XVI Annual Conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia (VDS)

Invisible and Visible Victims: Contemporary Local and Global Social Context

Belgrade, November 26–27, 2026

PROGRAM

Conference Day 1 (November 26, 2026)

9.00-09.30 - Registration of Participants

9.30-10.15

Moderator:

Official Opening of the 16th Annual Conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia (VDS):

- Dr Uglješa Zvekić, Ambassador, Head of the Permanent Mission of the European Public Law Organization to the United Nations in Vienna, and Adviser to the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
- Jasmina Nikolić, Director of the Victimology Society of Serbia (VDS)

Awards of the Victimology Society of Serbia for 2026

10.15-10.30

Statements to the Media

10.30-12.15

Session 1:

Moderator*: prof. dr Sanja Ćopić*

Prof. dr Gemma Maria Varona Martinez, Faculty of Law of the University of the Basque Country and Basque Institute of Criminology (Spain); President of the World Society of Victimology: ***Other-than-humans as victim-survivors: Legal, victimological and restorative anthropocentrism as secondary victimisation and institutional harm***

Prof. dr Aleksandra Anić Vučinić, Faculty of Geotechnical Engineering of the University of Zagreb (Croatia): ***Shifting Responsibility: The Invisible Victims of Waste Management***

Dr Uglješa Zvekić, Ambassador and Head of the Permanent Mission of the European Public Law Organization to the United Nations in Vienna and an adviser to the Global Initiative Against

Transnational Organized Crime (Geneva/Vienna): ***Invisible and Visible Victims of Crime in the International Paradigm: Successes and Challenges***

Prof. dr Danica Grujičić, retired full professor at the University of Belgrade (Serbia): ***Long-Term Health Consequences of the 1999 NATO Intervention for the Citizens of Serbia***

12.15-12.45 – Coffee break and poster presentations*

12.45-14.15

Session 2:

Moderator: *Jasmina Nikolić*

Prof. dr Mally Shechory Bitton, Dr Liza Zvi, Department of Criminology, Ariel University (Israel): ***Beyond Societal Attitudes? Police Perceptions of Sex-Working Rape Victims***

Prof. dr Gordana Lažetić, Prof. dr Elena Mujoska Trpevska, Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Republic of North Macedonia: ***Victims of Domestic Violence and the Rule of Law: Between Formal Recognition and Effective Protection***

Prof. dr. sc. Sunčana Roksandić, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb , dr. sc. Leon Kovačić, High Criminal Court of the Republic of Croatia, Marijana Jurić Vukašin, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb (Croatia)***: The Criminal Offence of Aggravated Murder in the Republic of Croatia: An Analysis of the Perpetrator–Victim Relationship and the Perpetrator's Mental State***

Prof. Dr Gideon Greif, Ono Academic College, Kiryat Ono, Israel; ECDP University, Belgrade, Serbia: ***Victimology, Collective Trauma, and the Politics of Recognition: The Holocaust, the Serbian Experience, and the Dynamics of Competitive Victimhood***

14.15-15.15 – Lunch break

15.15-17.00

Session 3:

Moderator: *dr Mirjana Dokmanović*

Dr Aleksandra Bulatović, Mirjana Nećak Gavrilović, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade (Serbia)***: Procedural Vulnerability and Institutional Victimization***

Milica Jeremić, MSW, Psychotherapist, Center for education and psychotherapy CERES (Serbia): ***A taboo subject: How institutions harm the individual***

Prof. dr Branislava Popović-Ćitić, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Marija Trajković, Institute for Educational Research, Dragana Bogićević, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Lidija Bukvić, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation (Serbia): ***Invisible victims of leaving alternative care: the institutional paradox of transitional support***

Dr Mirjana Dokmanović, Institute of Social Sciences, Victimology Society of Serbia (Serbia): ***Invisibility of Victims of COVID-19 Vaccines: A Few Issues That Need to be Addressed***

Dr Zorica Mršević, retired research fellow at the Institute of social sciences and Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies, University of Business Academy in Novi Sad (Serbia): ***Migration of Jews as a consequence and strategy to avoid victimization in historically crisis times***

Conference Day II (November 27, 2026.)

