

Victims and Corporations
Implementation of Directive 2012/29/EU for victims of corporate crimes and corporate violence
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

VICTIMS AND CORPORATIONS

**Rights of Victims, Challenges for Corporations,
Potentials for New Models of Criminal Justice**

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Milano, 13 – 14 October 2016

Attendance is free of charge. Compulsory [online registration](#)

Concept

European Union Directive 29/2012 inaugurates a relevant change: it introduces a “system” of minimum standards on the **rights, support and protection for victims of crimes**, and their **participation to criminal proceedings**, without prejudice to the rights of the offender.

Within the scope of the Directive and its definition of “victim”, though, there is a relevant group of victims who have not yet received enough consideration, and whose access to justice may be at stake. It is the **victims of corporate crimes**, and particularly of **corporate violence**, meaning those criminal offences committed by corporations in the course of their activities, which result in harms to natural persons **health, integrity, or life**.

These victims are not a minority, yet they are vulnerable.

Asymmetry of information and of means between individual victims and corporate offenders has heavy repercussions on access to justice and fair judicial decisions. Lack of awareness among practitioners and lack of legal attention for the position of these victims in criminal justice systems are other obstacles in accessing to justice.

Corporate violence hides, among others, in **environmental and product safety violations**, areas in which EU legal tools stress a preventive risk-based approach, together with compensation and reparation remedies.

In targeting victims of corporate violence, the whole **project** focuses on a relevant area of victimisation, while contributing to the **implementation of the Directive** in general and to a **more victim-sensitive awareness in balance with due process safeguards**. Intersections between sectorial EU legal tools on environment and product safety, and the general vocation of Directive 2012/29/EU may in fact strengthen victims protection in the EU.

Work summary

This **International Conference** aims, on one hand, at **disseminating the EU Victims Directive** in the field of corporate crime, while presenting the first **project's findings** on corporate victims' rights and needs. On the other hand, the Conference will explore the main controversial **issues at stake**, in an **interdisciplinary dialogue with the diverse stakeholders**, including victims and corporations. Internationally known keynote speakers will enrich the debate on **models of justice** capable of addressing **victims' rights** and of stimulating corporations towards **new victim-sensitive forms of compliance**.

The **International Conference** welcomes the attendance by law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges, lawyers, corporations' legal officers, consumers' associations, victims' associations, umbrella organisations on environment protection, food and drug safety, consumers' protection, victims support services, restorative justice services etc.

Keynote Speakers in Plenary Sessions

- **Ivo Aertsen**, Full Professor of Criminology, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- **Vittorio Bertelè**, Head of the Laboratory of Drug Regulatory Policies, IRCCS Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, Italy
- **Pier Giuseppe Biandrino**, General Counsel, Edison Spa, Italy
- **Maurizio Bonati**, Head of the Information Centre on Drugs and Health and of the Public Health Department, IRCCS Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, Italy
- **John Braithwaite**, Distinguished Professor and Founder of RegNet (the Regulatory Institutions Network), Australian National University, Australia
- **Gabrio Forti**, Full Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology, Director of the "Federico Stella" Centre for Research on Criminal Justice and Policy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy
- **Silvio Garattini**, Director, IRCCS Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, Italy
- **Stefano Mancorda**, Full Professor of Criminal Law, Seconda Università di Napoli, Italy
- **Adán Nieto Martín**, Full Professor of Criminal Law, Universidad de Castilla La Mancha, Spain
- **Bruno Pesce**, AFeVA (Asbestos Victims Association) representative, Casale Monferrato, Italy
- **Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque**, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights; Ordinary Professor at the Faculty of Law, Catholic University Lisbon, Portugal
- **Guido Romeo**, Journalist, founder of 'Diritto di Sapere', Italy
- **Miriam Saage-Maaß**, Deputy Director of the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), Germany
- **Steve Tombs**, Professor of Social Policy and Criminology and Director of the International Centre for Comparative Criminological Research, Open University, Great Britain

Discussants and keynote participants in Workshops

Judges and/or prosecutors, regulatory agencies representatives, lawyers, corporations legal officers, victims associations representatives, consumers associations representatives, NGOs representatives, journalists, etc.

Organizing Committee

- **Gabrio Forti** (Coordinator), Full Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Director of the “Federico Stella” Centre for Research on Criminal Justice and Policy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (CSGP-UCSC)
- **Ivo Aertsen**, Full Professor of Criminology, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven)
- **Marc Engelhart**, Head of Research Group, Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Strafrecht (MPICC)
- **Stefania Giavazzi**, Lawyer and researcher, “Federico Stella” Centre for Research on Criminal Justice and Policy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- **Carolin Hillemanns**, Scientific Coordinator of International Max Planck Research School on Retaliation, Mediation and Punishment (REMPP), Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Strafrecht
- **Katrien Lauwaert**, Researcher, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven)
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- **Claudia Mazzucato**, Associate Professor of Criminal Law, “Federico Stella” Centre for Research on Criminal Justice and Policy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
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In partnership with

- **Scuola Superiore della Magistratura (Italian High School for the Judiciary)**
- **AFeVA (Asbestos Victims Association, Casale Monferrato, Italy)**
- **Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano (Milano Bar Association)**

PROGRAMME

English-Italian simultaneous interpreting provided.

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13 October 2016

14.00 Conference registrations

14.30 Welcome session

Franco Anelli, Rector, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Guglielmo Leo, High School for the Judiciary, Italy

Remo Danovi, Milan Bar Association, Italy

15.00 **First plenary session – Actual and Potential Victims of Environmental and Product Safety Offences: An Overview from the Field**

Chair: Ivo Aertsen, KU Leuven

15.30 “Victims and Corporations”: first findings from the Project
Project’s team

16.00 Keynote speeches (in alphabetical order)

Silvio Garattini, Vittorio Bertelé and Maurizio Bonati, IRCCS Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, Italy

Guido Romeo, Journalist, founder of ‘Diritto di Sapere’, Italy

Miriam Saage-Maaß, Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), Germany

Steve Tombs, Open University, Great Britain

18.00 Debate

14 October 2016 – morning

9.00 Second plenary session – Rights, Needs and Protection of Victims of Corporate Crime: New Perspectives

Chair: Gabrio Forti, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

9.30 Voices from victims' and corporations' representatives

Bruno Pesce, AFeVA (Asbestos Victims Association), Casale Monferrato, Italy

Pier Giuseppe Biandrino, Edison, Italy

10.30 Keynote speeches (in alphabetical order)

John Braithwaite, Australian National University, Australia

Adán Nieto Martín, Universidad de Castilla La Mancha, Spain

Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, European Court of Human Rights

12.30 Debate

Lunch break

14 October 2016 - afternoon

14.30 Multi-sessions of parallel workshops

Implementation of Directive 2012/29/EU for Victims of Corporate Crimes (Environment, Food and Drug Safety): Discussion among Stakeholders

Workshop 1 (in English) Environmental Crimes, Product Safety Offences

Workshop 2 (in Italian) Environmental Crimes

Workshop 3 (in Italian) Product Safety Offences

Coffee break during workshops

16.30 Plenary closing session

Chair: Stefano Manacorda, Seconda Università di Napoli

Rapporteurs from workshops

17.30 Concluding remarks

Venue

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Aula Magna

Largo Gemelli 1, Milano, Italy