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### Summary

#### **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON CRIME REPORTING IN THE DISTRICT OF NIŠ IN THE PERIOD FROM 1865 TO 1871**

The authors analyze the reporting of crime in the Niš district in the period from 1865 to 1871. In the cited period the district of Niš was a part of the Ottoman Empire and the same territorial organization that applied to other parts of the empire was applied to this area as well. Since there were no scientific studies of the phenomenological and etiological characteristics of crime for the observed period, the authors decided to use the methods of the newspaper reports content analysis published in the daily newspaper „The Danube”, one of the oldest newspapers in the Balkans, which was published during westernisations of the Ottoman rule (1839-1878). If those newspaper articles would be analyzed through the historical prism, the characteristics of crime could be seen, and thus again it could be pointed out to the universal character of this negative social phenomenon, which is the main objective of this paper.

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