

## **Abstrakt**

The main theme of my thesis is institution of extraordinary punishment and the way how it is comprehended by Czech law. While imprisonment for life can be imposed in almost all European countries and this punishment isn't systematically excluded from criminal codes, the Czech conception is different. Czech law not only states which crimes are punishable by imprisonment for life but also that said crimes must fulfil legal conditions which characterize offender's motivations, means of execution and consequences of said criminal offence. These legal conditions, that are part of czech law since 1961, are in the center of interest of my thesis in spite of the fact that in the past it was embodied by death penalty which is unallowable for today's standarts. Other possibilities of imposing imprisonment for longer period than legally determined are also mentioned together with the strictest ways of criminal law punishments of legal persons or persons that are less than 18 years old. Other aims of this thesis are exploring of extraordinary punishment history (in terms of both death penalty and imprisonment) and comparison with current legal order.

Domestic legal adaptation is evaluated from international and constitutional point of view, since life imprisonment can be rated as inadmissible by European Convention on human rights.

An integral part of long-term imprisonment, especially of imprisonment for life, is nevertheless also reflection of this institution in other constitutions of substantive and procedural criminal law. Release on probation, deletion of conviction, barring of penalties by limitation or imprisonment itself are all viewed from the point of view of extraordinary punishment which reflects the fact that this punishment is often imposed for those who commit the most severe of crimes.

The aim here is also to outline process of criminal proceedings of a crime for which the extraordinary penalty can be imposed. Extraordinary penalty represents most severe criminal punishment that can be imposed on individual and given it's own extraordinary constitution, every misapplication is prone to unimaginable consequences and as such, extraordinary penalty deserves extraordinary attention.