ERASMUS+ Capacity Building for Legal and Social Advancement in the Philippines (CALESA)







## CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND CRIMINAL LAW-MAKING POLICY

## What is Criminal Law-Making?

Criminal Law-Making studies focus on legislation as a **tool for social change.** 

Its aim is to **build** the best possible legislation







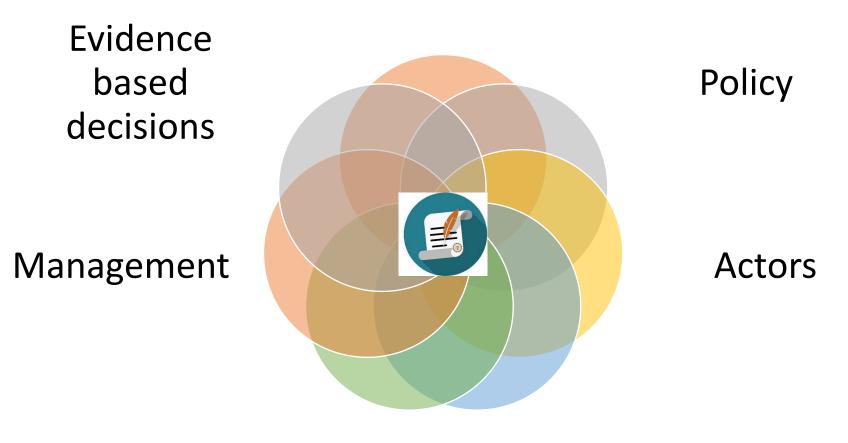
- will it be clearly understood by everyone involved?
- will it be in contradiction with other pieces of legislation, inside or outside Criminal Law?
- will it be in contradiction with other policies promoted by the Administration?
- will it be possible to implement it?
- who will do it?
- with what money?
- with how much money?

#### Criminal Law-making issues go beyond material Criminal Law





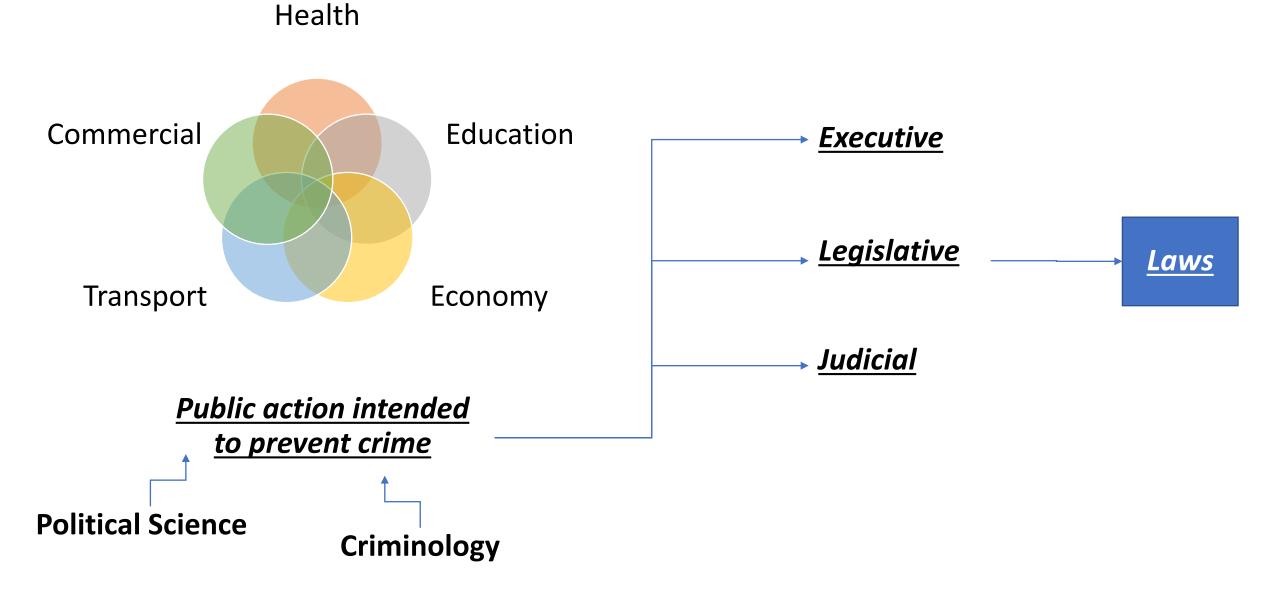
#### Politics



Power

Resources







## Why do we study Criminal Law-Making?

- Too many reforms,
- fast reforms,
- no expert knowledge,
- not evidence based decisions,
- politized,
- populist,...







