Abstract

The aim of the paper is to analyze some of the existent contradictions within human rights discourse, particularly questioning the commonly accepted chronological approach that leads some authors to assume that there is a unique discourse on human rights. The short review of the genesis and historical development of this discourse has as main purpose to discuss a new typology that enables the study of the different human rights discourses that are currently performed. A second goal is to demonstrate how criminology and victimology, with some minor restrictions, are discourses that provide useful concepts for a better understanding and explanation of what takes place within the topic of human rights.

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