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**The exploitation of migrant workers and its
control in the Nordic countries and beyond**

**NSfK working group meeting
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Background to this meeting

- My own interest in the issue of exploitation of migrant workers, labour trafficking and crimes of the employers
- My realisation that the Nordic countries have approached the issue of labour exploitation of migrant workers in different ways
- The lack of prosecutions and verdicts on labour trafficking raised my interest whether there are differences in how this phenomenon is understood and controlled in the Nordic countries

Questions for discussion

- How do you conceptualise the distinctions between “mere” exploitation and trafficking for forced labour?
- How has the exploitation of migrant workers and labour trafficking been conceptualized in your country?
- How have control authorities (police, labour inspectors etc) responded (or not responded) to the phenomenon?
- Is the issue of trafficking for the purpose of forced labour incorporated within this framework, or is it considered a separate topic?

Outcomes of the meeting

- All power point (or other presentations) to be submitted to NSfK to be uploaded on the website
- Short meeting report
- Joint Nordic endeavour or future research cooperation?