to week seven of our course on forced and precarious labour in the global economy. Building on Prabha's session last week, I'm joined here by my colleague Elena Shih who's going to take you through some of the ways of thinking and acting around sex work.

Hi everyone. My name is Elena Shih and I'm an assistant professor at Brown University. You know when we learn about forced and precarious labour, we often don't have an opportunity to speak with the very people that it affects. Today I'm so excited because our course is going to travel to Thailand, to learn first-hand from the work of a Thai sex worker rights organisation named the Empower Foundation. In today's course we'll learn about what it means to call sex work 'work', and learn about how the Empower Foundation is pushing towards understanding different kinds of decent work indicators for sex work.

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