## Abstract

This rigorous thesis creates a complex picture of custody, which is considered as one of the custodial instruments in the criminal law. The thesis contains constitutional basics of custody, characteristics of material and formal custodial law and is especially focused on explanation of concept of custody, characteristic principles of legal regulations, conditions necessary for taking accused into custody, custodial reasons, resolution making, judicial review of custody and determination of maximal duration of custody. Futhermore it also reports about instruments which are capable to substitute custody with measures not connected with constraint of individual liberty. The thesis is based on analysis of legal enactments and judicature.