Abstract

Criminal recidivism is one of the key issues that criminology deals with. By finding a way to eliminate or at least reduce criminal recidivism we would extensively reduce overall crime rates. That is why it is important to continue in examining the causes of recidivism and the efforts of its reducement, and to develop and increase the knowledge in this sphere in accordance with the constantly evolving and changing society, so that we can react flexibly to the changes. The goal of this thesis is to show the historical development of the institute, the causes of recidivism, and the possible ways of prevention.

In the first chapter I explain the term and different concepts of criminal recidivism. In the second chapter I summarize the historical development of the legislation of recidivism in our country. Chapter three focuses on the current legislation of recidivism. Based on different circumstances, recidivism can be the reason for a stricter punishment. Chapter number four deals with the causes and predictors of recidivism. Generally speaking, we can divide the causes to external influences, internal influences, their motivation and finally, the way that the rest of the society perceives them. Lastly, chapter number six I talk about the current criminal rates and criminal recidivism in the Czech Republic, based on the data available from the Police force of the Czech Republic and the Prison Service of the Czech Republic.

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Recidivism, imprisonment, prevention