

## **Abstract**

The dissertation aims at providing objective, transparent, systematic and yet concise interpretation of the history of criminal law in the Czech lands in 1848–1989. The core of the work is not limited to chronology of the most important criminal codes, but it also involves the parallel development of criminal law science and criminology, which substantially influenced the criminal legislation. The dissertation includes biographical and bibliographical profiles of leading Czech educators, criminal law scientists and criminologists – the founders and pioneers of Czech and Czechoslovak criminal law science. The work is symptomatic by the finding of critical factors leading to progress or, on the contrary, to the decline of criminal law. Scientific analysis of historical events in the sphere of criminal law then naturally leads back to the criminal law science and criminology, due to their ability to substantially improve the criminal justice system through its most important representatives. Writing of this dissertation has primarily been motivated by effort to elucidate unknown but significant events in modern history of Czech and Czechoslovak criminal law, thus reflecting absence of systematic works of this kind.