

# Forced Labour in the Czech Republic

## Abstract

The submitted dissertation thesis examines so far neglected issue of forced labour in the Czech Republic in its complexity, i.e. both its lawful (e.g. work performed by imprisoned persons) and unlawful forms. It seeks to discover whether the present law (and extra-legal regulation) on this topic is sufficient. For this purpose it examines not only the corresponding law across individual branches of law, but also its place in the historical and moral-philosophical context. In the first parts, the submitted thesis deals with the existence of free will as a precondition of considering a work freely chosen and with the existence and content of objective morality as a precondition of considering anything morally right. Special attention is dedicated to forced labour during Protectorate and communist regime in Czechoslovakia. The core parts of the submitted thesis consist of an analysis of corresponding international, European and national law. The attention shifts from first international conventions dealing with this issue adopted by International Labour Organisation to rich case law of the European Court of Human Rights and finally to Czech legal order where e.g. transfer of an employee to alternative work without his or her consent, transfer of employees' rights, community service, duty to work of imprisoned persons, sentence to community service and obligatory military service are subject to examination. Besides, the thesis touches the migration issue since forced labour goes frequently hand in hand therewith and with cross-border element as such. In the end, the thesis also deals with sex-work since prostitution is perceived by some as forced labour in every case.

**Klíčová slova:** forced labour, modern slavery, prostitution