



## Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention

### Publications 2015

#### Studies



#### **Drug Offences and the Penal Code**

Zeman, P., Štefanková, M., Trávníčková, I.

The monograph presents the results of three years of research assessing the impact of the adoption of the new Penal Code on the detection and prosecution of drug offences. It compares legislation in the Penal Code to the situation before 2010, describes current developments in related criminal institutes and examines the situation abroad and at international level. It deals with the practical application of legislation by criminal justice authorities in criminal proceedings, and describes and analyses the state, development and forms of drug offences in the Czech Republic. It also explores the relationship between developments in drug legislation and drug policy as a whole. As well as legislation, the authors based their study on detailed statistical overviews of criminal offences, relevant analytical and strategic materials of public authorities and institutions and the results of an extensive, expert questionnaire survey.



#### **Rape in the Czech Republic – Offences and Convicted Offenders**

Blatníková, Š., Faridová, P., Zeman, P.

In this monograph, the authors summarised the results of the empirical part of their research on violent sex offences in the Czech Republic. A short introduction presents and analyses legislation on violent sex offences. The key part of the book presents the results of an analysis of empirical data, collected from a sample of 584 convicted offenders who had committed 796 cases of rape or other violent sex offences. The source of data for research was criminal files, therefore information from the descriptive and bivariate analyses relates not only to the sanctions or protective measures imposed, but also, for example, to the criminal history of convicted offenders, the place and manner the analysed offences were committed, the socio-demographic and personal characteristics of offenders, including psychopathology, and victimological variables. The book also includes a separate chapter presenting the results of an empirical study of a subset of incarcerated sex offenders, mapping the criminal personality and thinking styles of these offenders.



## **Criminal Sanctions – Their Application, Impact on Recidivism and Media Image on Television News**

Scheinost, M., Háková, L., Rozum, J., Tomášek, J., Vlach, J.

The publication provides a summary of the results of another part of the project "Theoretical and Criminal Policy Aspects of Criminal Law Reform in the Field of Criminal Sanctions." At its core are the findings of an analysis of data obtained from the Criminal Register on the impact of alternative sanctions and measures. The monograph provides insights on the application of selected alternative sanctions based on case studies, as well as the findings of a survey of incarcerated offenders concerning their views on sanctions policy and the problems of resocialisation. The publication complements a series on trends in public opinion on sanctions policy based on an investigation carried out in 2014. The monograph follows on the book, "Criminal Sanctions and their Reflection in Practice, the Press and Public Opinion" published in 2013 and the publication "Sanctions Policy in Practice" published in 2014.



## **Preventive Detention from the Perspective of Selected Foreign Laws**

Škvain, P.

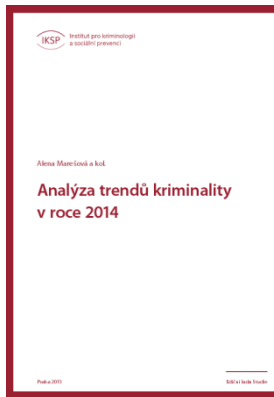
The publication is part of the output of the project "Theoretical and Criminal Policy Aspects of Criminal Law Reform in the Field of Criminal Sanctions." It specifically focuses on the institute of preventive detention and provides an analysis of legislation governing preventive detention from the perspective of selected foreign legislation. Attention is foremost paid to legislation governing this institute in Australia and Germany. The choice was not random in this regard, although the legislation displays considerable differences with regard to the overall concept of the two different legal systems. The purpose of this publication is to acquaint the reader with the basic problems of this particular measure. It also examines the broader historical context and relevant case law.



## **Sanctions Policy and its Implementation**

Scheinost, M., Váľková, H., Háková, L., Hulmáková, J., Kotulan, P., Rozum, J., Šámal, P., Škvain, P., Tomášek, J., Vlach, J.

The book is the final monograph summarising the findings of the four-year research project "Theoretical and Criminal Policy Aspects of Criminal Law Reform in the Field of Criminal Sanctions." It focuses on the status of the Penal Code in the context of the development of criminal law, or rather sanctions policy, the importance of alternative sanctions and their application in judicial practice, a summary of findings on individual alternative sanctions, and their impact on the structure of offenders and recidivism. It also summarises findings on the presentation of the Penal Code and sanctions policy in the media and the results of a public opinion poll on this issue. Proposals on further prospects and possible corrections of sanctions policy, including proposals de lege ferenda have been formulated based on the findings.



### **Analysis of Trends in Crime in 2014**

Marešová, A., Biedermanová, E., Diblíková, S., Martinková, M., Požár, J.

