

# **Immunity in criminal law**

## **Abstract**

This thesis aims to offer the reader a view of the institution of parliamentary immunity as it relates to criminal law. This topic frequently divides both the experts in criminal law and also the general public. Despite the fact that most of the time this legal issue is talked about with respect to the constitutional law it has an impact on criminal law, both the substantive criminal law and the procedural criminal law. The complexity of this topic is self-evident and opinions vary greatly across the field, which is one of the reasons why this topic is sought out quite frequently by many students who approach it from various angles.

The work is structured in a way to familiarise the reader with the necessary knowledge even if the reader is not an expert in law, but who is, for example, interested in the topic from a political perspective. The thesis covers the basic introduction to the topic, historical evolution of the institution including the legal transformations all the way up to the date this work has been finalised, squaring this institute with the basic principles of democratic state and a comparative analysis of this institute in other European countries. Important part of this thesis is dealing with specific uses of the parliamentary immunity. The conclusion of this thesis offers the analysis of the current legal form in the context of exemplary cases, but also offers a possible solution in places where the institute is not used properly. The reason for offering these solutions is to bring closer attention to the developing trend in light of the current socio-political and socio-cultural situation.

## **Key words**

Immunity, indemnity, immunity from prosecution, impunity, parliament, exemption