Empirical Descriptions of Criminal Sentencing Decision-Making

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Abstract
The article addresses the widespread use of statistical causal modelling to describe criminal sentencing decision-making empirically in Scandinavia. The article describes the characteristics of this model, and on this basis discusses three aspects of sentencing decision-making that the model does not capture: 1) the role of law and legal structures in sentencing, 2) the processes of constructing law and facts as they occur in the processes of handling criminal cases, and 3) reflecting newer organisational changes to sentencing decision-making. The article argues for a stronger empirically based design of sentencing models and for a more balanced use of different social scientific methodologies and models of sentencing decision-making.

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Crime, Punishment, and Politics: An Analysis of Political Cycles in Criminal Sentencing. Carlos Berdejó. Noam Yuchtman. In what follows, we discuss judicial elections and criminal sentencing in the state of Washington in Section 2. In Section 3, we describe and provide empirical support for a theoretical framework that predicts sentencing cycles as a result of political pressure on judges. In Section 4, we discuss our data and the construction of the variables used in our analysis. Request PDF on ResearchGate | Socioeconomic Status and Criminal Sentencing: An Empirical Assessment of a Conflict Proposition | The "conflict perspective" has generated considerable critical interest in the mechanisms of criminal sanctioning. Among the hypotheses generated by conflict criminology is the proposition that "when sanctions are imposed, the most severe sanctions will be imposed on persons | Academic Article. We use cookies to make interactions with our website easy and meaningful, to better understand the use of our services, and to tailor advertising. For further information, including about cookie settings, please read our Cookie Policy. By continuing to use this site, you consent to the use of cookies. An Empirical Analysis of ICTY Sentencing Practice, 22 Leiden J. Int'l L. 79 (2009); Meernik, James, Victor's Justice or the Law? Judging and Punishing at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, 47 J. Conflict Resol. between sentence length and efforts by the perpetrator to promote peaceful resolution of the conflict. None of the previous empirical studies considered any of those relationships. Theodor Meron, Fairness in Sentencing (Separate and Partially Dissenting Opinion, Prosecutor v. Stanislav Galić), in The Making of International Criminal Justice, A View from the Bench: Selected Speeches 247 (2011).