

## Abstract

**Topic of the thesis:** Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

The topic of this thesis is commercial sexual exploitation of children, which represents fundamental violation of children's rights. It comprises sexual abuse by an adult and remuneration in money or non-monetary benefits to the child or to a third party. The child is treated as a sexual object and as a commercial object.

The thesis is divided into five parts. **The first chapter** is dedicated to theoretical introduction to the phenomenon of commercial sexual exploitation of children, the process of its recognition and the current situation. Criminological aspects are also mentioned. **The second chapter** deals with international treatment of protection of children against commercial sexual exploitation and turns attention to documents adopted by the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, the International Tourism Organization, the Council of Europe and the European Union. The core of this thesis is elaborated on in **the third chapter**, which focuses on criminal protection of children against commercial sexual exploitation in the Czech Republic and concentrates on the analysis of the elements of crimes penalizing various aspects of this phenomenon. The analysis is divided by the forms of actions into trafficking of children, prostitution of children and child pornography and it is accompanied by data and statistics provided by the Police of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Justice and the Prison Service. Emphasis is also put on comparison of previous and current criminal laws. The chapter is concluded by a scrutiny of legal instruments for suppression of organized crime. The subject of **the fourth chapter** is prevention and repression of these crimes. **The final fifth chapter** is called The state of commercial sexual exploitation of children in the Czech Republic and includes essays of organized crime, computer crime, trafficking of children and prostitution of children. The thesis is complemented by charts and diagrams, which facilitate thorough view to the problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

The aim of this thesis is to find out if and how Czech Republic deals with one of the worst forms of violence against children; its integral part is to point out the lack of criminal regulation and to propose a solution.

**Keywords:** trafficking of children, prostitution of children, child pornography