

DEPARTMENT:	
TERM	X <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2020
PROFESSOR:	Melissa Marschke
RESEARCH TITLE:	Work at Sea
NUMBER OF STUDENT:	6 max
LANGUAGE:	English
ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED IN FRENCH	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

#### RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:

**Work at Sea:** This course will examine working conditions of fish workers out at sea. The project is predicated on the need to go beyond the frequent media and NGO reports that expose horrific stories, or that document the broader prevalence of indicators of what some NGOs label trafficking, or modern day slavery, to seek an understanding of the social and ecological conditions that produce unacceptable working conditions across the seafood sector. Particular attention will be paid to border areas, distant water fleets, boats using flags-of-convenience, and ports in the Asia-Pacific region, including the South Pacific islands. The impacts of COVID-19 on work at sea will be carefully monitored.

While not required, Asian language skills are an asset for this course, particularly for reviewing local media.

#### KEY LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Create and maintain a Zotero sub-folder

Annotated bibliography, of key resources

Short overview of ‘work in fishing’ in a Asia-Pacific country (exact location TBD, depending on number of students interested in this research course).