

Curriculum Vitae Jan Van Dijk (Amsterdam, 1947)



Education

Van Dijk received a law degree from Leiden University in 1970 and holds a PhD in criminology from the University of Nijmegen in The Netherlands (1977). In 2002 he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Tirunavelli in India, Tamil Nadu.

Employment

In 1974 Van Dijk joined the Research and Documentation Centre of the Dutch Ministry of Justice where he later acted as Director (1982 to 1989). He also acted as Director of the departments of Crime Prevention (1990 to 1995), and Strategic Planning (1995 to 1998) at the same Ministry. In 1998 Van Dijk joined the United Nations as Officer in Charge of the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention in Vienna.

Van Dijk is a former professor of criminology of Leiden University and a former professor of victimology and human security of the University of Tilburg, The Netherlands. He was a visiting professor of victimology at Lausanne University in Switzerland in 2015 and 2016 and is currently a visiting professor at Leuven University, Belgium.

He is First Vice-president of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. Till 2017 he was Vice-president of the Dutch State Compensation Fund for Victims of Violent Crime, presiding the Chamber handling cases of sexual abuse in youth institutions. He is member of the Board of the Research Council of the Dutch National Police.

Other activities

Van Dijk was the co-founder and first chairperson of the National Organization of Victim Assistance in The Netherlands (1984-1989). He was President of the World Society of Victimology (1997-2000).

Publications

Dijk authored over 200 articles on crime and criminal justice in academic journals (for an overview see www.tilburguniversity.edu/jan.vandijk.htm). His latest monograph in English is *The World of Crime; Breaking the Silence on Issues of Security, Justice and Development*, published by SAGE Publications Ca. (2007). In 2008 he published a monograph in the Dutch language on the concept of victimhood in Western culture,

later published as “*Free the victim: A critique of the western conception of victimhood*”, In: *International Review of Victimology*, 2009, 16, 1, p. 1-33. In 2011 he edited, together with Rianne Letschert, *The New Faces of Victimhood; globalization, transnational crimes and victim rights*, published in the Global Justice Series of Springer Press (2011). In 2012 he edited with A. Tseloni and G. Farrell *The International Drop in Crime* (Palgrave /Mac Millan, 2012).

His introductory textbook in criminology, *Topical Criminology (Actuele Criminologie)* (SDU,1990), widely used at Dutch universities, is now in its tenth edition. In 2018 Van Dijk published a historical biography of his aunt Ida J. van Dijk who rescued 150 Jewish children during the German occupation from death in extermination camps (*Iet; hoe een Amsterdamse studente 150 Joodse kinderen hielp onderduiken*; Pharos Uitgevers)

Awards

In 1995 Van Dijk received the Stephen Schafer Award from the National Organisation of Victims Assistance (NOVA) in the United States for his contributions to the victims' movement in the field of research.

In 2003 he received in Stellenbosch, South Africa, the Hans von Hentig Award from the World Society of Victimology (WSV).

In 2008 he received the Sellin-Glueck Award for international criminology of the American Society of Criminology (ASC).

In 2009 he was appointed by Royal Decree as Officer in the Order of Oranje Nassau.

In 2012 he was awarded the Stockholm Prize in Criminology for his continued leadership of the International Crime Victims Survey.

In 2014 the Ministry of Security and Justice of the Netherlands and the Dutch Fund for Victim Support jointly established the Jan van Dijk Award for the best master and PhD theses on victimology and victims' rights from students of Dutch Universities.