



## The Victimology Working Group Newsletter

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VWG pre-conference meeting. Athens, September 2025

Dear colleagues and friends,

*The Criminology Conference 2025 is now behind us. Although we were a small group during the pre-conference in Athens, it was a real pleasure to meet and discuss how we can continue moving forward together. Serving as Chair of the Victimology Working Group has been a privilege. These six years have been incredibly meaningful, filled with learning, sharing, and collaboration. I am truly thankful for the ongoing support and connection within our group. This journey has had its challenges, but it has also been profoundly rewarding. Throughout this time, our group has remained active, supportive, and connected, and I am sincerely grateful for that.*

*This newsletter includes important updates: information about the upcoming elections in March, with results to be announced in April. The new Chair will begin their term in September, during our next ESC Conference in Warsaw. We will remain in our roles until September 2026 and are committed to continuing our collective work throughout the coming year. I am also pleased to share progress on the Mendelsohn Project. Selected materials are now available through the [Hebrew University of Jerusalem library website](#). Efforts to enhance access are ongoing, and it is encouraging to see researchers beginning to use the archive, an exciting reflection of our shared commitment and efforts.*

*Before concluding, I want to sincerely thank Polina and Victoria for their dedication, patience, and support. Their friendship, hard work, hopefulness, and tolerance have been invaluable to our group's success and to me personally. And to all members of the ESC Victimology Working Group, thank you all for your trust, enthusiasm, and for fostering a strong, supportive community. As my time as chair comes to an end, I look forward to new ways of working together and remaining an engaged member of this inspiring group.*

Beatrice

### New Publications

**Cole, T., Harvey, O., Healy, J. C., & Smith, C. (2025).** Contemporary treatment of crime victims/survivors: Barriers faced by minority groups in accessing and utilizing domestic abuse services. *Behavioral Sciences*, 15(2), 103. <https://doi.org/10.3390/bs15020103>

**Harvey, O., Cole, T., Levell, J., & Healy, J. (2024).** Explorations of attitudes towards accessibility and accessing domestic violence and abuse (DVA) perpetrator support programmes by victim-survivors and perpetrators across five European countries. *Abuse: An International Impact Journal*, 5(1), 26–45. <https://doi.org/10.37576/abuse.2024.055>

**Nanclares, E., Romero-Seseña, P., & Pereda, N. (2025).** Unsafe play: Understanding sexual victimization in digital gaming communities. *European Journal of Criminology & Policy Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10610-025-09642-z>

**Pereda, N., Tamarit, J. M., & Suárez-Soto, E. (2025).** The scope of religious related child sexual abuse in Spain: A prevalence study. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10538712.2025.2541104>

**Wemmers, J. A. M. (2025).** *Victimology: A Canadian perspective* (2nd ed.). University of Toronto Press.

**Varona, G. (2025).** Animalising restorative justice? At the crossroads of interspecies justice and non-violence. *Revista Internacional de Vitimologia e Justiça Restaurativa*, 3(2).

<https://revista.provitima.org/ojs/index.php/rpv/article/view/120>

**Varona, G. (2025).** Resonances: Restoratively breaking through social distances. In F. Reggio & B. Pali (Eds.), *Widening the restorative lens: Expanding interdisciplinary, historical and philosophical perspectives in restorative justice* (pp. 236–255). Brill.

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**Varona, G. (Ed.). (n.d.).** *Victimología didáctica y aplicada: Análisis de casos*. Laborum.

<https://accesoabierto.laborum.es/index.php/oa/catalog/view/978-84-10262-58-4/9788410262584/89>

**Varona, G., Camacho, G., Esteve, M., & Portilla, V. (2025).** “It’s all one and the same”: Partner violence and animal maltreatment as experienced by women in Ecuador. *DALPS. Derecho Animal (Animal Legal and Policy Studies)*, 3, 424–463.

