



# World Society of Victimology Newsletter

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## **Newsletter Team**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD SOCIETY OF VICTIMOLOGY,  
Janice Joseph**

As President of the World Society of Victimology, I bring you Greetings from members of the Executive Committee. I am honored to serve as president of this international association. It is the most prominent organization dedicated to the field of Victimology.

**SPECIAL THANKS to:**

- IT team members from Axxonet, consisting of Mr. Chetan M, Ms. Deepa Dwivedi and Ms. Swathi B Ashok. They have done a superb job updating the WSV website. Thanks also to Dr. Beulah Shekhar for recommending the team. It has been an incredible experience working with them.
- Michael O'Connell, former Secretary General, WSV, for administering the WSV' Election.
- All the present and past EC members who provided information for this newsletter.
- Members for your continued participation and enthusiasm in our professional organization.

The new WSV website is as follows: <https://www.worldsocietyofvictimology.org/>

Photos and names of Executive members are on the WSV website.

The 18th WSV Symposium on Forensics and Contemporary Perspectives in Victimology and Victim Assistance will take place 1-5 September 2024 at the National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat (India).

<https://www.worldsocietyofvictimology.org/wsv-2024/>

# SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS!

## **G.S. Bajpai**

In February 2023, Prof. G.S. Bajpai took over the charge of Vice-Chancellor at National Law University Delhi (NLU Delhi) on 28th February 2023. [www.nludelhi.ac.in](http://www.nludelhi.ac.in)

## **Jaco Barkhuizen**

In June 2022, Jaco Barkhuizen was appointed as Head of Department in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Limpopo.

In July 2022, Jaco Barkhuizen was promoted to Full Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Limpopo.

## **Dawn Beichner-Thomas**

Invited Speaker UN Women's 6th Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders' Public Forum.

Dawn Beichner-Thomas was an invited speaker at UN Women's 6th Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders' Public Forum held in Quito, Ecuador from 20-30 November 2023. The forum brought together government leaders and experts from more than twenty countries worldwide.

## **Janice Joseph**

On 22nd March 2024, Janice Joseph, was awarded the Presidential Commendation Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), an international organization in the United States, for her many years of dedicated and selfless and exceptional service to ACJS— as its President, a mentor, and a member who has supported the academic community and junior colleagues in so many ways. For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/worldsocietyofvictimology/> (1st April, 2024).

## **Reyna Faride Peña Castillo**

On 1st March 2023, Reyna Faride Peña Castillo was appointed to serve as the Institutional Responsible and Liaison for the Children and Adolescents Agenda at the Autonomous University of Yucatan, project where my tasks are related to the generation of Public Policy for the protection and restoration of the right of childhood and adolescents' victims of violence. See <https://prevenconamigable.com.mx/contacto/>

## **Gemma Varona**

On 5th October 2023, Gemma Varona was elected Director of the Basque Institute of Criminology (BIC) of the University of the Basque Country. She is also the only permanent senior researcher at that Institute of the University of the Basque Country.

*Well done!*

# PUBLICATIONS



## G.S. Bajpai

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## Dawn Beichner-Thomas

- Special Issue of International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice (2023)
- Rosemary Barberet (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY), Sheetal Ranjan (Montclair State University) and Dawn Beichner-Thomas (Illinois State University) have guest co-edited a special issue of the International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice (Volume 47, Issue 2) entitled "Feminist Approaches to Justice: Contributions to CSW66." This issue presents selected presentations from WSV-co-sponsored NGO parallel events held at the 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. WSV President, Janice Joseph, provided the foreword for the special issue. This special issue is free to read online through March 2024 at the following link: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rcac20/47/2?nav=tocList>
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## Antony Pemberton

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## Sarah Simon

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# PRESENTATIONS/WRITTEN STATEMENTS

**Jaco Barkhuizen**

**2023**

- Keynote presentation: International Law Conference: “Empowering Technology, Industrial and Global Business for Accelerating Sustainable Development Goals” hosted by Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jawa Timur, Surabaya, Indonesia, 10-via Zoom and YouTube Live: Title: “Ideal regulatory model for cryptocurrency and artificial intelligence (AI) to combat and prevent economic crimes”, 11 October 2023.
- Resource faculty and Guest speaker: World Society of Victimology 1st Indian Post graduate conference and course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice hosted by National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar, India. Title: “Victimology: The History of an evolving science and Victim assistance in Africa and South Africa”, 10-16 September 2023.
- Keynote presentation: International Law Conference: Lex Proficia 2023: “Conceptualizing of 5 PS (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace & Partnership) of SDGs: Challenge and Opportunity” hosted by Faculty of Law, Universitas Diponegoro, Semarang, Indonesia, via Zoom. Title: Democracy, Criminology, Law and Development, 15-26 May 2023.

