

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **VIII Annual Conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia**, which is organised in the year when the Victimology Society of Serbia celebrates its **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary** .

The conference entitled ***Victims between security, human rights and justice: Local and global context*** will be held on **30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 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 exploring the connection between the concepts of security, human rights, and justice, and, in relation to that, on critical thinking about position of victims in the context of global and local responses to crime, insecurity and human rights' violations. Participants will examine if and to what extent social responses to different forms of victimisation contribute to victims' equal access to justice, respecting victims' rights and meeting their needs. During the conference, participants will also share their experiences in implementing standards set forth in relevant international and European documents, in general, and in the *EU Directive on establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime*, in particular, pointing to further steps in promoting and protecting victims' rights and improving overall position of victims.

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

- Plenary sessions
- Thematic sessions
- Workshops
- Poster presentations

**The keynote speakers are:**

***Prof. dr Marc Groenhuijsen: The connection between the concepts of security, human rights, and justice. Victimology in a rapidly changing environment.***

Dr Marc Groenhuijsen is a full professor at the Department for Criminal Law at the Law Faculty, University of Tilburg (The Netherlands) where he teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Prosecution and Victimology. He is 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 and of the Advisory Board of the academic journal *Temida*. He is a founder and was the first director of the International Victimology Institute INTERVICT in Tilburg. He has received numerous awards and recognitions for his outstanding contribution and major accomplishments significant to the field of victimology and victim assistance. Prof. Groenhuijsen is one of

the leading world experts in the field of victims' rights and victims' issues in the context of the international and European law and policies.

**Prof. dr Katja Franko: *Global (in)security and victim inequality***

Dr Katja Franko is professor of Criminology at the Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, University of Oslo (Norway). She has been a project leader for 'Crime Control and Technological Culture', funded by the Norwegian Research Council. From 2011 to 2016 she headed a research project about the intersections of migration control and penal power, entitled 'Crime Control in the Borderlands of Europe', funded by the European Research Council. Professor Franko's primary research interests are in globalization, migration and border control, international police co-operation, and on the uses of advanced information and communication technologies in contemporary crime control strategies. She has published widely in globalization, migration control, security and surveillance of everyday life. She was, together with professor Helene Gundhus, awarded The British Journal of Criminology Radzinowicz Prize 2015 for the article *Policing Humanitarian Borderlands: Frontex, Human Rights and the Precariousness of Life*.

**Prof. dr Stephan Parmentier: *Reparations for Victims after Violent Conflict: How to take them seriously?***

Dr Stephan Parmentier is a full professor at the Faculty of Law of the Katholic University Leuven (Belgium), where he teaches Sociology of Crime, Law and Human Rights. He is a coordinator of the Research Line on Human Rights and Transitional Justice at the Leuven Institute of Criminology. Professor Parmentier is Secretary-General of the International Society for Criminology. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Oxford Centre of Criminology and the International Centre for Transitional Justice. Prof. Parmentier is the founder and co-general editor of the international book Series on Transitional Justice (Intersentia Publishers, Cambridge/Antwerp), and editor of the *Restorative Justice: An International Journal*. His research interests include political crimes and transitional justice, human rights and asylum, and restorative justice and peacebuilding. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the academic journal *Temida*.

**Prof. dr Vasiliki Artinopoulou: *Training police on the needs of the gender-based violence victims - The PROTASIS project***

Dr Vasso Artinopoulou is full Professor in Criminology in the Sociology Department of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Athens (Greece), the Head of the Department, and the former Vice Rector of the University (2009-2011). She is actively participating in many national, European and international organizations, working groups, and research projects. She is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Restorative Justice for All Institute (London, UK). Prof. Artinopoulou is the Head of the Crime and Criminal Justice Unit and the Gender Issues Unit in European Public Law Organisation, and an external expert of the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission. She has carried out research on human rights and violence (women's and children abuse), bullying and cyberbullying, victimology, gender equality and sexual harassment at

workplaces, juvenile delinquency, restorative justice, social mediation, and school violence.

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](mailto:vdsconference@gmail.com) or [vdsrbija@gmail.com](mailto: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

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