

# Innovative Approaches to Migrant Worker Advocacy

## A talk with Mervat Jumhawe, El Hassan Workers' Center, Jordan

JJ Rosenbaum, Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School, will moderate the event.

Join us for a conversation on migrant workers' rights in Jordan's garment sector in the free trade zones with Mervat Jumhawe, Advocacy Officer for the El Hassan Workers' Center.

Founded in 2012, the El Hassan Workers' Center has a mission of working with multiple stakeholders to connect workers with health and recreational services; empower workers with knowledge about their legal rights; and equip them with tools and resources to organize and advocate for those rights.



**Friday, December 1**  
**12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Harvard Law School**  
**WCC 3018**  
**Lunch will be provided**



The garment industry in Jordan's free trade zones represents 19% of Jordan's total exports, employing more than 65,000 workers annually and exceeding \$1.6 billion. Seventy-five percent of the majority women workers in the free trade zones are foreign workers on temporary visas from Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar and other countries. Ms. Jumhawe will discuss the Workers' Center's innovative approaches to ensure the ILO's core labor standards for all workers in the sector and to prevent migration status from becoming an obstacle to enforcing migrant workers' rights at work and in the recruitment process.

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