

Confronting Anti-Asian Racism Targeting Asian Massage Parlours:

Resources



Event: (Virtual) Asian Heritage Month Event :

Together We Fight:

Ending Anti-Asian Racism and Supporting the Resistance of Asian Massage Workers

Date: May 21, 2025 (Wed)

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm (EDT)

Registration: [Link](#)

Contact for Inquiry:

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A) Harm of Anti-trafficking laws and movement

How Anti-trafficking Investigations and Policies Harm Migrant Sex Workers, 2018 [Link](#)

Fanny's Story (A migrant Sex Worker Who Was Arrested And Detained in Canada), 2018 [Link](#)

Uncover the harms caused by anti-trafficking organization : Gender Justice Should Include Sex Workers' Rights [Link](#)

B) Racist attacks against Massage parlours and voices of the workers

Stop racist attacks from harmful anti-trafficking organizations against Asian massage parlours and sex workers [Link](#)

Four Asian massage parlours workers speak out to stop the Town of Newmarket shut down the Asian Massage parlours [Link](#)

Town of Newmarket: End Racism Against Asian Massage Businesses and Workers [Link](#)

Survey on Toronto Holistic Practitioners' Experiences with Bylaw Enforcement and Police [Link](#)

Feminist Dispatch: Municipal Bylaws and Anti-Asian Racism From Past to Present. [Link](#)

An Ontario crackdown on massage parlours continues Canada's legacy of anti-Asian racism [Link](#)

Lam, E., Wong, V. W. S., Chu, S. K. H., Chan, T. C., & De Lisio, A. (2024). Weaponized licensure: Asian migrant sex workers' struggle against discriminatory licensing in Newmarket, Ontario. *Journal of Critical Race Inquiry*, 11(2). [Link](#)

Lam, E. (2025). Asian women workers in massage parlours and the sex industry and their fight against anti-Asian racism. *Migration, Mobility, and Displacement*, 7(1), 63-85. [Link](#)

Lam, E. (2024). Targeting Asian massage parlours in the name of anti-trafficking: Experiences of Asian women in Toronto. In K. Roots, A. De Shalit, & E. van der Meulen (Eds.), *Trafficking harms: Critical politics, perspectives, and experiences* (pp. 119-138). Fernwood Publishing.

C) Law and policy about migrant sex workers:

Caught in the Carceral Web: Anti-trafficking Laws & policy and Their Impact on Migrant Sex Workers 2021 [Link](#)

Pathway to end violence against migrant sex workers – guide for service providers. [Link](#)

Legal Resources for Services Providers (Upholding and Promoting Human Rights, Justice and Access for Migrant Sex Workers) [Link](#)

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