

CRIMINAL OFFENCES AGAINST HUMAN DIGNITY AND THEIR PREVENTION

Abstract

This thesis details criminal offences against human dignity and their prevention. The primary objective of this thesis is to present a clear overview of the matter at hand - which is indeed very serious and detrimental to our society - as well as the individual criminal offences against human dignity stated in Act no. 40/2009 Coll., Criminal Code. The document is divided into four main chapters, and each of them provides details regarding different aspects of this topic.

The introductory chapter defines the basic terminology necessary to gain an understanding of this topic. The second chapter analyses the perpetrators and victims of criminal offences against human dignity and clarifies the classification according to a variety of typologies and characteristics. Furthermore, it delves into the personality types of the perpetrators as well as their motives for committing criminal acts, and it also describes the process of victimization and the manner in which the victims should be handled.

The main chapter of this thesis is divided into two sub-chapters and it mainly describes the detailed characteristics of individual constituent elements of criminal offences against human dignity. The first sub-chapter deals with sex crime and its objective is to examine sex crime from the perspective of criminal phenomenology and aetiology, as well as to examine the constituent elements of the criminal offences, which include rape, sexual duress, sexual abuse, intercourse among relatives, and crime involving pornographic material. Sub-chapter two deals with crime related to prostitution, i.e. solicitation and prostitution threatening the moral development of children. Both of the chapters also mention the related issues, myths, and stereotypes, which are associated with individual crimes.

The final chapter of the thesis is dedicated to the prevention of criminal offences against human dignity. It details a systematic breakdown according to various criteria, e.g. according to the focus area or sphere of influence. Furthermore, it describes the basic principles crime prevention is founded upon and it also describes a special programme, which employs specialised questioning rooms.