

## Awards of the Victimology Society of Serbia for 2024

Victimology Society of Serbia established three awards in 2009:

- Award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights;
- Award for the contribution to the development of a non-conflict and a comprehensive approach to dealing with war and war crimes “Third Way”;
- Award to a talented young researcher

**The award for 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. This year, the award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights is given to ***Mariji „Maši“ Dakić***.

**Marija "Maša" Dakić** attracted the attention of the public with the play "Prima facie" directed by Anja Suša and based on the text by Suza Miller, which she performed masterfully in the Bitef theater. With this monodrama, Maša managed to raise important issues related to the insensitivity of the justice system towards victims of sexual violence, then with her media appearances she gave support to all women who faced gender-based violence and contributed to increasing the visibility of organizations that provide help and support to women and girls who are victims. sexual violence. With this award, we want to thank Maša for everything she has done, but also to point out the great importance and changes that public figures can make in the field of raising public awareness regarding gender-based violence, but also to give an incentive to openly and without judgment talks about sexual violence against women.

Award “**Third way**” is given to individuals or organizations that, through their activities or efforts, have made a special contribution to the development of a non-conflictual and comprehensive approach to dealing with the consequences of war and building peace in Serbia. This year, the award “Third way” is given to **dr Bojan Đokić**.

**Dr. Bojan Đokić** is a postdoctoral fellow at the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem. With his scientific research and activist work, he made a significant contribution to the fight for the advancement of victims' rights, the culture of remembrance and the development of a comprehensive approach to dealing with the consequences of the Second World War and armed conflicts during the last decade of the 20th century in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. In his work, he draws special attention to the problem of missing persons during armed conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, especially in Kosovo and Metohija, the importance of supporting the families of victims and building peace in Serbia.

**The Talented Researcher Award** is given to young people for particularly high-quality scientific research work in the field of victimology, with the aim of encouraging young people to engage in scientific research work in the field of victimology. This year the award was given to: Miona Vasić and Nada Ignjatović for quality work and successfully defended Master theses in the field of victimology.

**Miona Vasić** completed and successfully defended her master's thesis entitled "Characteristics of violent victimization of children during placement in a home for children without parental care Spomenak". Through this work, she demonstrated her talent for doing research, especially in the field of victimological research, as well as the application of qualitative methodology. The experiences gained through this research are also valuable for her work as an expert worker-educator in the "Spomenak" home, which will enable her to connect theory, research and practice. We believe that this award will be an important incentive for Miona to continue to engage in scientific and research work, especially in the field of victimology, which she will do through her doctoral studies, which she is currently pursuing.

**Nada Ignjatović** completed and successfully defended her master's thesis entitled "Analysis of media coverage of femicide in Serbia". Nada showed research curiosity, good skills in applying qualitative analysis, as well as linking theory and research findings. The paper provides a good basis for further advocating for reforms in media reporting on this and other sensitive topics and forms of violence, especially against women and children. We believe that this award will be an important incentive for Nada to continue doing scientific research, especially in the field of victimology.