

PROSTITUTION PHENOMENON - LEGAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS

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ABSTRACT: *The prostitution phenomenon is a global, complex, controversial, and problematic phenomenon which remains one of the current subjects debated at national and international level.*

From a judicial point of view, despite of the numerous legal measures and sporadic actions realized by the police, prostitution continues to be present in Romania, partially due to the low efficiency of legal controls and laws' implementation. In this respect, we have focused on the distinction between offence and contravention regarding prostitution as well as on the trials to dis-incriminate it, and last but not least on presenting this problem from the point of view of other European countries. From a social point of view the prostitution phenomenon will be analysed at a general level with the implications it has on society (causes and consequences), but also at a particular level from the perspective of the persons involved in human trafficking (from the "object" person to the client, and finally to the exploiting person). In this context, some psycho-pedagogical issues present in the complex prostitution phenomenon (such as the suffering, preventive aspect, etc.) will be emphasized.

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