**2022**

- Throughout the 2022 year he delivered 4 keynote/guest lectures outside of South Africa and was interviewed over 60 times by media houses on topics related to crime and victimization in South Africa.
- Throughout the 2023 year, he delivered 3 keynote/guest lectures outside of South Africa and was interviewed over 52 times by media houses on topics related to crime and victimization in South Africa.
- Keynote presentation/Visiting Professor lecture/Studio General: 13th Visiting lecture Series hosted by the Faculty of Law, Universitas Diponegoro, Indonesia, via Zoom and YouTube Live Title: “The need for Victimology when dealing with Cyber Victims”, 23 September 2022.
- Keynote presentation: International webinar/seminar: International Law Webinar: Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Development Strategy in the Post Pandemic Covid-19 Era to increase economic growth in Indonesia hosted by the Faculty of Law, Universitas Sebelas Maret, Indonesia,. Title: “The ideal type of law/legal paradigm in the post Pandemic era” 23 July 2022.
- Keynote presentation: International webinar/seminar: The 2nd International Conference of Legal, Human Rights and Technology: Law and Technology: Challenges, Rules and Protection hosted by the Faculty of Law, UPN Veterans University Jawa Timur, Surabaya, Indonesia. Title: “Cybercrime victims: A Victimological Proposition”, 19 May 2022.
- Keynote presentation: International webinar/seminar: International Conference on Restructuring and Transforming Law in the New Normal Era: Challenges and Opportunities hosted by the Faculty of Law, Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta, Indonesia. Title: “Justice, Social Justice and Victim Justice: Protection of vulnerable groups, woman and children”, 18 May 2022.
- Keynote presentation: International webinar/seminar: The Concept of War in Islamic and International Law hosted by the Faculty of Law, Universitas Muhammadiyah Purwokerto, Indonesia. Title: “Victim of War: Victimology of War”, 11th March 2022.

# PRESENTATIONS/WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Dawn Beichner-Thomas

## *Invited Statement UNODC*

- On December 6, 2022, Dawn Beichner-Thomas provided an invited statement in conjunction with the United Nations Office of Drugs Crime Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Thematic Discussions on the Implementation of Kyoto Declaration, related to Pillar II: Advancing the Criminal Justice System. The statement, which was based on my research, was titled “Reducing Women’s Reoffending Through Rehabilitation and Reintegration.” The statements are available here [https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/31\\_Session\\_2022/TD\\_statements.html](https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/31_Session_2022/TD_statements.html)

## *Invited Contributor – Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending*

- Dawn Beichner-Thomas was an invited participant at the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice section’s Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Group on Reducing Reoffending (hybrid format) in September 2023. She attended the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the Development of Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending from 25-28 March 2024.

## *Sixty-Seventh Session of the Commission on the Status of Women*

- Dawn Beichner-Thomas, Rosemary Barberet (International Sociological Association and Criminologists Without Borders) and Sheetal Ranjan (Division of Feminist Criminology of the American Society of Criminology), organized four parallel events held in conjunction with the 67th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67). The panels, which all centered on “Feminist Approaches to Justice,” included scholars from all regions of the world. The panels addressed the following topics:
  - Empowerment of Women and Girls in the Digital Age
  - Reintegration and Representation of Justice System-Impacted Rural Women
  - The Impact of Technology on Women and Girls in the Justice System
  - Rural Women and Girls in a Just Society

## *Sixty-Eighth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women*

- Dawn Beichner-Thomas, Rosemary Barberet (International Sociological Association and Criminologists Without Borders) and Sheetal Ranjan (Division of Feminist Criminology of the American Society of Criminology), organized four parallel events held in conjunction with the 68th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68). The panels, which all centered on “Feminist Approaches to Justice,” included scholars from all regions of the world and addressed the following topics:
  - Economic Empowerment and Justice for Women
  - Women, Girls, Violence, and Peace
  - Best of Safe Cities Global Leaders’ Forum in Quito
  - Gendered Costs of Criminal Legal Systems
- Rosemary Barberet and Dawn Beichner-Thomas co-authored a written statement (E/CN.6/2024/NGO/103) that was accepted and published in the CSW68 Official Documents. The statement, which highlighted the feminization of poverty, acknowledged the pervasiveness of violence against women and girls worldwide and how it was exacerbated by the Coronavirus pandemic. It also discussed the many intersections of poverty and violence that shape women’s involvement in criminal legal systems worldwide.

## *2023 High Level Political Forum*

- Dawn Beichner-Thomas and Rosemary Barberet co-authored a written statement that was accepted in the 2023 High Level Political Forum documents. The statement advocated for a gendered approach to recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic that addressed Sustainable Development Goals 5, 8, 10, and 16.

