

MODERN SLAVERY is an umbrella term designed to capture a range of unfreedoms prohibited in international human rights laws. Modern slavery and forced labour have risen to prominence on the global governance agenda; in 2016, the UN announced [Target 8.7](#) of its Sustainable Development goals, which is to eradicate modern slavery, forced labour and the worst forms of child labour by 2030. In 2017, the ILO estimated that [16 million men and women work in conditions of forced labour in the private economy](#). Researchers who study supply chains have investigated the role of forced labour in sustaining the functioning of globally integrated circuits of production.