

Awards of the Victimology Society of Serbia for 2017

Awards of the Victimology Society of Serbia were delivered at the Ceremony of celebrating 20 years of the existence and work of the Victimology Society of Serbia. Victimology Society of Serbia established three awards in 2009:

- The award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights
- The award for a non-conflict and comprehensive approach to dealing with the war and war crimes "Third way"
- The award for the talented young researcher
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The award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights is awarded to individuals or organizations who have significantly contributed through their activities and efforts to the promotion of victims' rights and to achieving main aims of the Victimology Society of Serbia.

The Executive Committee of the Victimology Society of Serbia decided to award **prof. dr Marc Groenhuijsen** and **Vesna Stanojević** for their outstanding contribution to the promotion of victims' rights.

- **Prof. dr Marc Groenhuijsen** is a full professor at the Department for Criminal Law at the Law Faculty, University of Tilburg (The Netherlands) and the president of the World Society of Victimology. Prof. dr Groenhuijsen is a member of the Dutch Royal Academy of Science and honorary member of the Victimology Society of Serbia. He is a founder and was the first director of the International Victimology Institute INTERVICT in Tilburg. The VDS awards him for his outstanding contribution to advocacy for victims' rights and development of victimology both worldwide and in Europe, as well as for his long-lasting cooperation with the Victimology Society of Serbia and his support and contribution to the development of the VDS and its visibility in the world.
- **Vesna Stanojević** is a founder and coordinator of the Counselling Against Family Violence, which has worked since 1996. The Counselling was established with the aim to help women and child victims of domestic violence. In the mid 2000s a first shelter was opened within the Counselling Against Family Violence. Today, the Counselling runs three shelters for victims of domestic violence. It assisted and supported large number of women and children to exit violent situations and overcome crisis they faced. It has been successful in these endeavours for more than two decades, particularly due to the advocacy, devotion and commitment of Vesna Stanojević.
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The award "Third way" is 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. This year the Executive Committee of the Victimology Society of Serbia awarded **prof. dr Stephan Parmentier**.

- **Prof. dr Stephan Parmentier** is a full professor at the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University Leuven (Belgium), coordinator of the Research Line on Human Rights and Transitional Justice at the Leuven Institute of Criminology and Secretary-General of the International Society for Criminology. Particularly important cooperation of prof. Parmentier with the Victimology Society of Serbia was established through the project Mass victimisation and restorative justice. In search of the position of restorative justice in an integrated approach to mass victimization in post-conflict situations. Case studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, which significantly contributed to development and up-grading of a non-conflict and comprehensive approach to dealing with war and war crimes 'Third way', which is based on the principles of restorative justice and which was developed within the Association Joint Action for Truth and Reconciliation, whose establishment was initiated and its work coordinated by the Victimology Society of Serbia.
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The award for the talented young researcher is awarded to young people for the special quality of their scientific research in the field of victimology. This award aims to encourage young people to engage in scientific research in the field of victimology. This year the Executive Board has decided to award:

- **Zorica Jankov**, a master defectologist, who successfully defended in 2017 her master thesis entitled The fear of crime on the territory of Pancevo at the Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, University of Belgrade, under the supervision of prof. dr Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović. She conducted an empirical research on fear of crime, i.e. on the prevalence of this phenomenon among citizens of the

Pancevo municipality. Her thesis presents a comprehensive work, which deals with an important and underresearched issue in Serbia, in which Zorica demonstrated ability for both theoretical and empirical research.

- **Dr Vida Vilić**, who successfully defended in 2016 her PhD thesis entitled Violation of right to privacy on social networks as a form of cyber criminality at the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, under the supervision of prof. dr Miomira Kostić. With this thesis she made an important step in establishing a basis for further reforms of national legislation and policy, and for developing programs of prevention and protection of victims of cyber crime, which is based on both theoretical and empirical research of this form of crime and misuse of social networks in general.
- **Bojan Đokić**, an associate-historian of the Museum of Genocide Victims in Belgrade and a PhD student of history at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad. The award is given to Bojan for his so far research, which was primarily oriented towards victims of the Holocaust and the consequences of the Second World War and the wars during the 1990s on the territory of the former Yugoslavia.