



**Discussion: 14 May 2014
During the Commission on Crime Prevention and
Criminal Justice, Vienna**

The **World Society of Victimology** and the **Surviving Gun Violence Project** invite you to a discussion: *Surviving Gun Violence—Policy Reflections for the Criminal Justice Sector*.

The discussion will include reflections on policy recommendations from the 2014 edited collection, *Gun Violence, Disability and Recovery*. Its 29 thematic and country chapters provide analysis and insights from dozens of experts around the world, including from many survivors of gun violence. The book presents a stark picture of discrimination, stigma, dependence on family, social exclusion, mental and physical challenges, and reduced economic prospects for those permanently injured and traumatised from gunshot wounds. Good practice to counter these challenges is highlighted across the book.

Gun Violence, Disability and Recovery concludes with recommendations relevant to those working to secure criminal justice, human rights, non-discriminatory services and policies, improvements in the rights of survivors of violence, crime and abuse, disability rights and much more.

Speakers:

- Rebecca Peters, Senior Associate, Surviving Gun Violence Project
- Michael O’Connell, Commissioner for Victims’ Rights, South Australia and Secretary General of the World Society of Victimology & contributor to the chapter, “Evolution of Victims’ Rights and International Standards”

Details: 14 May, 2.20-3.30pm, Conference Room MOE79, UN Building, Wagramer Strasse, Vienna.

For more information about the book: visit www.survivinggunviolence.org/book
When you buy the book, 100% of payments go to the Transitions Foundation in Guatemala which works directly with survivors of violence and people living with disability.

Gun Violence, Disability and Recovery



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Cover image: In 1992, at age 14, Alex Gálvez was shot while buying a drink in a shop after school. Left paraplegic, he had to drop out of school and faced a series of severe infections that nearly killed him. He spent three years recovering in hospital, mostly in the USA. In 1998 Alex co- founded Transitions Foundation, an NGO assisting Guatemalans with disabilities through rehabilitation, training and employment. It runs a print shop, wheelchair factory and prosthesis clinic. Today Alex is the Director of Transitions, and an avid wheelchair basketball player. (Image: Heidi Schumann, 2006)