

CRIMINAL OFFENCES OF MURDER

de lege lata and de lege ferenda

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Summary: The title of the paper fully indicates its content. However, that is not all. The author will also address considerations of Professor Ljubiša Lazarević, who dealt with this topic in 2000 and published a paper entitled “Murders in the Yugoslav Criminal Legislation – de lege lata and de lege ferenda“. The paper is divided into three sections. The first one points to the right to life as the subject of criminal law protection, and in this regard, the author points at social, legal, criminal and political significance of the criminal offence of murder. The second section points to the most important aspects of legal regulations that govern the criminal offences of murder in our criminal law. Finally, the third section of the paper, the dominant one given its significance, contains concrete suggestions de lege ferenda related to the criminalization of murders.

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