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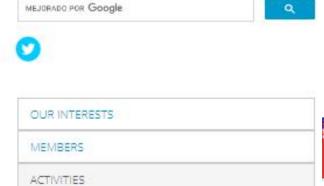


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#### PUBLICATIONS



Selected publications on criminal law policy from GEPLP members





(University of Malaga, Spain)

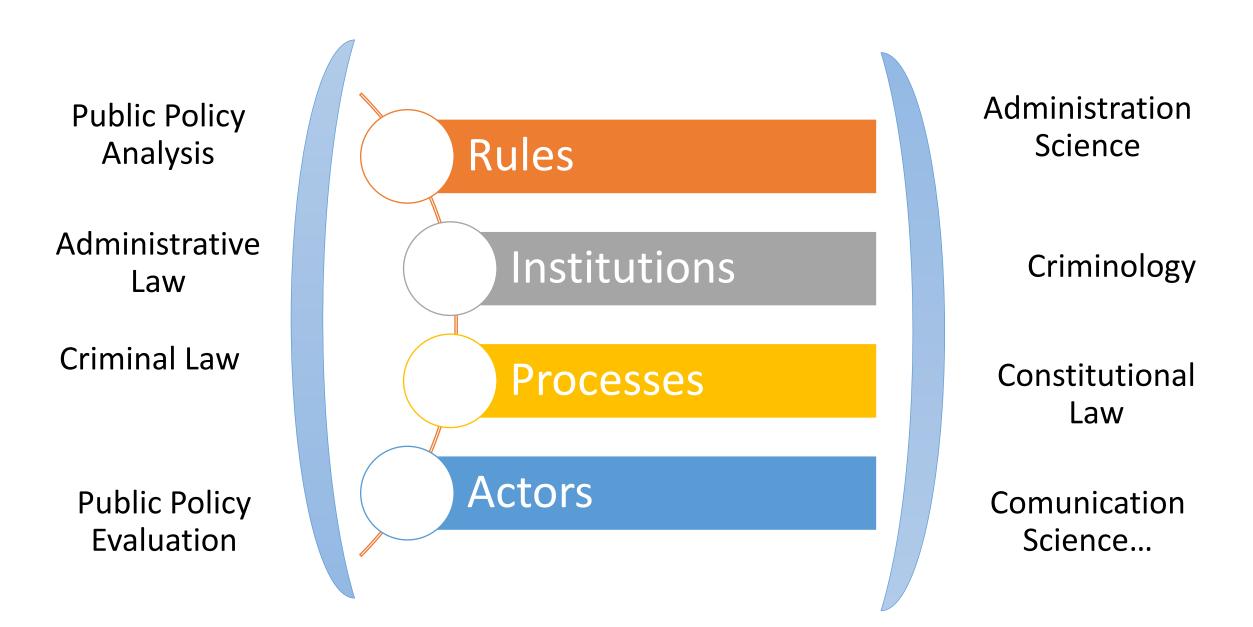


## What do we study?

We analyze factors that determine the **making, implementing and evaluating** of Criminal Legislation.

#### **Multidisciplinary Approach**









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- Media and Politicians
- The role of social media
- Pressure Groups
- the role of the Government

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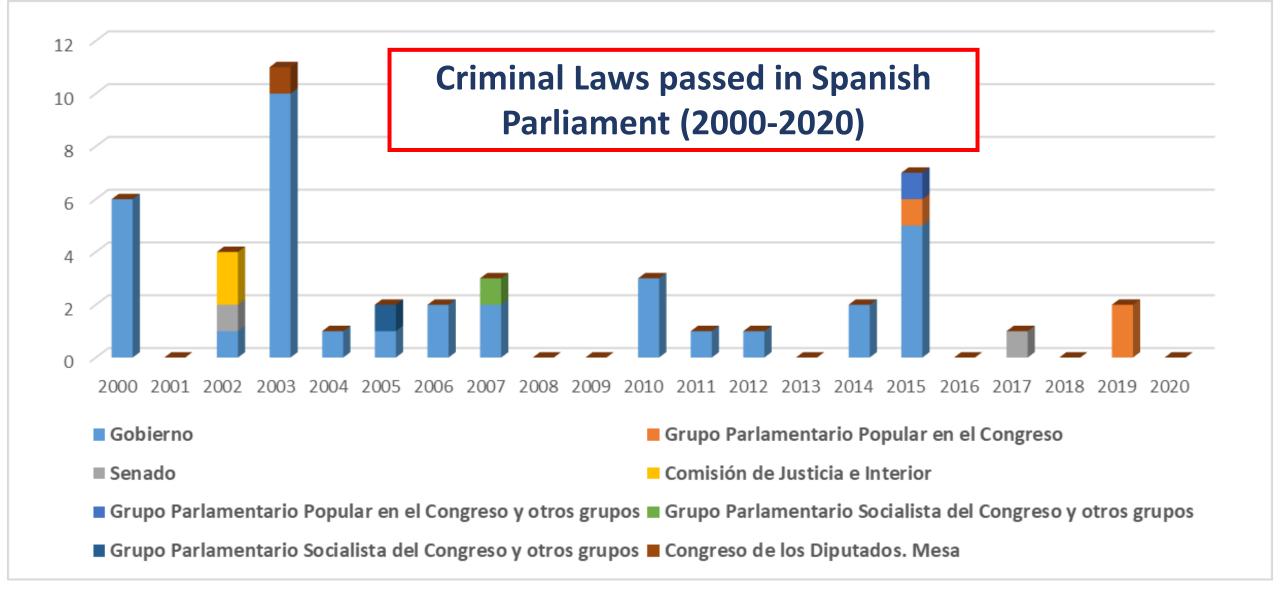
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## **Specific Parliamentary bodies:**

