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Report

The topic of my PhD dissertation is “The Development of Criminal Protection for Victims of Crime (Comparative Law Analysis)”. One of the general directions of my research is the "connection" between the offender and victim after the verdict. My general standpoint is that criminal penalty for harm to human health often fails to reflect the severity of the damage, as the onset of such problems can occur much later than the initial offence.

A collision between the principles of criminal law occurs when the offender is convicted of an act initially causing only a small amount of damage, but soon after the verdict, the victim faces more serious consequences, directly caused by the original act. In this situation there is a conflict between two of the main principles of criminal law, namely, between the principles of the restoration of social justice and proportionality, and the principle of criminal punishment - no one can be tried twice for the same offense (*non bis in idem*), which is also a principle of constitutional law.

My topic of interest is cross-disciplinary, because I am analyzing the consequences of crime after the verdict (which can affect the victim post trial) and then I am analyzing how it would be possible to reflect these consequences in the body of criminal law. That is why I had to research questions of medicine, victimology, social science and afterwards criminal law.

I came to Stockholm University with that topic and I have met absolutely special treatment to me. Everyone gave me very valuable recommendations and literature concerning my topic. Everyone was ready to help me with everything, even to walk me to library and manage with coffee machine. PhD students of department made welcome party for me. It was surprise for me because we do not have such tradition in Russia. I have never met such friendly and unformal treatment in Russian universities. Member staff of department of criminology is very kind and professional. They created for me perfect conditions for work. The professor Jerzy Sarnecki who supervised my research project was open-mind and really brilliant.

I have done chapter in my dissertation concerning victims of crime in Sweden and I have delivered two seminars in criminal law department. We had a lot of talks with professor Petter Asp. Professor Petter Asp is head of criminal law department who gave me a lot of valuable recommendations and good food for thought concerning new approaches which I suggested.

Disa Hastad has arranged for us (Russian stipendiaries) tea-party by former ministers and diplomats. It was great and rare opportunity to speak with Swedish establishment. It was very useful experience and I was enriched by such experience.



Separately need to say about Stockholm. It is quiet, charming city. A lot of museums and exhibitions. People in Stockholm are very friendly. Everyone speaks English very well. I really enjoyed Swedish culture and appreciated Swedes hospitality.