

Abstract

The thesis will begin with usury as a historical phenomenon and briefly explains its historical genesis from the antiquity to a modern age. Then shortly deals with usury as an institute of the civil law, wherefrom continuously moves on to its core, which is usury in norms of criminal law. Thesis includes a chapter that focuses on procedure law norms, which are associated with usury. Next, the thesis describes usury in two foreign criminal codes - German and Slovak and compares it with the Czech one. Thesis does not forget on usury as a social pathological phenomenon. At the end, the thesis summarizes knowledge about usury and comments on the potential considerations *de lege ferenda*.