

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to provide an information about victimology, its history, on what issues this field of study focuses and what knowledge it provides. Then it is about analysis of whether and how it is possible to use this knowledge for the field of crime prevention and whether it is possible to take more effective preventive measures oriented at the crime victims and what they are.

This thesis is divided to introduction, conclusion and six chapters. For introducing the topic into a wider context, the first chapter deals with criminology as the overarching theme of victimology and crime prevention.

The second chapter focuses on the criminality, what role victims have in it and what are the possibilities of its control. It defines a concept of crime and its basic characteristics. There is a description of the deference between actual, registered and latent criminality, and what mostly causes its latency.

The third chapter provides detailed interpretation of the victimology. The history of this field is briefly described. The principal victimological concepts are defined here, such as victimity, victimization and also crime victims, their typology and differences from the injured party. There are also mentioned the victimology studies and their significance. In conclusion of this chapter there are selected myths about victims, which affect their position.

The forth chapter is about help for crime victims, which is divided into laical and professional. Within the professional one, it deals with programs of so-called restorative justice. There are mentioned several non-governmental non-profit organizations that are involved not only in helping crime victims but also in the realization of preventive measures.

Prevention of crime is included in the fifth chapter. It divides prevention into various typologies, mainly according to the range of addressees and to focusing of content. Then it elaborates the so-called victimological prevention. This chapter deals with prevention in general terms and does not focus on certain areas of crime.

In the sixth final chapter the victimological knowledge gained in the previous chapters are applied to specific group of crimes, to moral criminality. It focuses especially on rape. Next part of this chapter examines, which preventive measures could be used in case of this type of crimes. In conclusion of this theses there are mentioned two current topics related to the victims of sexual criminality, #MeToo movement and ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, shortly Istanbul Convention.