

CRIMINALIA

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STRUCTURE OF THE RESEARCH GROUP

- I. NEW TIMES, NEW CRIMES, NEW CRIMINAL LAWS?:

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II. OBSERVATORY OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENSES (MISDEMEANORS?)

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III. JORGE DE FIGUEIREDO DIAS CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE PROFESSOR GROUP: ONLINE PAGE

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OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH GROUP

I. NEW TIMES, NEW CRIMES, NEW CRIMINAL LAWS?

In recent decades, new social practices representing dangers or damages to people have started or gained greater visibility. In some cases, what was hidden or tolerated has become condemned, legally as well as publicly. Think of human trafficking, stalking, identity theft, bullying, online bullying, children grooming, sexting, sexual slavery, forced labour and begging, mobbing, parental kidnapping, smartshops, domestic violence, maltreatment, organ trafficking, embryo destruction, new sexual aggressions or online slander. This project aims to study the socio-normative traits of those forms of aggression and ponder the need to create new legal types of crimes or new forms of prevention.

Objectives:

- (1) Report: study of relevant situations and suggestion of measures for legislative reform and prevention policies.
- (2) External collaboration: establishing connections with the judiciary, victim support or education associations.
- (3) Colloquium: The new forms of criminality against people and (possible and impossible) reactions from the penal system.
- (4) Publication: of the minutes of the colloquium.

II. OBSERVATORY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENSES (contra-ordenações, literally counter-ordinances)

In the last 30 years, Public Administrative Offense Law was probably the legal field with greatest development. Legislative power has extended the sanctionary reach of administrative offenses to all sectors of society and economy. New types of infractions were created, penalties were aggravated, different procedural models were adopted, legal guarantees were debated, sanctioning capacity was attributed to very different entities. All this has happened through occasional and autonomous legislative impulse, and the lines of transformation and development have never been studied completely and systematically. It is essential to understand all dimensions of legislative intervention, identify underlying principles, existing asymmetries and discerning the horizon of possible reforms.

Objectives:

- (1) LegisCord: creating a systematized database of administrative offense legislation (to document the diversity of existing legal regimes);
- (2) JurisCord: creating a systematized database of court rulings on administrative offenses (to identify problems and document solutions);
- (3) Colloquium: Current problems and tendencies for reform in Administrative Offense Law;
- (4) Publication of the minutes of the colloquium;
- (5) Publication of a book on “The situation on the Law of Administrative Offenses: models, influences and lines of evolution”;

III. JORGE DE FIGUEIREDO DIAS CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE PROFESSOR GROUP: ONLINE PAGE

From an initiative by Teresa Pizarro Beleza, the Jorge de Figueiredo Dias Criminal Law and Procedure Professor Group was created in 2010. In October 2012 the group got together in Nova-Law for the first time: a session dedicated to doctoral students in the criminal sciences, with the presentation of research projects and a colloquium on Criminal Law and Multiculturalism. The book containing these texts will be published in January 2014 (Almedina). This year saw the start of a Facebook group page, to exchange information and launch initiatives. The page will need to be managed and specialized content added to it.

Objectives: To develop the Group page, ensure its maintenance, graphic and technical quality and divulge specialized content in the field of Criminal Sciences.