

The awards of the Victimology Society of Serbia for 2014

Victimology Society of Serbia established three awards in 2009:

- The award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights
- The award "Third way" awarded to individuals or organizations who have contributed to the development of a non-conflict and comprehensive approach to dealing with the consequences of war and promotion of peace in Serbia
- The award for a talented young researcher

The award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights is awarded to individuals or organizations who, through their activities and efforts, have contributed significantly to the promotion of victims' rights and the achievement of the main goals of the Victimology Society of Serbia. The Executive Committee of the Victimology Society of Serbia decided to give this award to **Brankica Stankovic**, reporter of B92 and **Mirjana Tripkovic**, coordinator in the Victimology Society of Serbia info and victim support service.

Brankica Stankovic, a reporter of B92, author and editor of the tv show „Insider“ is a woman who since 2009 lives with a 24h police security detail, because the police made a security assessment and concluded that her life is in danger, because of the topics she covered in her tv shows. She is also the author of the book „Insider, my story“ which represents a very sincere testimony of a brave woman and explained in what ways she was victimized. By exposing both her personal victimization and documented facts about the strings of organised crime in Serbia in the last decades, the non-functioning justice system in Serbia that protects the perpetrators and revictimizes the victims, as well as her incredible persistence to carry on in spite of everything, Brankica Stankovic gave a huge contribution to promotion of victims' rights and the goals of the Victimology Society of Serbia. By awarding Brankica Stankovic, Victimology Society of Serbia wants to send a message that Serbia must not let any of its citizens to become a victim of crime because he or she investigates it and publically speaks about the results of the investigation. On the contrary, the research on crime and criminal victimization in Serbia, including investigative reporting, has to become a basis of proof guided policy in the battle against crime on one hand and an adequate and effective support and protection of victims on the other.

Mirjana Tripkovic is a psychologist, a specialist in the area of mediation and the coordinator in the Victimology Society of Serbia info and victim support service. For years Mirjana showed great enthusiasm, empathy and always worked hard on the field of direct victim support. She gave a special contribution in support to victims of mobbing and the promotion of wider use of mediation in such cases. With her work and efforts she gives a contribution to promoting victims' rights, but also shows how much volunteer work is important. Therefore, this award is a recognition of her contribution on the field of promoting victims' rights and an incentive for future work.

The award "Third way" is given to individuals or organizations who have contributed to the development of a non-conflict and comprehensive approach to dealing with the consequences of war and promotion of peace in Serbia. This year the Executive Committee of the Victimology Society of Serbia decided that this award should go to **prof. dr Radmila Nakarada**.

Prof. dr Radmila Nakarada is a professor at the Faculty of political sciences in Belgrade. This award was given to her having in mind her contribution to development of peace studies in Serbia, the region and on the international level. With her scientific work, her work on development of young scientists, curriculums and new programs of peace studies, prof. dr Nakarada gave a very special contribution to research, critical evaluation and development of non-violent mechanisms of conflict resolution and the idea of reconciliation in our region. An especially important contribution of prof. Nakarada is the inclusion of the Faculty of political sciences in the regional Master degree program of peace studies in English. The programme is realised by the University of Basel in cooperation with the Faculty of political sciences of the University of Belgrade, University of Sarajevo and University of Zagreb. This advanced interdisciplinary programme will offer students knowledge from four areas of specialisation: peace and theories of conflict, development, mediation and security. Faculty of political sciences was the first to

accredit the realisation of this programme. Students that finish this course will be equipped to research as well as practically work in the area of building peace.

Unfortunately, this year, there were no suggestions for **the award for a talented young researcher**, so this award was not given to anyone.

