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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



prof **Michał Bilewicz** (Ph.D., University of Warsaw) is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Warsaw, Poland, where he chairs the Center for Research on Prejudice. Previously, he was a Fulbright scholar at the New School for Social Research in New York and DAAD post-doctoral fellow at University of Jena in Germany. His research interests include social psychology of intergroup relations (e.g. stereotyping, prejudice, collective moral emotions, reconciliation process), as well as political psychology (political ideologies, linguistic patterns related to political communication, etc.). He studies extensively the problem of antisemitism, dehumanization, and conspiracy theories. In 2013 he co-edited a special issue of *Journal of Social Issues* on the consequences of genocide and in 2015 a volume *The Psychology of Conspiracy* (Routledge). He co-ordinates the first Polish diagnostic survey on xenophobia – the nationally representative Polish Prejudice Survey (2009, 2013, 2017). He presented his reports on anti-Semitism to the Polish Parliament (Ethnic Minorities Commission) and in the years 2013-2016 he served as a consultant to the Polish Ministry of Administration in the Council to Prevent Racism and Xenophobia.

Keynote lecture: *The costs of hate speech. Psychological effects of derogatory language among majority and minority.*



prof. **Sara Landström**, PhD, is a professor of Psychology at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. For two decades she has conducted forensic psychology research on various topics such as deception detection, credibility assessments, victim blaming, memory, and investigative interviewing. In 2021, she was awarded a science prize by the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences in Gothenburg for her research on children's testimonies and investigative interviews of children. She works closely with practitioners within the legal field. She advises, lectures, and conducts workshops both nationally and internationally and she frequently serves as an expert witness in criminal cases, as an expert in governmental investigations. Member of the research unit for Criminal, Legal, and Investigative Psychology (CLIP).

Keynote lecture: *The Future of Forensic Psychology: Opportunities and Challenges*



prof. **Henry Otgaar** works as a research professor at the Leuven Institute of Criminology (KU Leuven) and as a professor of Legal Psychology at the section Forensic Psychology, Maastricht University. Furthermore, he is a visiting fellow at the City University London and the Center of Memory and the Law (London). Prof. Dr. Otgaar's research concentrates on developmental changes in memory from childhood to adulthood. Specifically, he is interested in factors that relate to the development of memory illusions. He collaborates with research groups in the United Kingdom, Belgium, Canada, Sweden, and North America. Current studies focus on precursors of children's and adults' false memories, adaptive memory, delayed disclosure of sexual abuse, and interviewing children. Dr. Otgaar has disseminated his work extensively and had presented his work to psychologists, students, and practitioners. His research often attracts national as international media attention. Also, he is frequently involved as an expert witness in legal cases concerning the reliability of eyewitness testimonies. He has often cooperated in legal cases involving child witnesses. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Otgaar is a member of the Dutch Expert Group about Sexual Abuse cases, member of the National Expert Database, member of the Committee of Exam and Advice of the National Expert Database, and works for the Maastricht Forensic Institute.

Keynote lecture: *Is psychology ready for the courtroom?*



prof **R. Karl Hanson**, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, is one of the leading researchers in the field of risk assessment and treatment for individuals with a history of sexual offending. Originally trained as a clinical psychologist, Dr. Hanson was a researcher with Public Safety Canada between 1991 and 2017 and is now President of SAARNA: The Society for the Advancement of Actuarial Risk Need Assessment. He is lead author of the most widely used measures for assessing the risk and needs of individuals with a history of sexual offending (Static-99R; Static-2002R; STABLE-2007). He has received career contribution awards from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Public Safety Canada, the International Association for the

Treatment of Sexual Offenders, and the Criminal Justice Section of the Canadian Psychological Association. Based in Ottawa, Canada, he is now Adjunct Faculty in the Psychology Departments of Carleton University (Ottawa) and President of the not-for-profit organization SAARNA (Society for the Advancement of Actuarial Risk Need Assessment). His research concerns risk assessment and rehabilitation for individuals in the criminal justice and forensic mental health systems, with a particular focus on individuals with a history of sexual offending. He has a strong interest in the statistical methods used to quantify risk and to evaluate change over time and is author of *Prediction statistics for psychological assessment* (2022).

Keynote lecture: *Assessing the risk of sex offending recidivism.*



prof. **Emilio Viano**. A pioneer in the field of victimology, victims 'rights, and an expert in the field of transnational crime, prof. Viano is recognized for his contributions to justice and human rights. Professor, Ph.D. New York University; LLB.,College of Law England & Wales; LLM, Leicester University; LLM, LLM, Washington College of Law; MA, Anthropology & Sociology. Among other awards, he received a Fulbright scholarship twice. President of the International Society of Criminology and of the Bellagio Forum for World Security & Social Development. He has authored countless articles and books, the most recent on transnational crime, and is also widely published in law and behavioral science journals. He is on the Harvard University list of National Security

Professors. Editor in Chief of the International Annals of Criminology (Cambridge University Press). A member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), of the International Society for Social Defense and of the International Forum on Crime and Criminal Law in the Global Era.

He is frequently invited to speak and be interviewed on many television and radio networks like CNN, Voice of America, NTN24, French 24, Estrella TV, Univision, NBC Spanish, Radio of the National University of Colombia; Radio Educacion (Mexico), Swiss radio and others.

Keynote lecture: *Green criminology and victimology. An innovative perspective and a call for action*