# PRESENTATIONS/WRITTEN STATEMENTS

## Janice Joseph

- Green Victimization: Black Lives Matter, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2024.
- History of Victimology, 6th Annual Forensic Victimology And Victim Support Conference Kenya , October 2023 (Virtual).
- Victims of Street Harassment, 1st Indian Postgraduate course of Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, August 2023
- Lecture at the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences on the topic: "Femicide", 25th May 2023.
- Feminization of Human Trafficking with student Kristyn Laaouina, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2023.
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: Intersectional Invisibility Approach. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2023.
- Incorporating the Intersectional Perspective into Victimology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, March 2022.
- Dual Pandemics: Coronavirus and Intimate Terrorism, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, March 2022.
- Black Women's Lives Matter, War and Peace Conference (Virtual), March 2022.
- Invisible Victims: Intersection between Conflict-Induced Migration and Human Trafficking, 5th Annual Forensic Victimology And Victim Support Conference Kenya, October 2022 (Virtual).



## Beulah Shekhar

- Paper presentation on 'Female Foeticide in Haryana and Dwindling Sex Ratio at Birth-A Victimological Approach' with Rithin Joseph & Vidushai Sahni at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab at the 8th International and 12th Biennial conference of Indian Society of Victimology Securing Justice to Victims of Crime from 1-3rd November 2023.
- National Seminar on Honour Killings in India Socio-Psychological factors Criminological Perspectives of Honour Killings Women's studies center. Shri Padmavathi Women's University, Kodaikanal, 23rd February 2023.
- The BRICS security system, A Transdisciplinary Perspective, 18th to 23rd February 2023.
- Money Laundering in the BRICS Countries and its impact on Peace and Security. Organised by The University of KwaZulu-Natal's College of Humanities-South Africa Cape Town, South Africa, 15th February 2023.
- Seven Day Virtual Workshop on "Advanced Feminist Research Methodology Advanced Feminist Research Methodology Mother Teresa Women's University-Kodaikanal", 6th to 12th February 2023.
- The First International Conference on Forgiving and Being Forgiven from an Inter/Intra Cultural Perspective Forgiveness as a tool for conflict Transformation, Bar-Ilan University, 1st to 2nd February 2023.
- 18th Course on Victimology and Victim Justice.Victimology and Victim Justice-Present Scenario in Indian Context NFSU\_DC, 30th January to 1st February 2023.
- Panel Discussion on National Girl Child Day.Role Of Social Media in Child Abuse Regional Association For Women's Studies, 24th January 2023.
- 18th Course on Victimology & Victim Justice for police, judiciary and prosecution officials across India, 30th- 1st January 2023.
- National Girl Child Day. Media and its' Influence on Children Bharathidasan University-Tamil Nadu, 24th January 2023.

# PRESENTATIONS/WRITTEN STATEMENTS

## **Peter Schaefer**

Prof. Dr. Peter Schaefer gave a lecture on 16th May 2023 at the XXXVII. International Post Graduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, Croatia on the topic: *Children's Rights in Victimology: Legal contributions to Professionalization and the Access to Justice*

## **Gemma Maria Varona**

- “Interviewing offenders on green victimisation and the potentialities of restorative justice,” Green Crimes and Ecojustice Conference, Utrecht, Holland. Organized by Utrecht University, 25th -26th May 2023.
- “Las dificultades de vocabularios alternativos al punitivismo en las reivindicaciones de movimientos emancipatorios,” Jornadas Elementos discursivos de la movilización autoritaria, Madrid. Organized by Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, 04th May 2023.
- “Victimología verde, justicia restaurativa y litigios en materia ambiental y climática”, Seminario El litigio ambiental y climático: victimología verde y justicia restaurative como herramientas de análisis”, organized by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre y Red Latinoamérica de Litigio Estratégico sobre Empresas y Derechos Humanos, Bogotá, 3rd May 2023.
- Taller sobre casos reales y dinámicas de justicia restaurativa en la Iglesia Católica”, Seminario Victimización en contextos organizacionales e institucionales y ADR (alternative dispute resolution): Perspectivas compartidas sobre los abusos sexuales desde diversas religiones, Donostia/San Sebastián. Organized by Universidad del País Vasco, 22nd April 2023.
- “Investigar el terrorismo”, Summer Course Escribir la página antes de pasarla. ¿Cómo relatar el terrorismo, Soria. Organised by Centro Internacional Antonio Machado y Centro Memorial, 14th July 2022.
- “Radio interview at Cadena Ser on Victimology and victims, at the national program Hora 25.” <https://cadenaser.com/nacional/2023/04/26/gema-varonavictimologa-las-victimas-no-tienen-por-que-ser-buenas-personas-no-tienen-por-que-resultarnos-agradablescadena-ser/>, Organized by Cadena Ser., 25th April 2023.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### **G.S.Bajpai**

- Served as Convenor of the Committee on Criminal Law Reforms and submitted a Report that led to massive criminal law reforms in India. (<https://criminallawreforms.in/members/>)

### **Jaco Barkhuizen**

- August/September Research and consultative work on parole, offender profiling as part of a Memorandum of Understanding between the South African Department of Justice, Constitutional Development and Correctional Services and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Limpopo, 2023.
- Conference and paper peer reviewer: International Conference on Law Studies: “Equity, Social Justice, and the Rule of Law across the Sustainable Development Goals” hosted by the Faculty of Law, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional Veteran Jakarta, Indonesia, 23 April 2022.

