

Seminar Group 16 Miniconference – Day 1

We take a great pleasure in inviting you to the Seminar Group 16 Miniconference. You will be presented three topics focused on specific problems of different areas of law. If you decide to participate, and we hope so, you can look forward to the presentation dealing with specific aspects of illegal downloading, thanks to which you will get some really interesting information about this serious every-day problem. Also the presentation focused on the concept of whistleblowing in Czech legal system is definitely worth hearing because it lays out a completely new problem that the czech law must face. If you want to learn more about legalization of prostitution in the Czech Republic you shouldn't miss the presentation looking into this really current topic.

*The Miniconference will be held on Thursday, April 11th,
at the Faculty of Law, classroom 209.
It starts at 9:35.*

Programme:

- 9:35 – registration
- 9:40 – Presentation 1: **Specific aspects of illegal downloading**
- 10:00 – discussion and feedback
- 10:05 – Presentation 2: **The concept of whistleblowing in czech legal system**
- 10:25 – discussion and feedback
- 10:30 – Presentation 3 : **Legalization of prostitution: the state as pimp**
- 10:50 – discussion and feedback
- 10:55 – coffee break

Here are the abstracts of the presentations, written by the lecturers themselves:

Specific aspects of illegal downloading

Our presentation deals with problems of illegal downloading of films. First of all we define regularizing of copyright concerning downloading. Secondly we compare situation in the Czech Republic and in the United Kingdom. It includes differences between downloading from warez and downloading from torrents. We will try to answer the question, why people prefer downloading films illegally to paying for them. We also suggest possible ways to solve these problems. Finally we show you an interesting case study concerning the film Kuky se vrací which was the first film in the Czech Republic to receive a specific protection against illegal downloading. With this presentation, we would like to explain to you some basic information and interesting facts about illegal downloading, which is a problem we all meet every day.

The concept of whistleblowing in czech legal system

In our presentation we will deal with the concept of whistleblowing and its anchorage in czech legal system. Firstly we will define the term of whistleblowing and whistleblower, then we will discuss the actual regulation and protection of whistleblowers in the Czech republic. We can already reveal that the problem here is, that this legal instrument is not explicitly established in czech legal system and that there are also some moral dilemmas, but the government plans to submit a bill in March. It will be the content of last part of our presentation. In our presentation we would like to pointed out that this legal instrument (despite the fact, that there is no black and white in some cases) have its future.

Legalization of prostitution: the state as pimp

The topic of our presentation focuses on possibility of controversial novelty in Czech legislation. Several deputies in Parliament talk about legalizing prostitution. They feel very uncomfortable about huge losses of income every year. The goal of the presentation is not only to explain economical benefits but also to judge this bill from a moral standpoint. We point out several advantages and disadvantages of legislation. This subject is apparently problematic for both sides. We show the necessity of thorough discussion on choosing the right legal form, which will be beneficial for the state and also for prostitutes. We look for inspiration in other countries dealing with this issue. Future consequences of this legislation for society are analyzed.