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## COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL LAW RESEARCHES: BACKGROUNDS AND GOALS

The article is dedicated to the research of actual issues of comparative criminal law studies in Ukraine. In particular, positions of well-known scientists on the issues of theoretical and practical significance of comparative law are highlighted, views of foreign researchers are revealed. Author's understanding of comparative law and its objectives is defined.

Among the main ways of modern comparative research the following are named: 1) study of general theoretical and methodological issues of comparative law as a separate legal science and academic course; 2) research of legal system in general, as well as their distinctive elements; 3) comparative and legal studies conducted toward separate legal sciences.

On the basis of understanding the meaning and main features of compar-

ison as a method of scientific research the author reveals the peculiarities of comparative criminal law studies. Brief overview of fundamental works of national criminalists in which author actively uses method of comparison is proposed. Possibilities of convergence of legal systems of modernity, including use of comparative legal studies, are designated. Other useful features of comparative analysis employment in the field of criminal law are demonstrated: for the legislator, the judiciary, legal science and education. Based on the study of actual issues of comparative criminal law studies author's position on the desirability of further expanding scientific horizons with their results, the practical importance of understanding current processes and tendencies of fighting crime in other states are elaborated.