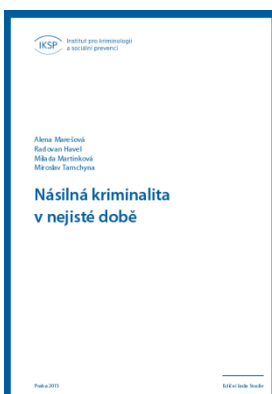
The publication contains basic information obtained from the departmental statistics of the Police CR and Ministry of Justice on crime in our country, and criminological comments thereon. It also presents information on known offenders, divided by sex, age and recidivism, information on changes in the number of registered victims and access to certain information on suicides. Separate chapters in the current edition of the publication are dedicated to the development of the Czech prison system over the last decade, the issue of recidivism among juvenile offenders in the criminal sense, victims of crime registered by the police and the current topic of development trends in cybercrime in the Czech Republic. Traditionally, the publication includes many additional charts and tables, including annexes related to the previous analysis of trends in crime.



### **Social Origins of the Development of Organised Crime**

Cejp, M., Blatníková, Š., Háková, L., Holas, J., Vlach, J., Trávníčková, I.

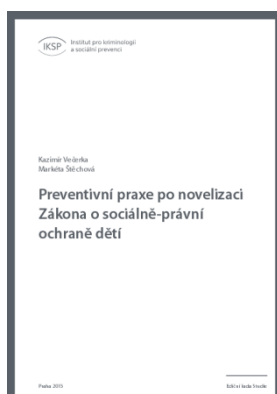
This publication presents the results of the research task "Development of Serious Crime in Relation to Social Impacts and Risks". The study follows on extensive research activity dedicated to the issue of organised crime at the Institute Of Criminology and Social Prevention since the beginning of the 1990s. The introduction summarises research to date and characterises the current concept and relationship between organised crime and other forms of serious crime. The research focused on two areas. Firstly, an analysis of criminogenic factors in the fields of politics, economics, law, state and local government, social structures and the media that could be exploited by the world of crime, both on an international scale and in the Czech Republic. Secondly, the development of the basic characteristics of organised crime groups in the Czech Republic from the early 90s with an outlook to 2020.



### **Violent Crime in Uncertain Times**

Marešová, A., Havel, R., Martinková, M., Tamchyna, M.

The book attempts to map the views on the current state of violence in society, as well as the state of violent crime and offenders from the perspective of foreign and Czech experts dealing with the issue of violence long-term. It describes changes in quantitative and qualitative indicators of violent crime in the Czech Republic in recent years, both in terms of police recorded crime and criminal justice statistics. It also includes the results of research aimed at determining whether, in the opinion of experts, there had been an increase in the brutality and ruthlessness of the perpetrators of violent crimes over the last 10 years, or the more frequent use of excessive violence in other criminal conduct. Where a generalisation of opinions was not possible, mapping the current state of violent crime is considered as having the nature of the personal opinion of the expert.



## **Preventive Practice Following the Amendment of the Act on the Social-Legal Protection of Children**

Večerka, K., Štěchová, M.

The monograph follows on the previous study titled "Systemic Approach to Crime Prevention" and presents the results of two new empirical surveys, which focused on the wider context of the current state of the Early Intervention System following the entry into force of the amendment of Act No. 401/2012 Coll., on the social-legal protection of children. The work focuses on the possibilities and limits of staff at Departments of Social and Legal Protection of Children (DSLPC) in the fields of prevention and rehabilitation under this Act, and the activities of prevention managers at local level in this area. It notes problems in the implementation of the current possibilities of preventive work and points out the strengths and weaknesses of the current systemic approach to preventing anti-social juvenile behaviour.

## **Sources**



## **No Place for Kids**

Mendel, R. A.

The publication is a Czech translation of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's report "*No Place for Kids: The Case for Reducing Juvenile Incarceration*", dealing with the negative consequences of the current prison system for juveniles in the United States. The author bases the report on a review of available research findings on the functioning and results of US juvenile correctional facilities, describes the reform efforts of certain states in this area, and offers recommendations on how to reduce the number of incarcerated juveniles and modify the prison system for juveniles in order to better serve young people and society as a whole.



## **Criminal Careers in Organised Crime**

Francis, B., Humphreys, L., Kirby, S., Soothill, K.

The publication is a Czech translation of the research report of the British Ministry of the Interior "*Understanding Criminal Careers in Organised Crime*", dealing with the characteristics and criminal career of perpetrators of organised crime and the risk factors of involvement in organised crime. The report presents the results of an analysis of data on all persons receiving criminal sentences in 2007 - 2010 in the national police database. As part of the quantitative analysis, the research group of organised crime offenders was compared in terms of criminal career to a group of general criminal offenders and a group of serious crime offenders.

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