

Criminological Aspects of Drug-Related Crime

ABSTRACT

The thesis deals with the topic of criminological aspects of drug-related crime. Considering the breadth of the issue, it focuses only on the so-called primary drug-related crime, i.e. criminal activity consisting of violation of laws and regulations on the handling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. The aim of the thesis is particularly to describe the situation and development of the primary drug-related crime in the territory of the Czech Republic and to summarize possible development trends in the following years, as well as to map the development of national and international legislation and assess its possible effects on the drug problem. Finally, based on empirical research, the thesis aims to characterize drug-related crime committed on the territory of the capital city of Prague for which the perpetrators were finally convicted in 2017. The first chapter of the thesis defines the terms relevant to the topic, especially with respect to applicable legislation. The second chapter outlines the development of the issues of drug abuse and distribution in the territory of the Czech Republic and the corresponding evolution of legislation, while the third chapter is dedicated to the current, particularly criminal legislation on the handling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and precursors. The fourth chapter provides statistical data regarding primary drug-related crime and its perpetrators, and the current development trends considering the most commonly abused narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances occurring in the territory of Czech Republic. The last chapter presents the results of own empirical investigation.