Abstrakt v anglickém jazyce

Feminist Legal Theory

The master’s thesis deals with the feminist legal theory, a young and dynamic legal field which is one of the challenges of current law. This theory is a combination of law and gender studies. Its focus lies in Anglo-American system of law, in which it has a dignified place among legal theories. In the Czech legal system, the feminist legal theory is not well known, but for those interested, the Faculty of Law of Charles University opens a compulsory subject Gender and Law regularly in the summer semester. The thesis is based mainly on sources in English, which were made available to the students participating in this subject.

In the Czech language, no comprehensive publication has yet been published on the topic of feminist legal theory. The objective of this thesis was to elaborate this extensive legal field and present it to potential Czech readers.

The structure of the thesis consists of an introduction, three main content parts and a conclusion. The parts are further divided into chapters, paragraphs, and sections.

The first part deals with the concepts of feminism and gender, which represent the basic theoretical basis for the study of feminist legal theory. A separate chapter is reserved for each of the concepts, classifying them in the historical context and dealing with them in broader theoretical contexts. In the third chapter of the first part of the thesis, the basic analytical categories of women and gender are interconnected with feminist legal theory.

The second part of the thesis aims on the main topic and focuses exclusively on the field of feminist legal theory. The introduction of the second part defines the theory comprehensively. Following paragraphs deal with its methodology, theoretical tools and historical development from its origins up to the present.

The last third part of the thesis connects feminist legal theory to Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic. Its first two chapters focus on historical events that have influenced today's skeptical perception of feminism on Czech territory. The third chapter presents the current legal framework in which feminist legal theory applies in the Czech Republic.

The conclusion of this master’s thesis considers whether Czech law can benefit from feminist legal theory.