



FUTURE OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION
Live Debate

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SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Antony Pemberton - Professor, *Leuven Institute of Criminology, KU Leuven* & Senior Researcher at the *Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR)*

Antony Pemberton is currently Professor of Restorative Justice at the Leuven Institute of Criminology and Senior Researcher at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR) in Amsterdam. His research is a wide-ranging attempt to gain further insight into victimological perspectives on justice. In doing so he draws on a variety of source disciplines, including political science, social and moral psychology, criminology, legal philosophy, ethics and criminal law. Much of his work has a strong theoretical emphasis, but includes empirical studies as well, while maintaining a clear link with policy and other practical applications.

Antony has published about 90 articles, books and book chapters on victimology and restorative justice. Amongst others he has co-authored a book on victims of terrorism, co-edited a volume on victims of international crimes, published a series of articles connecting social and clinical psychology to victimology in theories of restorative justice and completed evaluations of the Dutch victim impact statement, mediation in and around criminal proceedings and the European Union Framework Decision on victims in criminal proceedings. He has played a leading role in the emerging topics of narrative and cultural victimology.

He is the daily supervisor of nine PhD-students. As an adviser to the EU he played a key role in the development of the EU-"Victims Directive" that was adopted in 2012. In 2013 he was awarded a personal VENI-grant from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO). In 2015 his PhD-student Eva Mulder was awarded a Research Talent grant from the same organization. As main proposer in 2018 he was awarded a COST-Action (CA18121) on Cultures of Victimology. The action will run from 2019 to 2023.

Frida Wheldon - Development Director Legal Affairs, *Victim Support Sweden*

Frida Wheldon has devoted her work to the advancement of human rights and services to people affected by crime. With degrees in international criminal law and international human rights, Frida has wide legal knowledge of the frameworks surrounding victims of crime. She also has extensive practical experience working to improve strategies and support service delivery to victims and witnesses of crime, nationally and internationally. She has many years' experience advocating for stronger rights for victims, developing practical options for their implementation and manage cross-border referrals to ensure that victims, witnesses and affected families are offered support and protection in ongoing cases. She has spoken on victims' rights nationally and internationally, providing input to national governments and international agencies.

Frida was the first ever Secretary General for *Save the Children Youth Sweden*. In this role, she was responsible for the establishment of the organisation, strategic direction and management. She moved on to become Policy Executive in *Victim Support Scotland* and subsequently Director of Policy

for *Victim Support Europe*. In 2017, she became the first Executive Director for *Victim Support Asia*. Frida currently serves as Development Director for Legal Affairs within *Victim Support Sweden*, where she oversees the Witness Service available in 54 criminal courts. She is a member of the *International Network for Victims of Terrorism and Mass Violence (INVICTM)*, the *EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism* and the Executive Board of *Victim Support Asia*.

Geraldine Hanna – President, *Victim Support Europe*

Geraldine Hanna is the current President of Victim Support Europe and has been the Chief Executive of Victim Support NI since 2015. Victim Support NI is the lead charity providing support to victims and witnesses of all types of crime across Northern Ireland.

Geraldine has over 20 years' experience in the victims' sector and been the driving force in establishing Victim Support NI's Witness Service in all criminal courts across Northern Ireland and introducing the role of Independent Sexual Violence Advocates to the region. She has been integral in the development of key initiatives to improve services for victims and witnesses of crime including the Victim and Witness Charters, Achievement of Best Practice Guidance and the introduction of Registered Intermediaries and Sexual Offence Legal Advisers. She is passionate about the rights of victims and witnesses and believes that Northern Ireland has the opportunity to be the leading light for best practice in this field. Geraldine has presented widely on the impact of crime and the criminal justice system on victims and has been a member of advisory panels to numerous reviews of the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland, including the Gillen review of sexual violence and current Hate Crime Review led by HHJ Marrinan.

Ingrid Sanders - Confidential Information Officer, *Belgian Federal Police*

Ingrid Sanders started her career as a teacher and joined the Belgian gendarmerie at the age of twenty-seven. As first position, she worked in the intervention team of the gendarmerie in the city center of Brussels and specialised in human trafficking. In 2000, she transferred to the airport police at Brussels Airport. Thirteen years later, she joined the human trafficking team of the Federal Judicial Police Halle-Vilvoorde, however, her base remained Brussels Airport.

Ingrid was one of the first responders in the terrorist attack on 22nd March 2016 at Brussels Airport. Following these attacks, she was transferred to the victims cell of the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office. Here she was responsible for the follow up of victims of terrorism. In London, she successfully completed a training as Family Liaison Officer. Since 1st January 2020, she has been working again at Brussels Airport as a Confidential Information Officer at the ILP desk of the Federal Judicial Police Halle-Vilvoorde.

Levent Altan – Executive Director, *Victim Support Europe*

Levent Altan has been Executive Director for VSE since 2014. In that role he is responsible for providing overall leadership, strategic direction, and management of the organisation.

Levent began his career in 2001, in the UK Ministry of Justice, he then moved to the Home Office and the Cabinet Office under Prime Ministers Blair and Brown. Having previously worked in the European Commission for three years, Levent returned to Brussels in 2009, to work as a national expert tasked with writing an EU Directive on victims' rights. Over the next three 5 years, he developed the European Union's policy on victims' rights, leading the development and negotiation of the EU Directive which establishes minimum rights for victims of crime in 26 Countries across the European Union.

Subsequently, Levent worked as Principal Legal Advisor at Milieu Ltd, a multidisciplinary consultancy, where he led a team running various multi-country projects on justice and home affairs.

Levent has worked, and spoken, extensively on victims' rights across Europe, and globally, providing expertise to national governments as well as to the UN, Council of Europe and European Union. He helped found VSE's sister organisation Victim Support Asia, and most recently has lead the consortium delivering the European Commission's EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism.

Tim Chapman - Chair of Board, *European Forum for Restorative Justice*

Tim Chapman is Chair of the Board of the European Forum for Restorative Justice and Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde and the University of Sassari. He started his career in the Probation Service in Northern Ireland, where he worked for twenty-five years. Subsequently, he lectured for ten years at Ulster University in Northern Ireland, developing and directing the Masters programme in Restorative Practices. During that time, he has trained hundreds of people to become restorative practitioners.

Tim has published widely on restorative justice has conducted significant research into restorative justice and intercultural conflict in Northern Ireland. He is currently researching the experiences of victims who have participated in restorative processes addressing serious harm.