

# Regulation Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights Award – Thesis award

## The Award

- 1. The Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights Award will be awarded in the academic year 2015-2016 in two categories: the best master thesis and the best dissertation in victimology and victims' rights. The award is a joint initiative of the Dutch ministry of Security and Justice and Victim Support Fund.
- 2. The prize consists of a payment of  $\in$  1.750,-- granted to the author of the best master thesis and a payment of  $\in$  2.500,-- granted to the author of the best dissertation.
- Participation is regulated through the "Regulation Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights Award – Thesis award" and the "Regulation Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights Award – Dissertation award". Both regulations can be found on the website of the Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights award, <u>www.janvandijkaward.nl</u>.

#### Requirements

- 4. Participation is open to all former and current students of a master of a university level academic education at a Dutch University.
- 5. To be considered eligible, the master thesis must meet the following requirements:
  - a) Meet the requirements set for a master thesis at the Dutch university where the master thesis was graded;
  - b) a minimum of 10 ECTS
  - c) must have received at least a Dutch 8.0 grade
  - d) Written in either Dutch or English;
  - e) Relevant to the legal status of or the assistance (legal, social, psychological) to victims of crime and accidents.
  - f) Must have been graded between the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2012 and the 30<sup>st</sup> of April 2017.

#### **Submission Procedure**

- 6. The author or the first assessor of the master's thesis submits the documents to the organization of the Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights Award by sending the documents to <u>info@janvandijkaward.nl</u>. A Master's thesis may be submitted at any time. Only submissions that are sent before the 30<sup>st</sup> April of 2016 qualify for the Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights award 2016. If the Master's thesis is submitted after the 30<sup>st</sup> of April 2016, it will qualify for the Jan van Dijk Victimology and 2017.
- 7. The following information must be submitted:
  - a. Master's thesis in PDF format, and indicates
    - Contact information of the author;
    - Contact details of the first assessor;
    - The educational institution;
    - The study in which the Master's thesis is assessed;
    - The obtained mark.



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- b. Summary (1,000 words) in a separate PDF document, and indicates
  - Name author;
  - Title thesis;
  - Name first assessor;
  - Mark.
  - Research questions;
  - Key findings;
  - Conclusion and Recommendations.

c. Official transcript or other document showing that the thesis is marked at least with an 8.0.

## Assessment Procedure

- 8. The master theses will be assessed by a jury, in which the following experts take a seat
  - a. Peter van der Velden (Professor in Victimology, Tilburg university) (chair);
  - b. Arendo Joustra (Chief editor Elsevier);
  - c. Piet Hein van Kempen (Professor in Criminal Law, Radbout University Nijmegen)
  - d. Richard Korver (Lawyer at Korver en Van Essen Lawyers)
  - e. Ineke Sybesma (Director Victim Support Fund)
  - f. Carlijn de Roos (Clinical Psychologist/ Psychtherapist and coordinator CSG South Holland)
- 9. The first selection is based on the submitted summary.
- 10. The jury will assess the master theses on the basis of the following criteria:
  - a. Originality;
  - b. Contribution to the state of the art about the legal status of or the assistance (legal, social, psychological) to victims of crime and accidents.
  - c. Scientific quality
- 11. In case of participation of a closely related participant, the jury member concerned will abstain from assessment in case of this specific participant.
- 12. The jury will communicate, through the project bureau, which 3 master theses will be nominated for the award.
- 13. The winner of the master thesis award will be announced during a special award ceremony.
- 14. Nominated participants are expected to be present at the special award ceremony and to give a short presentation about their submitted master thesis. Presence and presentation are -force majeure – a condition to win the prize. Further details will be communicated at the time of nomination.

# Rights of the participants

15. The copyrights of the submitted theses will remain with the authors. The participants will nevertheless grant the organization of the Award the right to publish parts of the master thesis. Publication will include postings on Internet and in press releases. A written publication will be made. Further agreements will be made individually with participants at time of organizing the publication.



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## Miscellaneous

- 16. Participants are expected to have taken notice of this regulation and to accept the terms and conditions as prescribed by this regulation.
- 17. Correspondence is possible via info@janvandijkaward.nl.
- 18. Correspondence with regards to the results shall not take place.
- 19. In the case of unforeseen situations not covered by this regulation, the jury will decide.



