



Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **IX Annual Conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia *New and Old Forms of Victimization: Challenges for Victimology Theory and Practice***, which will be held on **29th and 30th November 2018 in Belgrade**.

The conference aims to bring together experts and researchers, who deal both theoretically and practically and from the perspective of different disciplines with victims' rights and provide assistance to victims of crime, human rights' violations and other forms of suffering, and enable comprehensive exchange of experience and knowledge.

Within the main Conference topic, the focus will be on ***reconsidering and reimagining new and old forms of victimization, their characteristics and social responses to them, particularly in the context of the development of new technologies, globalization and fast social and economic changes***. The speakers will point out to the challenges for the victimology theory and practice in this context. Through presentations and discussion, key victimological concepts will be re-imagined, the consequences of new forms of victimization for victims will be considered and it will be pointed out to the need for developing new approaches to dealing with the consequences of victimization and providing assistance and support to victims.

A special plenary session entitled ***New and old forms of violence against women: The challenges of social reactions*** will be dedicated to prof. Slobodanka Konstantinović-Vilić, a retired Full Professor of the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, one of the founders of the Victimology Society of Serbia, researcher and activist. Presentations in this session will deal with various aspects of violence against women and the existing forms of social response to it, including both institutional and civil society responses.

The conference work will be organized through:

- Plenary sessions
- Thematic sessions
- Workshops
- Poster presentations

The keynote speakers are:

Prof. dr Robert Peacock: Emerging victimisation patterns: A critical appraisal of conceptual theoretical frameworks with reference to the uniqueness of local context, generalizability and praxis in a globalized world

Prof. dr Robert Peacock is the President of the World Society of Victimology and Chair in the Department of Criminology at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein (South Africa). Since the apartheid years prof. dr Peacock has been working actively in the field of victimology with Child Justice and Institutional Victimisation as particular focus areas. The areas of his expertise refer to the Victimology of State Crime with specific reference to the phenomenon of Children Deprived of their Liberty, Transitional justice and the advancement of an African Victimology. Professor Peacock is a founding member and course co-director of the African Postgraduate Course of Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice (World Society of Victimology). Professor Peacock served for a number of years as the editor of the accredited and peer reviewed *Southern African Journal of Criminology*, *Acta Criminologica* and among other scholarly publications, is the editor of the text *Victimology in Africa*.

Prof. dr Anabel Cerezo: Understanding Cyber Teen Dating Abuse

Prof. dr Anabel Cerezo is an Associate Professor at the Criminal Law Department, University of Malaga (Spain), Director of the Institute of Criminology at the University of Malaga, Member of the International Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Cyber Crimes and Criminal Justice*, Executive Secretary of the Andalusian Society of Victimology and member of the Spanish Group of Criminal Policy. She has been President and Executive Secretary of the Spanish Society of Criminological Research, Former Member of the Board of the European Society of Criminology, Former Member of the Scientific Commission of the International Society of Criminology, and Director of the *Criminological Bulletin*. The areas of her research and specialization include: cybercrime, victimology, women and prisons, and criminal justice.

Prof. dr May-Len Skilbrei: Transnational crimes, perpetrators and victims: How mobility challenges victim support and prosecution

Prof. dr May-Len Skilbrei is Professor and Head of the Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, University of Oslo (Norway). She was a researcher and a managing director of the Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies. Prof. Skilbrei's research interests are mobility, gender and sexuality. She has done empirical studies on subjectivities in, and policy developments on prostitution and human trafficking, sexual violence, marriage, labour, irregular migration and return migration.

Prof. dr Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović: Violence against women and teaching at higher education institutions in Serbia

Prof. dr Vesna Nikolic-Ristanovic is a full professor at the Faculty for Special education and rehabilitation, University of Belgrade, and the director of the Victimology Society of Serbia; she is a member of the European Academy of Science and Arts, honorary member of the World Society of Victimology, and the former president of the European Society of Criminology. She is editor in chief of the academic journal *Temida*. She is also certified yoga instructor. Her main fields of experience and research include: victims of crime, violence against women, victim

support, women's crime, war and crime, reconciliation and inter-group communication, yoga, mindfulness and victims, and restorative justice.

Prof. dr Nevena Petrusic: Research of the practice of Serbian courts in the processing of domestic violence cases: methodological approaches and achieved results

Prof. dr Nevena Petrusic is a Full Professor at the Law Faculty, University of Nis. She was the first Commissioner for the Protection of Equality in Serbia (2010- 2015) and the Dean of the Law Faculty, University of Niš (2008-2010). She was a member and from 2010 the Vice-President of the Gender Equality Council. She is one of the founders of the Victimology Society of Serbia and the Women's Research Centre for Education and Communication in Nis. In the period from 2010 to 2012 she served as the editor-in-chief of the academic journal *Temida*. Prof. dr Petrusic is a member of the Advisory Board of the academic journal *Temida* and the Steering Committee of the Victimology Society of Serbia.

Prof. dr Sladjana Jovanovic: New criminal justice responses of the Republic of Serbia on violence against women

Prof. dr Sladjana Jovanovic is a Full Professor at the Law Faculty, University Union in Belgrade. Since 2015 she has been the Vice-Rector of the University Union in Belgrade. Prof. dr Jovanovic served as a Vice-dean for science and education at the Law Faculty, University Union. She is a member of the Executive Board of the Victimology Society of Serbia and the Editorial Board of the academic journal *Temida*. Her research interests are in the field of domestic violence, criminal justice, criminology and victimology.

Doc. dr Natalija Zunic: Research of the practice of Serbian courts in the processing of domestic violence cases: methodological approaches and achieved results

Doc. dr Natalija Zunic is an assistant professor at the Law Faculty, University of Niš. She is one of the founders of the Victimology Society of Serbia, Women's Research Centre for Education and Communication, S.O.S. hotline for women and child victims of violence and the Women's Studies in Niš. Main fields of doc. dr Žunić's theoretical work and activism include feminism and multidisciplinary theoretical research on gender, rights and politics. She participated in numerous projects that are part of her professional and civil engagement in promotion and protection of women's rights. Doc. dr Zunic is a member of the Editorial Board of the academic journal *Temida*.

Dr Sanja Čopić: Development of the legislative and institutional framework for the support and protection of women victims of violence

Dr Sanja Čopić is a senior research associate at the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research in Belgrade and a researcher and president of the Executive Board of the Victimology Society of Serbia. She is deputy editor of the academic journal *Temida*. Main fields of her research and experience include: victims of crime, violence against women, victim support, human trafficking, juvenile delinquency, and restorative justice.

Dr Tanja Ignjatovic: Violence against women by child misuse: challenges in assessments and interventions

Dr Tanja Ignjatovic is the coordinator of the program for research, knowledge development, education of representatives of institutions, analysis of public policies and public advocacy in the

non-governmental organization Autonomous Women's Center from Belgrade. She was the coordinator of the working groups for the development of strategic documents for the protection of women against violence, coordinator of the thematic group for improving the position of women in drafting the National Strategy for the Fight against Discrimination.

Please find attached **the call for submission of abstracts and information regarding the registration fee and registration process.**

For any additional information about the Conference, please contact Bejan Saciri on the telephone [+381 11 6303022](tel:+381116303022) or via E-mail vdsconference@gmail.com or vdsrbija@gmail.com.

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 Victimology Society of Serbia