

## TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS: LEGAL ASPECTS AND FORMS OF REPORTING IN KOSOVO

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## **ABSTRACT**

Human trafficking is the modern form of slavery and a serious breach of human rights. In the countries of former Yugoslavia after the war period, this phenomenon has undergone a large scale of growth. The changes in the Balkan Peninsula, after the 90's, as a result of tensions, wars and armed conflicts in the former Yugoslavia have brought great changes not only in the political map of the region, but also in social and economic situation of the country. After the end of war in 1999, the number of cases of trafficking in human beings in Kosovo has began to increase, although initially it was thought that this problem affects only women and girls originating outside Kosovo, but since 2000, different international agencies governments have introduced that the number of girls and women of Albanian origin is constantly growing. Kosovo, economic and human resources and connections with surrounding countries, enables socio-economic development while maintaining multi-ethnic structure, and its aims towards Atlantic integration. Kosovo, as other European countries and the countries of the world is deeply affected by the phenomenon of human trafficking, particularly of women and girls trafficked for sexual exploitation. In this scientific paper, we shall present, the legal aspects of trafficking in human beings, with special emphasis on Kosovo reflecting forms of reporting these criminal acts etc.

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