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**ASIL PROGRAM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AVAILABLE ON WEB**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law’s (ASIL) web-based event yesterday, *The Role of International Law in Countering Human Trafficking*, is now available for online viewing at <http://www.asil.org/events/calendarmore.cfm?confid=372&URLmonth=7&URLyear=2006&CatID=1&TheType=>. To view only the PowerPoint slides from the presentation, visit <http://www.asil.org/docs/chuangwebinar060726.ppt>.

ASIL member **Janie Chuang**, a Visiting Assistant Professor at American University’s Washington College of Law, who specializes in issues related to trafficking in women, served as presenter. Her remarks shed light on how international law addresses the transnational crime and human rights violation of trafficking in persons. The presentation also identified and assessed current challenges that international institutions, governments, and civil society organizations face in crafting effective counter-trafficking strategies.

As an advisor on trafficking issues for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Professor Chuang participated in the drafting of the

UN Trafficking Protocol to the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime, advocating for the inclusion of human rights protections for trafficked persons. Prior to joining American University in 2004, Professor Chuang practiced with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, representing foreign governments in international litigation/arbitration and pro bono clients in asylum and human rights cases.

ASIL conducts web-based events on current topics in international law on an occasional basis, as a free educational service. For more information on *The Role of International Law in Countering Human Trafficking* or any other ASIL event, please contact Sheila Ward, ASIL Manager of External Relations, at [sward@asil.org](mailto:sward@asil.org) or (202) 939-6018.

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