

Introduction to Victimology

Preceding the 14th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology a two-day introductory course in victimology is planned on **15 and 16 May 2012**.

The course will offer practitioners, policy makers, students and other interested parties the opportunity to gain insight into key issues in academic victimology, provided by leading experts in the field. It aims to deepen their understanding of familiar subjects, while simultaneously offering an overview of the range of topics addressed by victimology.

The programme consists of two full days of lectures, with the first day particularly reviewing **the study of victimisation**, while the second primarily addresses **responses to victimisation**.

The course is open to anyone with an **interest in academic victimology**. Participants are not expected to have previous training in social sciences in general or victimology in particular. Attending the WSV-symposium is not a requirement for the course, although symposium participants will receive a discount on the course fee.

The fee for participation in the course is € 190,-. For symposium attendees a rate of € 90,- applies. The course will be given in English and will only take place with a minimum of 30 participants. Registered participants will be given notice about this per 15 April. Deadline registration for course: 15 April.

The course takes place in (the vicinity of) The Hague. The exact location will be announced later.

Coordinators of the course Introduction to Victimology are Antony Pemberton and Sonja Leferink.

Course programme

Tuesday 15 May The study of victimization

9:30a.m.-10:00a.m.	Welcome/registration
10:00a.m. - 11:10a.m.	Victimology: an introduction in four key questions / Dr. Antony Pemberton, Tilburg University - INTERVICT
11:10a.m. - 11:20a.m.	Short Break
11:20a.m. - 12:30p.m.	How does it feel to become a victim of crime: psychological consequences and personal perceptions? / Prof. Stefan Bogaerts, Tilburg University - INTERVICT
12:30p.m. - 1.30p.m.	Lunch
1:30p.m. - 2:30p.m.	Why Victim Support does not support victims of domestic violence / Dr. Sonja Leferink, Slachtofferhulp Nederland
2:30p.m. - 3:40p.m.	Victims of road traffic accidents: needs, responses, research / Prof. Frank Hutsebaut, Leuven University
3:40p.m. - 4:00p.m.	Short Break
4:00p.m. - 5:10p.m.	Victims' rights: European and International developments / Prof. Rianne Letschert, Tilburg University - INTERVICT

Wednesday 16 May Responses to victimization

09:45a.m. – 10:00a.m. Welcome

10:00a.m. – 11:10a.m. The phenomenon of victimization and its evaluation: key findings from Victim Surveys / Prof. Jan Van Dijk, Tilburg University - INTERVICT

11:10a.m. - 11:20a.m. Short Break

11:20a.m. – 12:30p.m. Key actors for victims of crime: the role of the police, legal professionals and victim support organizations / Prof. Ivo Aertsen & Dr. Vicky de Mesmaecker, Leuven University

12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m. Lunch

1.30p.m. - 2.30p.m. Victims and Restorative Justice / Dr. Inge Vanfraechem & Daniela Bolivar MSc, Leuven University

2.30p.m. - 3.30p.m. Transitional Justice: trials, truth commissions and amnesties/ Prof. Stephan Parmentier, Leuven University & Dr. Felix Ndahinda, Tilburg University - INTERVICT

3:40p.m. - 4:00p.m. Short Break

4:00p.m. - 5:10p.m. Does a society get the victims it deserves? Explorations in the sociology of victimization / Dr. Tom Daems, Ghent University

5:15p.m. - 6:15p.m. Drinks

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