

Abstract

In this paper, we are going to dissert the E.U. Specific programme “Preventing and combating crime (2007-2013)” from a critical viewpoint. The first part starts with an epistemological critique on contemporary social science and claim that social science needs to be redefined. Furthermore, the criminal law is going to be analyzed by means of the Marxist category of fetishism. Thus, crime is perceived as a social construct. In addition, the E.U. programme is delineated from a critical point of view. Finally, the E.U. anti-crime policy is being circumscribed. The overall aim of the paper is to argue that the category of fetishism is, without doubt, of major importance for social science because it places class struggle on the agenda. By extension, this essay is to be regarded as an effort to de-fetishise social relations.

Key Words

Critical criminology, John Holloway, Fetishism, European Union, “Preventing and combating crime (2007-2013)”