### **Dawn Beichner-Thomas**

- Co-Director, XXXVIII. International Post Graduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 2024
- Co-Director, XXXVII. International Post Graduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 2023.
- Co-Director, XXXVI. International Post Graduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 2022.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### **Beulah Shekhar**

- Organizer of the first Indian Post Graduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice was held from 11-16th September 2023.
- Organizer of India's First Conference on Forensic Victimology {Online} Conference on "Advanced Trends and Future Challenges in Forensic Victimology" 22nd and 23rd September 2022.
- Organizer of the 8th International and 12th Biennial Conference of Indian Society of Victimology Securing Justice to Victims of Crime {1-3rd Nov.) on Female Foeticide in Haryana and Dwindling Sex Ratio at Birth-A Victimological Approach at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.
- Online Interdisciplinary UGS RC- Human Rights and Social inclusion on Victim's Rights are Human Rights at Jamia Mi Ilia Islamia University- Delhi on 20th June 2022.

### **Sarah Simons**

- Forensic Criminology and Victimology Professor, Department of Sociology, Ahmadu Bello University, Kaduna State, Northern Nigeria.(a) Developing a Post Graduate Diploma in Forensic Criminal Investigation and Victimology (b) PI for Victim Survey of Nigeria.
- Training of Victimology Trainers, Ahmadu Bello University, Kaduna State, Northern Nigeria. June 2024.
- Editorial Board Member: Journal of Victimology and Victim Justice, National Law University, Delhi. Publisher: SAGE Publishing <http://journals.sagepub.com> ISSN: 2516-6069. Online ISSN: 2516-6077. Feb. 2024.
- Vice President, International Society of Clinical Criminology (ISCC) ISCC encourages academics and practitioners within the field of Clinical Criminology to collaborate in establishing educational training, research, and expertise in the field of clinical criminology, April 2023
- Editorial Board Member Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice . Publisher: Routledge Taylor & Francis Group [www.taylorandfrancis.com](http://www.taylorandfrancis.com). June 2023.
- Series Editor Team Member: Gender and Crime in a Globalized World Book Series. A new book series by Bristol University Press, United Kingdom <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/gender-and-crime-in-a-globalised-world>. Nov. 2022
- International Advisory and Review Board Member: Global Advances in Victimology and Psychological Studies Online ISSN: 2583-5335. Publisher: Jindal Institute of Behavioral Sciences [www.gavps.jibs.edu.in/index.php/gavps](http://www.gavps.jibs.edu.in/index.php/gavps), 2022

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO VICTIMOLOGICAL-RELATED PROJECT(S), TRAINING AND LECTURES

### **Beulah Shekhar**

#### *Online training*

- 10th October – Lecture on World mental Health at Ganga Hall NFSU Delhi Campus, 2023.
- 9th October - Online lecture on ‘Digital Crime Issues and Challenges’ in the 9th Course on Criminal Justice & Digital forensics at NICFS, NFSU Delhi, 2023.
- 7th August – Online lecture at Sarojini Women’s Center on Victim Rights, 2023
- 10th July – Training session on ‘Women as victims’ at NFSU Delhi, 2023
- 13th July - Training session on ‘Victimology’ at NFSU Delhi, 2023
- 5th July – Stress Web lecture online & Meeting with Dr. Vijo for WSV Course, 2023
- 4th July – Online lecture on ‘Digital Crime Issues and Challenges’ in the 8th Course on Criminal Justice & Digital forensics at NICFS, NFSU Delhi & Meeting with Dr. Vijo Vincent, 2023.
- 22nd June - Online lecture on ‘Digital Crime Issues and Challenges’ in the 7th Course on Criminal Justice & Digital forensics at NICFS, NFSU Delhi, 2023.
- 8th June - Online lecture on ‘Digital Crime Issues and Challenges’ in the 6th Course on Criminal Justice & Digital forensics at NICFS, NFSU Delhi, 2023.
- 25th May – Online lecture on ‘Digital Crime Issues and Challenges’ in the 5th Course on Criminal Justice & Digital forensics at NICFS, NFSU Delhi, 2023.
- 12th May – Online lecture on ‘Digital Crime Issues and Challenges’ in the 4th Course on Criminal Justice & Digital forensics at NICFS, NFSU Delhi, 2023.
- 16th Online Course on Victimology & Victim Justice for police, judiciary and prosecution officials across India, 14th to 16th Feb. 2022.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO VICTIMOLOGICAL-RELATED PROJECT(S), TRAINING AND LECTURES

### **Sarah Simons**

- Technical Support in Sensitizing Academic Board of Great Zimbabwe University (GZU) to understand what Victimology is and advise on possible academic programs that they could establish. June 2022
- Introductory Training of Victimology Trainers online workshop co-Facilitator.
- Conducted an online 1-day introductory Training of Trainers workshop for 8 university academic staff from Somaliland, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Kenya who intend to establish academic Victim-related short courses at their universities. October 2022.

