

## **THESIS TITLE, ABSTRACT AND KEYWORDS**

### **Alternatives to unconditional imprisonment**

This master thesis focuses on alternatives to unconditional imprisonment. The main objective of this thesis is to provide a comprehensive analysis of alternative sentences and the basis for their imposition. The thesis includes a detailed analysis of each alternative punishment, including its historical context, the specifics of its imposition, execution and supervision. In order to maintain the integrity of the topic, the first part offers an insight into punishment and defines the purpose of punishment in general. Attention is also paid to the description of unconditional imprisonment, which is necessary to further understand the concept of alternative sentences as well as to compare the pros and cons of different arrangements.

The greatest emphasis in this thesis lies on providing a detailed analysis of alternatives to unconditional imprisonment that are capable of fully replacing the unconditional imprisonment. Specifically, these include suspended imprisonment, suspended imprisonment with supervision, house arrest, financial penalty and community service. However, attention is also paid to all other alternative punishments offered by the current Czech Penal Code. For the sake of completeness, the penalties that cannot be seen directly as alternative penalties but rather only as secondary penalties are also listed here, even though their separate imposition is not possible at all. These are the penalty of loss of honorary titles or decorations and the penalty of loss of military rank.

In its last part, this master thesis compares the Czech criminal law regulation of alternative punishments with the legislation of selected foreign countries and then provides a number of the author's *de lege ferenda* considerations. The *de lege ferenda* considerations also reflect the findings obtained from the comparison of individual foreign legal regulations. The author reflects on the possibility of introducing selected institutes into the Czech legal system, or on the possibility of adopting their variants modified for ideal functioning in our conditions.

When writing this thesis, the author worked with the valid legal regulations of Czech and foreign criminal law, rich professional literature and relevant case law.

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