

Summary

Appearance and development of public reaction to crime up to the A.D period

Beginning and developing of punishment methods during Old and Middle Age periods are important subjects to be researched by penologists, criminologists and crime theoreticians. As first, how and by whose interest's it needs that a delinquent should be punished, and than, more latter, to find out a cause of crime, all of these came as the main aims which were put by criminologists from the beginning of XIX century, in the same time when Criminology was made as the autonomous science, till today. Today, changing in order of these activities is considered as achievement of modern social and historical circumstances, but learning about the history of punishment is penological need, which still has his own sense of meaning.

Forms and intenzity of punishment had been changing during Old and Middle Age periods. Punishment in period of Old Age can be researched by preserved laws of the first states, untill 476. A.C., during period of Western Rome Empire fallen. During the phases of beginning and developing of feudal state power, to the idea of expiation was added the idea of frightened the environment. The execution of punishments according to roles caused the fear by their cruelty, in purpose to remind the potential delinquent behaviours. It was the way that the second legal conception was separated as the way which took and contained characteristics of political nature. The idea of frightened people had the main aim to protect public law and order and to confirm the power of the ruler.