

Going undercover to meet slaves and slaveholders for his book *Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy*, Kevin Bales exposed how modern slavery penetrates the global economy and into the things we buy. Bales is Research Director at the Rights Lab at the University of Nottingham and professor of contemporary slavery. In 2016 his research institute was awarded the Queens Anniversary Prize, and in 2017 Queen Elizabeth named him a CMG for his work to end modern slavery. The Association of British Universities named his work one of “100 World-Changing Discoveries.” In 2001 he co-founded the NGO *Free the Slaves*, a group that has liberated thousands of slaves worldwide. His latest book, *Blood and Earth*, explores the deadly link between slavery and environmental destruction. He is currently engaged in using satellites to identify the location of slavery crime, and working with governments to estimate the true extent of slavery within their borders. Check out his TEDTalk.