

# **The Moral Crime and its Prevention**

## **Abstract**

The thesis deals with the topic of moral crime and its prevention. The aim of this thesis is to provide a basic overview of the field of moral crime, to define the basic concepts related to this issue and to provide a deeper insight into the interpretation of selected sexual offences. This thesis is composed of four main chapters, each of which focuses on different aspects of the matter at hand and attempts to grasp it from multiple different perspectives.

The introductory chapter contains definitions of basic terms related to sexual offences. It concentrates on defining terms such as morality, law or moral crime itself. It focuses primarily on the relationship between these terms, how law and morality differ from each other, and defines the general concept of crime in terms of legal and sociological concepts. The central part of this chapter is the definition of the concept of moral crime and its relationship to morality and law. Furthermore, the focus is on the statistical development of moral crime.

The second chapter discusses the offender and victim of moral crime. The concept of the offender is defined from both a criminal law and criminological perspective. The categorization of offenders is described from various perspectives and the issue of sexual deviance and the personality of the offender committing moral crime is discussed in more detail. The term victim is defined in this chapter based on criminal law perspective, but also from a criminological point of view. This chapter includes a definition of typical victimological terms such as victimisation or victimhood.

The third chapter forms the core of the thesis, and focuses on a detailed analysis of the legal treatment of certain moral offences, with particular attention to the offences of rape, sexual coercion, sexual abuse and the offence of production and handling of child pornography. Various expert and lay opinions on the problems of the current legislation are also included.

The last chapter discusses ways of preventing general crime with special emphasis on the prevention of moral crime. The prevention of general crime is divided according to its content into social, situational and victimological prevention, and then, according to the range of addressees, into primary and secondary prevention. The prevention of moral offences is organised according to the impact on deviant or non-deviant offenders. At the end of the thesis, the prevention of moral offences against children is discussed in more detail.

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