

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

WORLD SOCIETY OF
VICTIMOLOGY



Advancing research, services and
awareness for victims

15TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

*Victimisation, justice and healing:
challenging orthodoxies*

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

5-9 July **2015**

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Australian Institute of Criminology

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Invitation

Victim Support Australia in partnership with angelhands Inc are delighted to invite you to the 15th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology (WSV) which will be held in Perth, Western Australia at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on the 5-9 July 2015.

The Symposium invites International and Australian presenters from the broader discipline of Victimology and brings them together in one of Australia's most beautiful cities. Western Australia is a community that is at the forefront of victim support services.

This Symposium follows on from the successful 14th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology, *Justice for*

Victims: Cross-cultural perspectives on conflict, trauma and reconciliation which was held in The Hague, The Netherlands in 2012.

The Symposium is being organised by the WSV, Victim Support Australia, angelhands and the Australian Institute of Criminology with considerable support from the Western Australian Government.

The 15th International WSV Symposium will provide a unique opportunity for international engagement with victimologists, victim services practitioners, the judiciary, policing, researchers, non-Government organisations and policy makers.

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Who should attend?

The conference will be relevant and valuable for a diverse range of victim support practitioners, researchers, lawyers and jurists, law enforcement personnel, victim/survivor advocates, and policymakers involved in:

- Victims of crime support services
 - Government
 - Non-government and community groups
- Legal practice, policing, and the courts
- Therapeutic responses – health, medical and psychology/social welfare
- Advocacy for the rights and needs of victims/survivors and their families
- Human rights

Program Committee

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Call for abstracts

The Program Committee invites the submission of abstracts for oral papers, symposia, workshops or poster presentations, on topics that align with the conference theme of **Victimisation, justice and healing: Challenging orthodoxies**. The theme is designed to provide a focus on sharing best practice, emerging responses, and critical reflection on contemporary conceptualisations of victimisation and justice in various settings and disciplines – from the world of ‘ordinary’ crime, to post-colonial and post-conflict settings, and to transnational, cyber and institutional environments.

Submissions are welcome from researchers, policy makers, practitioners, service providers, victim/survivors and early career researchers (students) which are focused on: the support of victims, and the prevention of victimisation and associated concerns; theoretical and conceptual issues in victimisation; and the role of governments, professionals and communities in preventing and addressing victimisation.

Subthemes

In order to assist authors, submissions may be focused on, but are not limited to the following themes:

Responding to (and researching) the needs of vulnerable or oppressed populations, including:

- Indigenous, First Nations and Aboriginal peoples
- Migrants, refugees and others of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Victim/survivors of national conflicts and natural disasters
- Victimisation and the response to victimisation – issues and responses in Asia and the Pacific
- LGBTI – modern homophobia

Current thinking and approaches toward the prevention and responses to violent victimisation:

- Homicide (including femicide)
- Armed robbery
- Kidnapping

- Child maltreatment and institutional abuse
- Sexual assault
- Domestic and family violence (IPV)
- Hate crimes
- Violent extremism

New forms of victimisation in the 21st century:

- Sexting
- Cyber-bullying
- Online sexual exploitation
- Identity fraud

Working together – improving responses and systemic reform

- Law and justice approaches
- Victims rights
- Restorative justice and reconciliation approaches
- Reforming victims of crime systems
- Innovative (diverse) approaches to justice and compensation
- Cross-sectoral and inter-professional approaches



- Civil society and informal justice responses
- Advocacy by survivors
- Health and medical responses

Evidencing and/or facilitating recovery for victims of crime, their families and communities

- Assessment, diagnosis and treatment
- From rescue to recovery – effective therapeutic practice
- Managing complex needs
- Engaging and working with children and young people
- Advocacy by survivors
- Community-based approaches
- Managing the effects of vicarious trauma
- Crimes compensation approaches
- Health and medical responses

Victims of global and transnational crime

- Human trafficking (modern slavery)
- International crime courts
- Truth commissions
- Fraud and other financial crime
- Environmental crime

Types Of Presentation

Oral paper presentations will be allocated 20 minute papers (plus 5 minutes question time) in concurrent sessions of 3–4 papers.

Symposia will be allocated 75–100 minutes and should be composed of 3 to 5 papers on a related theme.

Workshops will be allocated 75–100 minutes and should provide an interactive education or training session on elements of policy, program or service delivery or approaches to working directly with children, families and/or communities.

Posters will be displayed in the main break out area. Time will be allocated during breaks for authors to discuss their work with interested attendees.

Authors can indicate their preference for oral paper, symposia, workshop, poster presentation and/or ‘early career researcher’ on the online abstract submission form. All submitted abstracts will be blind peer-reviewed. The Program Committee reserves the right to decide the format of presentations and in which stream they will be presented on the basis of time and space available.

Early Career Researchers prize

VSA will be offering a prize of complimentary registration to the authors of the two most outstanding abstracts submitted by early career researchers. To be eligible for this prize, ensure that you select the Early Career Researchers option, when submitting your abstract.

Abstract submission instructions

Abstracts are to be submitted via the Conference website (<http://aic.gov.au/victimology2015>). An abstract template will be available on the website. Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words for oral paper presentations and posters. A 500 word limit is available for symposia and workshops.

Submissions should also include a concise title and the full names and contact details of the authors. The lead author/presenter should be listed first as the key contact. Any additional authors should be listed in the space provided and be clearly identified if they will be co-presenting at the conference.

A brief personal biography (approximately 100 words) from the presenting author/s should also be included which can be used to introduce speakers at the conference.

Please do not include any acknowledgments, figures or references in the abstract.

The abstract will be published in the final conference program and full papers may be selected for publication in conference proceedings.

Authors of accepted papers are expected to register and attend the conference. All expenses associated with attendance are to be covered by the presenter.

Destination

Perth, Western Australia

Perth is a breathtakingly beautiful city situated between lush wine growing country in the south and the hypnotic Australian outback in the Kimberley region of the north. As the capital and heartbeat of Australia's largest state, Perth is a world class city of nearly 2 million. There are five major Universities located in the Perth region.

The traditional Indigenous owners of the region are the Noongar people who populated the region for tens of thousands of years prior to European settlement, living off the rich landscape, freshwater lakes and ocean.

The beautiful Indian Ocean beaches skirt Perth and Fremantle and are easily accessible.

Perth is set on the banks of the spectacular Swan River and overlooked by Kings Park which was recently ranked the sixth best park in the world by Trip Advisor. It is one of Australia's fastest growing urban centres and is a modern, sophisticated city that is clean, safe and easy to get around.

Pre and post conference, delegates can also enjoy truly Western Australian experiences such as seeing kangaroos and koalas and other native wildlife, river cruises, swimming with dolphins, whale watching and much more.

As a major capital city you'd expect Perth to be accessible and it is. Eighteen international airlines, 5 domestic and 11 regional airlines service Perth. There are 267 international flights in and out of the city every week connecting travellers to over 50 destinations around Australia and overseas.

Conference venue—Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

So close to everything... The PCEC is situated in the heart of the beautiful city of Perth, within easy walking distance of the city's major hotels, business, restaurant and retail districts and offers a range of transport options.

Situated next to the Central Business District and nestled on the Swan River, PCEC provides delegates an abundant selection of shopping, entertaining and dining opportunities to enhance their conference experience.

Important dates

Abstract submissions close: 7 March 2015

Abstract notification to authors: 28 March 2015

Early registration deadline: 30 April 2015



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