

History and mentality. Prostitution in Cluj between the World Wars I, II

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My thesis having the title „History and mentality. Prostitution in Cluj between the World Wars I, II” deals with the prostitution phenomenon, focusing on Cluj, being a social, medical, demographical and cultural, phenomenon with different implications. It has 8 chapters and they present the features of the prostitution from Romania and Cluj and the international context of this phenomenon. In the first chapter, having 3 parts, you can read definitions for prostitution and prostitute, definitions given by Romanian and foreign doctors and it is presented the Romanian and international historiography of the phenomenon. The 2nd chapter „Historical presentation of the prostitution” is structured in 3 parts and it is about the sexual role in the history of humankind and a survey of the prostitution in Romania and the national and European debates about abolition of the prostitution.

The 3rd chapter „The classification of the prostitution” present the criteria which made the difference between the prostitutes’ status and the opinions of Romanian and foreign doctors. In the 4th chapter you can read the causes of the prostitution and the solutions imposed by the authorities in order to solve the prostitution and the methods for practicing other jobs. In the 5th chapter, it is presentation the situation of sexual education in Romania, based on a few works found at the Central Library in Cluj. These works were the basis for realizing the sexual education of the young generation. The legislation regarding the practice of the prostitution is presented in the 6th chapter in which you can see different rules from the Austrian legislation, which were the basis of the prostitution in Transylvania in the 1920s., when the legislation is applied in Romanian. This chapter presents the rules for practicing the prostitution and the punishment for breaking the rules.

The 7th „the abolishment of the prostitution and the sexual diseases” is structured in two parts and is presents the role sexual diseases of for regulation of the rules for prostitutes in Europe and the rules adopted in Romania for the cease of the prostitution and sexual diseases. The last chapter deals with the legal and illegal prostitution in Cluj, presenting the lifestyle in brother and the complaints of the people from the neighborhoods, full of night clubs and illegal prostitutes. It is also, the attitude of the authorities the public and the press, regarding the prostitution and the sexual scandals appeared in the press.

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