### **Gemma Varona**

- Member of the management committee in Spain of the EU COST programme CA18121 - "Cultures of Victimology: understanding processes of victimization across Europe" (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18121/#>) (2019-2023).
- Vice-chair (chair starting September 2023) of the working group of the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) on environmental crimes and member of the working group of the EFRJ on institutions and RJ.
- Main researcher/coordinator of the Restorative justice for crimes against the environment and against animals: Design of prevention, intervention and reparation programs within a globalised framework (2021-2025), financed by the Spanish Ministry of Science.
- Main researcher/coordinator of the research project financed by the Basque Government on victims of political violence (2021-2024).



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# REGIONAL VICTIMOLOGICAL EVENTS

## **Peter Schaefer**

### Lectures

- Event on Victimology at the Department of Social Work of the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences under the direction of Prof. Dr. Peter Schaefer and Sabrina Krause:
- International interdisciplinary Block Week: Fundamentals of Criminology, Victimology and Criminal Law from 20th - 23rd of March 2023 with lectures by: Prof. Dr. Robert Peacock on the topics: "Street Children: Symptom-bearers of prejudice, discrimination and conflict" and. "Children in Cages: The Victimology of State Crime" and Prof. Dr. Hollianne Marshall on the topics: "Organized Crime Development and Structure" and "Organized Crime Victims."

## **Sarah Simons**

### *Conferences*

- University of Nairobi 5th Annual Forensic Victimology and Victim Support Conference held during the Research Week. 26-27 October 2022. Conference theme: Innovative Practices for Victim Services in the Society. The conference was co-hosted by Kibabii University (Kenya) and Ahmadu Bello University (Nigeria). The event attracted 7 Keynote speakers and saw 30 Research papers delivered by participants from USA, Mexico, Australia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Norway and Kenya.



**Postgraduate Course Victimology, Victim Assistance, and Criminal Justice,  
Dubrovnik, Croatia**

## **Postgraduate Course Victimology, Victim Assistance, and Criminal Justice, Dubrovnik, Croatia, Annually**

**Course Co-Directors:** Chadley James, South Africa/USA, Dick Andzenge, Nigeria/USA, Dawn Beichner-Thomas, USA/ Germany and Anna-Maria Getoš Kalac, Croatia

### **Description by Chaley James**

The post-graduate course on Victimology, Victim Assistance, and Criminal Justice has been held each May for more than three decades at the Inter University Centre Dubrovnik. The course brings together approximately 50-80 international students, and 30 internationally renowned experts from the field of victimology, criminology, and criminal justice. It covers the areas of the Theory and History of Victimology; UN Declarations and Victim Activities; Restorative Justice; Human Trafficking Victims; Victims in Various Criminal Justice Systems; Victimization of Women; Victim Compensation and Restitution; Crisis and Crisis Intervention; Refugees as victims; and much more. The interdisciplinary course provides students from around the world an opportunity to study current victimological issues, while building networks with scholars and fellow students. The instruction of the course is in English. Most years, there are thirty or more countries represented, spanning all regions of the world. The invited resource faculty prepare lectures based on their contemporary research and practices.

Course lectures from the 2024 course included content on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People in the U.S., Internally Displaced Victimization by Conflicts in Africa, The War in Ukraine, International War Tribunals, The Quebec's Special Tribunal for Sexual and Domestic Violence Victims, Family Violence in Israel, and Violence in the Balkans, among others.

The year 2022 marked the 36th anniversary of the Dubrovnik Course, returning after a two-year postponement as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2022 course was also significant in that it paid tribute to one of its founding members, Paul Paul Zvonimir Šeparović and a former long serving organizing co-director, Elmar Weitekamp. The Dubrovnik Course has proven to have become a tradition in our field and, arguably its greatest contribution, is the continued growth and strengthening of the connections it has created amongst past, current, and future victimologist. It is the people who attend the course and the work they share so passionately, which ultimately contribute to its success. For more information about the Dubrovnik course, please contact Dr. Chadley James at [chadleyj@csufresno.edu](mailto:chadleyj@csufresno.edu)



### **The First Indian Post Graduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice**

The Indian Post Graduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance, and Criminal Justice is an annual holistic event organized by the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in collaboration with World Society of Victimology. It was first held from September 11-16, 2023, at the Gandhinagar campus in Gujarat, where participants could visit the serene Sabarmati Ashram and the architectural marvel of Akshardham Temple.

