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The Travellers: The Women of On Black Sisters Street and (Nego)Feminism A Talk by Chika Unigwe

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An estimated 10,000 persons are trafficked from Nigeria every year.[1] Popular destinations in Europe include Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy and Spain. In Benin City[2] in southern Nigeria, a city with the infamous reputation of having the highest number of sex workers exported from Nigeria, there is a new middle class springing up: mostly families with daughters in Europe. Known as "The Travellers," the women are also challenging cultural norms of what women's roles are in a patriarchy.

1] It must be noted that because the trade is illegal, the projected static is probably lower than in reality. The statistic is most likely based on the number of repatriations recorded.

2] A 2006 UN report estimates that more than 80 percent of Nigerian women trafficked abroad to work in the sex trade come from Edo state, where Benin City is located.