Abstract (EN):

Criminal Law and Criminological Aspects of the Rape Crime

The rape crime is a very specific crime. Although it belongs to the most painful and traumatic crimes, the public does not often pay enough attention to it, which in practice leads to the fact that rape victims are sometimes overlooked, treated insensitively, or their trauma is often trivialized. We also cannot ignore the fact that the rape crime is accompanied by a number of prejudices, which are for many decades ingrained in our society. All these aspects result in the fact that this crime is characterized by very high latency rate.

In my diploma thesis, I dealt with the criminal law and criminological aspects of the rape crime. I was also concerned with the progress in legal regulation of rape, which has changed a lot in past 50 years. My diploma thesis consists of two parts; the criminological part and the criminal law part.

The first part contains criminological aspects of the rape crime, especially general introduction into the problem and definitions of the rape according to different theories and scientific approaches, types of rape, ways how the rape is usually committed (so called modus operandi), and one chapter is also dedicated to the rape victims. In this chapter, I focused on men as victims of the rape crime; on disposition (inclination) to becoming a victim (regardless the victim’s gender) and on consequences of rape crimes on victims. Last chapters of this part analyze the personality of offenders of rape, especially their typology, the grounds for high latency rate and the statistical data on the appearance of the rape in the Czech Republic.

The second part is focused on criminal law aspects of the rape crime. This part is divided into two separate sections. The first one describes the boisterous evolution of criminal regulation of the rape from Middle Age till today. The second one analyzes the current legislation and application problems deriving from it. This part reflects many judgments of the Supreme Court of the Czech Republic. At the end of my diploma thesis, I compared the rape crime with similar sexual motivated crimes.