Dr. Beulah Shekhar, who conceptualised the course and was the first Director for this Indian International Victimology course. The Chief Guest Dr. Justice K J Thaker delivered his Inaugural address and wished the participants and resource persons best wishes for the rest of the course. There were over 25 resource persons from India, United States, South Africa, Germany, Australia, and Great Britain. Over 150 participants presented the minor projects they have undertaken to the resource persons, who evaluated the presentations. Dr. Swikar Lama delivered the vote of thanks marking the end of the course in the presence of all the delegates and distinguished dignitaries.

Each year, this intensive course will be held at different NFSU campuses across India, providing participants with the opportunity to explore diverse locations and cultural heritage. If you are interested in participating in this course, please contact (Dr. Beulah Shekhar at [beulahshekhar@yahoo.com](mailto:beulahshekhar@yahoo.com) or [drbeulahshekhar@gmail.com](mailto:drbeulahshekhar@gmail.com)).

## NON -EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### **Chadley James, Former Treasurer and Deputy Chair of the Scientific Program Committee**

#### ***Congratulations***

- On April 9, 2024, Chadley James was appointed as the new chair of the Department of Criminology, the largest department on campus, at California State University, Fresno, California, U.S. With a proven track record of excellence and dedication, Dr. James is poised to lead the department into a bright future.

### **Michael O'Connell, Former Secretary General and Deputy Chair of the UN Liaison Committee**

#### ***Publications***

- O'Connell, M. (2024). Forensic Victimology: A Study in Criminal Victimisation. In B. Shekhar & P. Pokharival (Eds.) Forensic Justice: A Global Perspective (pp. 3-24). Routledge: Abingdon, Oxon.
- O'Connell, M. (2022). Unsolved homicides: Operation Persist, an example of victim-centred policing? KDU International Journal of Criminal Justice, 1(1): 1-32.
- O'Connell, M. (2022). Same, Same but Different: Preventing Crime and Preventing Victimisation. Global Advances in Victimology and Psychological Studies, 1(1), 7-19.

#### ***Presentations and Victimological-Related Activities***

2024

- July 2024 – Delegate Multi-stakeholders' Preparation Day prior to the Constructive Dialogue on Trafficking in Persons and for the Consultative Dialogue on Trafficking in Human Beings.
- June 2024 – Attended “Responding to Victims’ Needs: Who is a victim? Whose responsibility?”, a lecture given by Prof Sarah Simons, a member of the WSV EC.
- May 2024 – Appointed electoral officer for the WSV 2024 election of one half of the Executive Committee, and administrative officer to assist the WSV President convene the WSV Awards 2024.
- May 2024 – Represented the WSV at the Informal dialogue with the UNODC Executive Director.

2023

- December 2023 – Presented as keynote speaker at the European project on court-based support for victims and witnesses.
- November 2023 – Attended the US VOC TACC webinar on “Leaning In: Historical Trauma and Cultural Responsiveness in Victim”.
- September 2023 – Lectured during the inaugural India Post-graduate Course on Victimology, at the NFSU Gujarat India. The course is endorsed by the WSV.

## NON -EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- August 2023 – Attended a webinar on Multigenerational Reflections on the Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This webinar was particularly pertinent because I had written the WSV written statement on that declaration and its provision for reparations. The statement is published on the UN NGO website as an official WSV document.
- July 2023 – Attended a webinar co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica and the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations and convened by the International Center for Multi-Generational Legacies of Trauma (ICMGLT), which was held ahead of the twenty fifth anniversary of the Rome Statue of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The focus was on norms and standards on victims' rights devoted to protection, participation and reparations.
- July 2023 – Participated as an interviewee for the evaluation for the NZ Department of Corrections online communication tool for victims of serious crime on the Victim Notification Register. The tool is web-based and called the Victim Notification App (ViNA) <<https://www.vina.govt.nz/>>.
- June 2023 - Lecturer, Asia Post-graduate Course on Victimology and Victim Assistance, which is endorsed by the WSV, and speaker at the Asia International Conference on Victim Assistance.
- May 2023 – Keynote speaker for a national conference (Australia) “Safer Spaces for People with Disability: Reporting Crime and Abuse”.
- February 2023 – Participated at the online session for the annual Victims of Crime Day conference that focused on the rights of victims as they navigate the justice system and seek recovery. Addressed the importance of an independent statutory advocate (e.g., a Victim Ombudsperson or Commissioner for Victims' Rights).

2022

- December 2022 – Viewed a teleconference on trafficking in human beings.
- October 2022 – Lecturer, Asia Post-graduate Course on Victimology and Victim Assistance, which is endorsed by the WSV, and speaker at the Asia International Conference on Victim Assistance.
- October 2022 – In preparation for the 11th Session Conference of Parties to UNTOC (17-21 October 2022), attended a special briefing convened by the UNODC Civil Society Unit and the NGO Alliance on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. During the briefing, he posed several questions relating to the victims' rights, which he asserted remain unfilled for too many victims, and needs, which he asserted are not met for all victims.

