

The WSV Book Award



The WSV Book Award recognises the author(s) of a book that represents an outstanding contribution to the further development of victimology worldwide.

In accordance with the aims of the World Society of Victimology, the term victimology refers to all scholarly, scientific and professional knowledge concerning victims and victimisation, including the extent, nature and causes of victimisation, its consequences for the persons involved and society, the prevention of victimisation, victim assistance and services, victims' rights and their implementation in legislation and practice, restorative and procedural justice, and the responses of law enforcement, judicial, correctional and social systems to victims.

To be eligible for the Award, the monograph or book must have been published by an academic publisher within the three calendar years preceding the year of the proposed award. The year of publication considered is the one stated in the book. If there is no indication of the year of publication, then the year of copyright printed in the book will be taken into consideration.

Anthologies and/or edited volumes will not be considered for this Award. Sole or multi-authored monographs or books may be nominated, but only one Award will be given, to be shared amongst all authors.

EC members cannot be authors or editors of the book. The nominees must not be current members of the WSV Executive Committee or have been members of such Committee during the three years preceding the year of the award.

The SG will transmit all proposal that fulfill the requirements to the Executive Committee that will take a decision prior the ISV. The Executive Committee may also decide not to give the prize in any given year.

Only members of the World Society of Victimology can nominate a book.

Nominations shall be sent to the Secretary-General of the WSV:

secretary-general@worldsocietyofvictimology.org by 10 December 2026.

Nomination submissions must include:

1. A letter of nomination detailing the book's significance.
2. The nominee's curriculum vitae.
3. One electronic copy of the book that can be shared only for the purposes of the award.