

**It is our pleasure to invite you to the Forth Annual Conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia *Victims and contemporary responses to crime: between protection and misuse*, which will be held in Hotel Palace in Belgrade on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013.**

The conference aims to bring together experts and researchers, who deal with victims' rights and provide assistance to victims of violence and other forms of crime, and to enable a comprehensive exchange of experience and knowledge. Within the main Conference topic, the contemporary social responses to crime will be critically reconsidered from the point of view of their efficiency and the consequences for victims. During the conference, the experts will try to find out the answers to the question whether the existing laws, their implementation and the existing crime and victim policy contribute to the protection of victims and prevention of their future suffering or they rather additionally hurt the victims. The alternatives to the existing social responses to crime will be discussed too, as well as the ways of their further development and broader use.

**The conference work will be organized through:**

- Plenary sessions
- Thematic sessions
- Workshops
- Poster presentations

**The key plenary speakers will be:**

**Prof. dr Snezana Sokovic** – Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Kragujevac, Serbia. She teaches criminology and penology. In her work, prof. dr Sokovic puts particular emphasize on the issue of implementation of the international standards for the protection of victims of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment, as well as on the critical reconsideration of the policy of penal populism in the context of the protection of crime victims.

**Prof. dr Janice Joseph** - Professor at Richard Stockton Collage of New Jersey, New Jersey, USA. Prof. dr Joseph teaches criminal justice, juvenile justice, criminology and deviance, minorities and crime, and corrections. She is an expert of the United Nations that deals with a comparative study of violence against women and the social response to it. She is a member of the Executive Board of the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council (ISPAC) of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Program.

**Prof. dr Katja Filipcic** – Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, and a researcher at the Institute of Criminology of the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. She teaches criminal law, criminology, criminal youth law and administrative crimes. Special areas of prof. dr Filipcic research relate to domestic violence, child's rights and the position and protection of crime victims in the criminal justice system, particularly in the context of the legal reforms and the policy of penal populism.

**Prof. dr Dana Puguch** – Attorney at law and Associate Professor at the Ono Academic College in Tel Aviv, Israel. Dr Puguch is a founder and the director of the NOGA Center for Victims of Crime in Israel, which advocates for rights of crime victims, offers legal representation to victims of serious offences and provides support to the child victims of crime in the court. At the Ono Academic College she teaches rights of crime victims, penal law, criminal procedure and the law of evidence. Special areas of her research include crime victims, criminal law and gender and sexual offences.

**Dr Sanja Milivojevic** – Lecturer at the University of New South Wales, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Sydney, Australia. She teaches criminology and introduction to criminal justice. The areas of dr Milivojevic research include sex trafficking, cyber and transnational crime and victims, gender and crime, migrations, human rights, and transitional justice.

**Dr Inge Vanfraechem** - Project Manager at the Leuven Institute of Criminology (KU Leuven, Belgium) of the European FP7 project “*Developing alternative understandings to security and justice through restorative justice approaches in intercultural settings within democratic societies*”. She has done research on victim policy and restorative justice both at Leuven Institute of Criminology and the National Institute of Criminalistics and Criminology (Belgian Ministry of Justice). Dr Vanfraechem was an invited expert in the Twinning project on victim support in Bulgaria. She is editor of *Restorative justice: an international journal*.

If you are interested in participating at the Conference, **please complete the registration form and send it with a proof of payment of the registration fee via the E-mail: [infovds@eunet.rs](mailto:infovds@eunet.rs), or send it by post to the Victimology Society of Serbia, Ismeta Mujezinovića 21/6, 11070 Belgrade, Serbia, or through the fax number: +381 11 6303 022.**

**If you want to present your paper at the Conference, we invite you to submit an abstract of the paper.**

Please find attached the **registration form, the call for submission of abstracts and information regarding the registration fee and other charges.**

For any additional information about the Conference, please contact Milica Popovic on the telephone +381 11 63 03 022 or via E-mail [infovds@eunet.rs](mailto:infovds@eunet.rs).

**We would kindly ask you to forward this message to anyone who might be interested in participating at the Conference.**

Sincerely yours,

Prof. dr Vesna Nikolic-Ristanovic  
Director of the Victimology Society of Serbia