

Foreword

Nowa Kodyfikacja Prawa Karnego [New Codification of Criminal Law] is a publication addressed to academics and practitioners involved in the fight against crime (especially with regard to new threats and effective methods of crime prevention). Our new English-language volume is addressed particularly to foreign readers. Its main objective is to present the most interesting and, at the same time, most relevant problems of broadly defined criminological sciences, both in their national dimension and in terms of analyses of international solutions. The fact that our publication has been constantly present — for nearly twenty years — on the market as well as the interest generated by studies published in it testify to considerable trust and stature it enjoys. Exchange of ideas on the pages of a scholarly journal is a reliable discourse based on research and knowledge, verified through expert reviews and frequently very lively discussions among scholars.

The studies collected in the current volume raise questions of cognitive significance; moreover, these are studies characterised by originality in comparison with previous publications. In the future they can open up new research perspectives. It can well be said that they fit in well with the contemporary model of analysing criminological phenomena, in which one of the main challenges is to find procedures and measures that would be effective in terms of reducing crime and, at the same time, economical from the point of view of combating the phenomenon. Such actions are determined by very dynamic cultural and social changes as well as technological progress, and, especially our experience with criminal sentencing. What is also important is taking into account the changing kinds, forms and manifestations of crime. The daily practice of the justice system as well as the knowledge acquired in the course of imposition and

enforcement of criminal sentences are in principle permanent elements of the discussion about the desirable model of the so-called formalised response of the state to criminal behaviour.

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