

Trust in Law

Abstract

This thesis deals with the issue of trust in law in the Czech Republic. The thesis focuses on trust from a sociological and legal point of view. Trust in law includes a number of levels of trust such as interpersonal trust, as well as institutional and systemic trust. The aim of the thesis is to define trust in law and to specify the existing knowledge in the field of trust in law and the rule of law. The thesis is divided into four main parts.

The first part focuses on trust and law as concepts. We define law as a concept and its specifics. We focus on both interpersonal trust and, subsequently, institutional trust. In terms of labour law, we also define what a democratic rule of law is and its requisites.

In the second part, we discuss the meaning of trust in law and specific legal institutions that, among other things, contribute to trust in law among the addressees of legal norms. In this context, the thesis mentions in particular legal certainty, legitimacy, the principle of legality and others. Attention is also paid to the importance of legal literacy in society.

Third chapter deals with institutional trust in the Czech Republic. Institutional trust is one of the features of modern society. Trust in political institutions such as the government or the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic is discussed. Furthermore, the thesis focuses on trust in the Czech judiciary. Institutional trust is illustrated mainly with data from long-term surveys of trust in the Czech Republic.

The last part of this thesis is devoted to recommendations to increase trust in Czech society for the future. The recommendations are based on the findings presented in the previous chapters. Trust is a highly important issue in today's society. State institutions should actively seek to maintain trust in their activities and in the legal system of the Czech Republic. One of the recommendations is the importance of communication by state institutions and effective education and formation of legal consciousness.

Keywords: trust in law, institutional trust, rule of law