Analysing International Human Rights Law within the context of women in Chilean prisons

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Abstract

This thesis presents an in-depth analysis of the challenges faced by women in Chilean prisons, with a focus on the need for gender-sensitive approaches in social work and policy-making. In reviewing existing literature and reports, the research highlights the unique conditions and experiences of women in Chilean prisons from a gender perspective. It addresses the international human rights framework, which stresses the need for humane treatment and reintegration of women prisoners. Following this, the thesis assesses Chile's adherence to these standards in practice using a feminist approach, highlighting contradictions to international human rights law. Finally, it makes recommendations for constitutional changes and outlines the potential role of social work in the realisation of incarcerated women's rights.