

Josine Junger-Tas

When Josine Junger-Tas passed away on January 22, 2011 the field of Criminology lost a prolific researcher as well as a unique, vibrant personality. Since receiving her PhD in 1972, Dr. Junger-Tas has made significant contributions to the study of Criminology, particularly in Juvenile Crime. She has worked as director of the Research Unit of Juvenile Delinquency for the Dutch Ministry of Justice, and Chaired the Expert Committee on Juvenile Delinquency for the Council of Europe. She has also worked with the United Nations, serving as an expert on juvenile delinquency in Central European and Middle Eastern states.



Her academic contribution to the field has been equally impressive. In 1989, she received the Sellin-Glueck Award from the American Society of Criminology, an annual award for a outstanding International or Comparative Research in Criminology. Shortly thereafter, she began her teaching career as a professor of Criminology at the University of Lausanne, and later the Willem Pompe Institute at the University of Utrecht.

Dr. Junger-Tas started many important and lasting initiatives for the field of Criminology. She co-founded the European Society of Criminology in 2000, together with Dr. Martin Killias. In 1990, she founded the *European Journal on Criminal Policy Research*, along with co-editor Dr. Hans Boutellier. Even after transferring the editorship of this journal over to her successor, Josine remained very involved as the most active Editorial Board member one could imagine. She never missed a Board Meeting, she guest-edited numerous special issues and, last but not least: with her bubbly personality and unique voice she was the lively center of many an editorial board dinner party.

Most recently, Dr. Junger-Tas has been working on the International Self-Report Delinquency Study (ISRD), an ambitious and comprehensive research study of Juvenile Delinquency with data collected from 30 countries, and a project very close to Dr. Junger-Tas' heart. She has co-authored four important volumes on juvenile justice and juvenile delinquency: *Reforming Juvenile Justice*, *International Handbook of Juvenile Justice*, *Juvenile Delinquency in Europe and Beyond* (based on the second ISRD study), and the forthcoming title *The Many Faces of Youth Crime*, which provides a detailed analyses of the outcomes of the ISRD-2.

The legacy of Dr. Junger-Tas' active scholarship, her contributions to the research community, and her friendship, have been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed.

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Click here to read her piece "The Significance of the International Self-Report Delinquency Study" from *European Journal on Criminal Policy Research* (16:2, 71-87).

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