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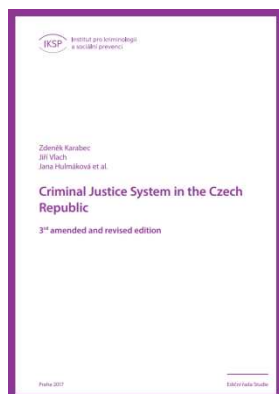
Studies



Employment as a Factor of Desistance

Tomášek, J. et al.

This publication sheds light on observations made in a project researching the relationship between employment and the process of cessation of offending behaviour. An insight into the most significant criminological theories is accompanied by conclusions drawn from the project's own empirical investigation. This includes an evaluation of the programme run by RUBIKON Centrum, a non-profit organisation helping people with a criminal history to find work, along with a qualitative narrative analysis, and an expert questionnaire-based survey among prison social workers, municipal social workers, the staff of Labour Office contact centres, and the probation officers.



Criminal Justice System in the Czech Republic (3rd amended and revised edition)

Karabec, Z., Vlach, J., Hulmáková, J. et al.

The third edition of *Criminal Justice System in the Czech Republic* offers an updated overview of the criminal justice system in the Czech Republic. It comprehensively describes substantive and procedural criminal law, covering in relative detail the system of sanctions and the way in which they are imposed and enforced. It also dwells on legislation specific to young offenders and legal entities. More broadly, there is a discussion on how the Czech judiciary is organised, the conditions that are in place for custodial sentences, how the prison system is organised, what problems exist in the present system, and what post-penitentiary care is available in the Czech Republic. Other areas covered are criminal-law reform, especially the re-codification of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as well as an analysis of the latest trends in registered crime and the penal and sanction policy in the Czech Republic. The publication provides a snapshot of selected research conducted by the Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention in this sphere. The primary aim is to offer foreign professionals a basic summary of the system of Czech criminal law and criminal justice, along with current trends in penal policy in the Czech Republic. (*The book in English language*)



The Use of Legal Instruments to Combat Organised Crime Budka, I.

This study is the outcome of a research project entitled “Organised crime in the Czech Republic – trends, potential criminogenic factors, selected activities, and legal means of punishment”. It dwells primarily on the effectiveness of selected criminal law instruments (in particular criminal intelligence resources and the use of interception as evidence in judicial practice) in combating organised crime. It also discusses Czech non-criminal law tools shaping – sometimes more successfully – the procedure followed by authorities to tackle organised crime. As the most effective means of fighting all forms of profit-focused organised crime are measures and instruments directly identifying, seizing and diverting criminal proceeds, this work also highlights certain ways in which it is possible to conceal and anonymise assets, thereby cloaking the structure of beneficiary owners. The research results are intended particularly for the police and judiciary. It is also of use to state administration workers and politicians. In a broader social context, the results could be employed in policy-making in the area of serious crime, especially organised crime and serious economic crime. Based on the nature of the research findings and recommendations, the results also lend themselves to use in the legislative process that is in place to amend relevant legal provisions.



Research on Crime and Criminal Justice in the Czech Republic (selected results of research activities of IKSP in the years 2012–2015)

Zeman, P. (ed.)

This book presents research carried out by the Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention in 2012-2016. It sums up the results of research projects implemented during this period, broken down according to their basic subject-matter – penal policy and criminal justice, serious crime, crime trends, crime prevention, and penology. Published in English, its primary audience is intended to be foreign professionals and others interested in findings stemming from criminological research in the Czech Republic. It includes the summaries of two dozen expert monographs written during the implementation of these research projects and published in the Institute’s STUDIES series. It is a follow-up to similar English-language overviews of the Institute’s research results published in 2003, 2005, 2009 and 2012. (*The book in English language*)



Analysis of Criminal Trends in the Czech Republic in 2016

Diblíková, S., Hulmáková, J., Karban, M., Martinková, M., Scheinost, M., Večerka, K.

This is a traditional publication interpreting basic information gleaned from statistics maintained by the Czech Police and the Ministry of Justice on criminal activity in the Czech Republic. It analyses trends in such crime up to 2016. It describes how crime is structured and discusses geographical indicators and changes that have occurred not only in the past year, but also in the last decade. Information is provided on known offenders, broken down by sex, age and recidivism. This work also traces developments in crime and sanction policy in the Czech Republic, focusing in particular on those who are prosecuted, accused and convicted, and also discusses the application of condensed pre-trial proceedings and derogations, the structure of sanctions, and the prison index. It explores in detail two specific categories of offenders and the crimes they commit – those who are not yet 18 and those who are foreign nationals. The Probation and Mediation Service's alternative-punishment activities are also mapped out. Elsewhere, the publication presents information on victims of crime and on suicide statistics. It is supplemented by numerous charts, tables and timelines of selected crime indicators.

Sources



United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes

The book is a Czech translation of a UNODC document, presenting output from a project „*International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes*“ that has been devised to classify criminal offences on the strength of internationally agreed concepts, definitions and principles. The project sets out to make crime statistics more consistent and internationally comparable so that they can be used analytically on both national and international level. The document includes a discussion of the reasons behind and the history and implementation of the ICCS project, and dwells in detail on principles and procedures for the application of the resulting statistical classification. The classification itself is also published in full. There is an appendix on issues surrounding the comparability of crime data, the extent to which crimes are reported and resolved, and rules for recording and counting crimes.

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