## NON -EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- September 2022 – Acted as a moderator for the inaugural UN Congress on Victims of Terrorism and had ongoing input into the drafting of the UN OCT Victims of Crime Section Handbook on Guidelines for NGOs supporting victims of terrorism in Asia-Pacific.
- July 2022 - HLPF Side Event on "Older women in crises: Invisible among the most vulnerable". This event explored the multiple and intersecting forms of discriminations faced by older women in emergencies and put forward ideas on how to address such challenges and ensure that their needs are met.
- July 2022 – Assisted Prof Dawn Beichner-Thomas, Chair of the WSV UN Liaison Committee, complete the Reducing reoffending: survey of best practices.
- July 2022 - Constructive Dialogues on Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons. Attended as a delegate representing both the World Society of Victimology and Victim Support Asia.

### **Robert Peacock**

- In an exchange of expertise, Prof Peacock participated in a Global Minds Programme that facilitated collaboration with KU Leuven ([Katolieke Universiteit Leuven](https://www.kuleuven.be)) in Belgium, a leading institution in law and criminology. This partnership, focusing on human rights, transitional justice, restorative justice and victimology, paved the way for impactful research on conflict, peace, and development. Prof Peacock was hosted for a period of two months (December 2023/January 2024) by Prof Stephan Parmentier from the Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC). During this period Prof Peacock presented a joint seminar on the topic of “Victimology in Africa: Towards a new horizon” and amongst other activities participated in an international workshop on “Trauma-Informed Practices: how to improve the support to professionals in public settings?” at the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the European Union. This was done in close cooperation with LINC and the Belgium Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels, together with an interdisciplinary project consortium, that included partners from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Greece, Portugal, Slovakia, and Slovenia. A highlight of the of the exchange programme refers to the participation and celebration of justice and science in action when history was made in a trial that took place in Leuven of five high-level officials from Guatemala’s military and political apparatus accused of murder, enforced disappearance and torture of Belgian missionaries in Guatemala forty years ago. With the sustained engagement of Prof Stephan Parmentier as the scientific advisor, the jury found the crimes grave enough to qualify as crimes against humanity, committed within the framework of “a generalised or systematic attack on the civilian population”. Decades of perseverance, support and guidance testified to the impact of exemplary engaged scholarship with transnational reach, scope and value.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



## AFRICA

### *In Nigeria, women religious are rescuing, rehabilitating victims of human trafficking*

- For decades, Nigeria has remained a source, transit and destination country for human trafficking in sub-Saharan Africa, with her citizens making up 6% of immigrants in Libya, where they are commonly traded in open markets, according to a 2021 report from the International Organization for Migration. But a network of Catholic Sisters of St. Louis at the Bakhita Empowerment center, a safehouse in Lagos, Nigeria's commercial capital, is determined to change this by providing shelter to survivors and conducting education campaigns to prevent others from being victimized. <https://www.osvnews.com/2024/04/23/in-nigeria-women-religious-are-rescuing-rehabilitating-victims-of-human-trafficking/>

### *Africa Online Safety Platform Launches In SA, Provides Essential Victim Support & Cyber Education:*

- Impact Amplifier, with the financial support of Google.org, today launched its African Online Safety Platform (AOSP). The Africa Online Safety Platform is an Africa-wide project and part of Impact Amplifier's broader intention to address African Online Safety at a systemic level. - February 7, 2024. The site is intended to address the complexity of understanding what online safety issues are affecting different parts of Africa, how to keep everyone and particularly young people safe online, how to teach online safety formally in schools and at home, funding opportunities for safety innovators, and how to get help if a crime or other violation has occurred. <https://techfinancials.co.za/2024/02/07/africa-online-safety-platform-launches-in-sa-provides-essential-victim-support-cyber-education/>

## ASIA

### *Thailand Tightens Cooperation with Neighbor to Combat Online Trafficking and Enhance Victim Assistance*

- As part of ongoing dialogue and cooperation with neighboring countries on anti-human trafficking efforts, Thailand and Cambodia held a meeting in Bangkok to develop a joint action plan to implement the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on law enforcement cooperation to combat human trafficking, prioritizing the need to tackle online exploitation and trafficking. <https://www.thaianti-humantraffickingaction.org/Home/2024/05/30/thailand-tightens-cooperation-with-neighbor-to-combat-online-trafficking-and-enhance-victim-assistance/>

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### AUSTRALIA

*Nearly \$1bn funding announced to support victim-survivors leaving violence, combat online misogyny and AI porn*