<https://dalps.tirant.com/index.php/dalps/article/view/103/107>

## Upcoming Events

### 15th Annual Conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia

**Date:** November 20–21, 2025.

**Location:** Palace Hotel, Topličin venac 23, Belgrade, Serbia

**More information:** [Registration](#) and [Preliminary Program](#)

**For additional information** please contact Milica Luković Radaković at email [vdsconference@gmail.com](mailto:vdsconference@gmail.com) and [vdsrbija@gmail.com](mailto:vdsrbija@gmail.com)

### Romanian Society of Victimology (RSV) Conference

**Dates:** November 28–29, 2024

**Location:** Bucharest, Romania / Online (Day 1 in Romanian, Day 2 in English)

**Deadline for Abstract Submission:** November 20, 2025

**Details:** Please submit your abstract proposals to: [aura.preda@spiruharet.ro](mailto:aura.preda@spiruharet.ro) and [srv@victimologie](mailto:srv@victimologie)

**Call for Papers:** RSV's *Romanian Journal of Victimology*, issue 2/2025 – Highlights on Victimology, Victimization and Victims (6th edition)

**More Information:** Conference details, registration, and registration form are attached.

### The Wilberforce Institute – CV3 International Symposium on Counter Narratives

**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2025

**Time:** 12:00–18:00 GMT

**Location:** Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, Oriel Chambers, 27 High Street, Kingston upon Hull HU1 1NE, United Kingdom

**Description:** This international symposium brings together experts to challenge current narratives on violence, victimisation, and vulnerability.

**More information:** [Conference details](#)

### IIRP World Conference: *Artful Integration: Exploring the Art and Science of Restorative Practices*

**Dates:** October 19–22, 2025

**Location:** Chattanooga, USA

**More Information:** [Conference details](#)

### Antonio Beristain XV Victimology Encounter

**Date:** November 18, 2025

**Format:** Face-to-face and online (Spanish only)

**Occasion:** Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the 1985 UN Declaration on Victims

**More Information:** [Event details](#)

### Online Workshop: Inauguration Open Event of the Ibero-American Section of the World Society of Victimology (WSV)

**Date:** November 28, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 hrs (Chile) | 08:00 hrs (Mexico) | 16:00 hrs (Spain)

### XIII World Mediation Forum

**Dates:** November 16–19, 2026

**Location:** San Sebastián, Spain

**Organised by:** Basque Institute of Criminology, University of the Basque Country

### Presentation of the Índice Legislativo de Usina de Justicia (IUJ)

The Índice Legislativo de Usina de Justicia (IUJ) is a tool designed to measure the quality of laws.

**More information:** [Presentación del Índice Legislativo de Usina de Justicia \(IUJ\) | UCEMA](#)

**Book Presentation:** [Nuevos paradigmas para la justicia penal: Hacia una era con perspectiva de víctima](#) (New Paradigms for Criminal Justice: Towards an Era with a Victim Perspective)

**Date:** November 10, 2025

**Location:** Nicaragua 4899, Palermo

**Mendelsohn Archive:** [Digital Archive](#)

### Postgraduate Events:

**Researcher Well-Being:** Practices for Physical & Mental Safety in the Field

Location: Belgium

Registration Form: [Link to form](#)

**Events by the British Society of Criminology**

More Information: [Event listings](#)

**Hybrid Seminar:** *Children's Rights Under Pressure – The Commercialization of Digital Play*

More Information & Registration: [Seminar details](#)

## Homepage and social media

VWG [homepage](#)

[LinkedIn:](#) Victimology Working Group of the European Society of Criminology

[Twitter:](#) @ESCVictimsWG

## Election Announcement

### Call for Candidatures

The Victimology Working Group (VWG) is approaching the conclusion of its current term of service. By September 2026, the current Committee will have completed its service, marking two full terms for the Chair and one full term for both the Executive Secretary and Postgraduate Representative.

As the current leadership concludes its term, we are now opening the Call for Candidatures for the next Committee.

Positions Open for Election

- Chair
- Executive Secretary
- Postgraduate Representative

Each position offers an opportunity to contribute to the continued development and activities of the Victimology Working Group within the ESC community.

### Elections Timeline

#### Call for Candidatures

We are pleased to open the call for candidatures for the next term of the Victimology Working Group Committee.

Members interested in contributing to the continued growth, collaboration, and scholarly work of the VWG are warmly invited to submit their candidacy.

#### Elections Timeline

**Call for candidatures:** Now open

**Nomination deadline:** 31 January 2026

**Elections:** Scheduled for March 2026

**New term begins:** September 2026

See attached document for eligibility and nominations