

Abstract

This thesis focuses on assistance to victims of crime from a criminal law and criminological perspective. It also responds to the current Czech legislation, reflects its recent amendments and studies their impact on the rights of victims of crime.

The aim of the thesis is to analyse the status of the victim in the current legislation and to provide a comprehensive overview of the victim from the perspective of various scientific disciplines. The thesis explores the potential contribution of victimological research to improve the status of the victim and to reduce victimisation. The thesis is divided into a total of five parts and also contains an introduction and conclusion.

The first part of the thesis focuses on the term of victim as defined by the Victims of Crime Act. It discusses in more detail the definition of a particularly vulnerable victim according to this Act. The second and third parts are devoted to the victimological analysis of the victim. It deals first with the historical development of victim perception and then with the typology of the victim. The third part describes the victimisation of the victim, including all its phases.

The fourth part defines the status of the victim in the Czech legal system and deals with the rights guaranteed to victims. In particular, attention is paid to the victim's non-procedural rights, where the focus is on the victim's right to be protected from secondary harm. There occurs a connection between victimological observations and the practices of authorities, especially in the interrogation of particularly vulnerable victims.

The fifth part of the thesis analyses forms of assistance to victims of crime and focuses on the right to financial assistance to the victim. The legal regulation has been subject to several amendments in recent years in an attempt to respond to the needs of victims and also to the current case law. The thesis explores the impact of these changes on the access to the right to financial assistance for individual victims.

In the final part the thesis evaluates how does victimological analysis contribute to the criminal law and how does it empower the status of the victim.