- Nearly \$1bn funding announced to support victim-survivors leaving violence, combat online misogyny and AI porn. In 2024, the Australian federal government has pledged to combat violence against women, committing to permanent funding to help women escape violence. The Leaving violence Program payment' of \$5,000 will help women escape abusive relationships with money for services, risk assessments and safety planning. The Leaving Violence Program would provide eligible victim-survivors with an individualised financial support package of up to \$1,500 in cash and up to \$3,500 in goods and services, as well as safety planning, risk assessment and referrals to other essential services for up to 12 weeks. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-05-01/national-cabinet-meets-to-address-violence-against-women/103789304>

### CARIBBEAN

*GENEVA, 22 January 2024—UNAIDS welcomes Jamaica's expansion of protections against gender-based violence as the Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act comes into effect on 22 January 2024.*

- The amendment will help survivors of physical and mental abuse from persons they reside with or are involved with in an intimate or familial relationship. Amongst other changes, the amendment increases the categories of people who can apply for a protection order for an affected person. For affected children, it enables appropriate public officials to apply for a protection order. It also expands the ability of the court to take actions necessary to protect people. <https://caribbean.un.org/en/258449-unaids-welcomes-jamaica%E2%80%99s-expansion-protections-against-gender-based-violence>

*Jamaica has a Victim Services Branch providing special intervention programmes for children*

- Director of the Victim Services Branch (VSB) in the Ministry of Justice, Dionne Dawn Binns, says a slew of special intervention programmes are available for children who are victims of crime or are at risk. <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20240327/victim-services-branch-providing-special-intervention-programmes-children>

*Official Opening and New Logo Unveiling of Victim Support Services in Sint Maarten*

- SINT MAARTEN (GREAT BAY) - Victim Support Services (VSS) in Sint Maarten is eager to announce its official opening and new logo unveiling on April 2, 2024. The VSS is on its journey to support victims of crime and trauma in the community of St. Maarten. Led by Director Cassandra Richardson and Board President Edna Evans, the VSS has secured its first official office located on A TH. Illidge Road.

[https://www.soualiganewsday.com/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=54935:official-opening-and-new-logo-unveiling-of-victim-support-services-in-sint-maarten&Itemid=450](https://www.soualiganewsday.com/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=54935:official-opening-and-new-logo-unveiling-of-victim-support-services-in-sint-maarten&Itemid=450)

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### EUROPE

*Over 40 human rights organisations have released a joint statement calling on EU lawmakers to shield undocumented migrants from immigration enforcement when they report abuse to the police, as the EU is discussing new rules to protect victims of crime.*

- Signatories include Amnesty International, the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM), La Strada International, and Victim Support Europe. The EU Victims' Rights Directive, which sets out minimum rights for victims of abuse across the EU, is currently being revised and the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) committees of the European Parliament should vote on their position in April. <https://www.amnesty.eu/news/new-eu-victims-rights-directive-over-40-human-rights-groups-warn-of-potential-failure-to-protect-migrant-victims>.

### LATIN AMERICA

*Eight Latin American countries fighting human trafficking together  
Panama City*

- (Panama), 22 April 2024 - From the tropical seaside towns of the Dominican Republic to the busy streets of Brazil, Latin America and the Caribbean have recently witnessed disturbing trends in human trafficking. A United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) project, TRACK4TIP, is bringing countries in the region together to stand against this horrific crime, resulting in some 90 criminal investigations and the identification of more than 600 trafficking victims. According to data collected by UNODC in Central America and the Caribbean, 89 per cent of the human trafficking victims are women and girls trafficked for sexual exploitation in bars, nightclubs, hidden apartments or behind webcams. <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/frontpage/2024/April/nine-latin-american-countries-fighting-human-trafficking-together.html>



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## NORTH AMERICA

### *The Office of the Federal Ombudsperson for Victims of Crime (OFOVC) (Canada)*

- The Office of the Federal Ombudsperson for Victims of Crime (OFOVC) is an independent resource for victims in Canada. Its mandate relates exclusively to matters of federal jurisdiction and enables the Office: to promote access by victims to existing federal programs and services for victims; to address complaints of victims about compliance with the provisions of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act that apply to victims of crimes committed by offenders under federal jurisdiction; and to promote awareness of the needs and concerns of victims and the applicable laws that benefit victims of crime. Funding to improve support for victims of childhood sexual abuse in Winnipeg, Manitoba for From: Department of Justice Canada

### *The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) United States*

- The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) to provide Federal funds in support of victim assistance and compensation programs around the country and to advocate for the fair treatment of crime victims.

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/>

### *The National Training Institute*

- The National Training Institute — or NTI for short — emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to sharing promising practices, current research, and effective programs and policies that are victim-centered, practice-based, and research-informed. NTI is a forum for law enforcement, victim service professionals, allied practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to share current developments and build new collaborations. This multidisciplinary institute offers more than 80 victim-centered, practice-based, research-informed trainings.

<https://victimsofcrime.org/national-training-institute/>

### *Victims and Survivors of Crime*

- Every year, United States celebrates National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April and Canada celebrates Victims and Survivors of Crime Week in May.