09.30- 11.15

Session 4:

Moderator: *Jasmina Nikolić*

Prof. dr Milica Pejović Milovančević, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade and Institute of Mental Health, Aleksandra Parojčić, Institute of Mental Health, prof. dr Jelena Radosavljev Kirćanski, Institute of Mental Health, Faculty of Media and Communications, Singidunum University, Snežana Mrvić, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, Jasmina Bogdanović, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade (Serbia): ***Psychosocial Support – Focus on Trauma and Recovery***

Manuela Krakar Ahmedović, Eliza Ucović, Daniela Buršić, Centar za pružanje usluga u zajednici Pula (Croatia): ***Specificities of Child Psychotrauma: From "Behavioral Problems" to Recognizing the Socially Unrecognized Victim***

Prof. dr. Dragana Batić, Prof. dr Vesna Stefanovska, Prof. dr Oliver Bačanović, Prof. dr Nataša Peovska, Faculty of Security-Skopje, University „St. Kliment Ohridski"- Bitola (North Macedonia): ***Childhood traumatic experiences and behavioural problems among children in small group homes : challenges of resocialization***

Tanja Ignjatović, Autonomous Women's Center (Serbia): ***Recognising the Risk of Repeated and More Severe Violence in the Context of Multiple Marginalization of Women***

Jasmina Nikolić, Victimology Society of Serbia, Marija Savić, Intesa Foundation (Serbia): ***Why We Need Each Other: From Corporate Philanthropy to Sustainable Support for Victims***

11.15-11.45 – Coffee break and poster presentations*

11.45-13.30

Session 5:

Moderator: *Milica Luković Radaković*

Dr Nataša Tanjević, National Bank of Serbia (Serbia): ***Challenges in the execution of security measures of a medical nature and the protection of the rights of forensic patients***

Prof. dr Irma Kovčo Vukadin, Martina Pleško, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, (Croatia): ***Prisoners' experiences of the use of force in the Croatian prison system: frequency, consequences, and prisoner characteristics***

Prof. dr Irma Kovčo Vukadin i Marin Šupe, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences (Croatia)***: Trauma-informed probation system: a scoping review of supervision practices, implementation, and outcomes***

Doc. dr Anatolij Milovanović, Faculty of Human Development, Educons University (Serbia): ***Sekundary victimization of disabled war veterans in the Republic of Serbia***

13.30-14.30– Lunch break

14.30-16.00

Session 6:

Moderator: *prof. dr Sanja Ćopić*

Dr Zvezdan Radojković, Faculty of Business Studies and Law University "Union – Nikola Tesla" (Serbia): ***Selective visibility of the victimization of media actors: between social recognition and institutional protection***

Prof. dr Milanko Aladžić, Slobomir P Univerzitet, Sajra Ramić, European University Brčko District (Bosnia and Herzegovina)***: Invisible victims of the digital age: challenges of legal and institutional protection in the era of artificial intelligence***

Jasmina Krštenić, Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Lazarevac (Serbia): ***Contemporary Technologies and Victimization – The Need to Introduce New Criminal Offences for the Purpose of Individual and Global Victim Protection***

Prof. dr Danica Vasiljević-Prodanović, University of Belgrade, Faculty for Special Education and Rehabilitation, dr Filip Mirić, University of Niš, Faculty of Law (Serbia): ***Smishing as a form of digital victimization: risk factors and possibilities for victim protection***

16:00-16.15

Closing of the conference

***Poster presentation:**

Prof. dr Sanja Ćopić, University of Belgrade - Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation and Victimology Society of Serbia, Jasmina Nikolić, Victimology Society of Serbia, Milica Luković-Radaković, Victimology Society of Serbia, Mirela Osmanović, Victimology Society of Serbia (Serbia): ***Media reporting following mass victimization: research findings***