Alemania	<ul> <li>Scientific Services in the Bundestag</li> </ul>				
Francia	<ul> <li>Evaluation Office for Scientific and Technological Matters</li> </ul>				
España	<ul> <li>Legislative Technique Unit</li> </ul>				
RU	• Bill's Office in the House of Commons				
Italia	Normative Texts Office				
EEUU	<ul> <li>Legislative Counsel in the House of Representatives</li> </ul>				





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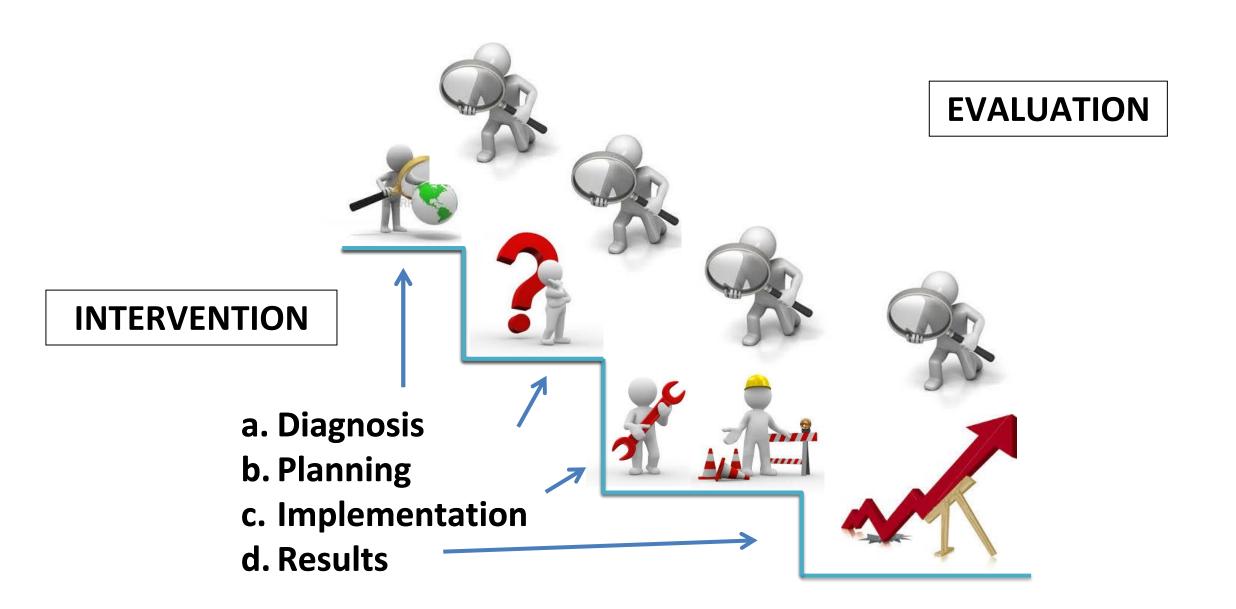
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## **Post-legislative stage: evaluation**







LEGISLATIVE PHASES	Prelegislative and legislative		Postlegislative		
ALSO REFERED AS	Ex-ante		In itinerem	Ex-post	
INTERVENTION PHASES	Planning		Implementing	Results	Impacts
EVALUATION	Diagnosis evaluation	Design evaluation	Implementation evaluation	Results evaluation	Impact evaluation





# Spain is not a good example... but we're catching up!

## Good regulation principles (ex ante):

- Necessity
- Efficacy
- Proporcionality
- Legal certainty
- Transparency
- Efficiency

- Objectives and costs (*ex post*)
- A new Office for the Coordination and Quality of Regulations.
- A new Law Planning and Evaluation Body.

### **GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL**





## And... what about Parliament?

### Office for Science and Technology

• <u>#CienciaenelParlament</u> <u>o</u> INVESTIGACIÓN CIENTÍFICA >

#### La Oficina de Ciencia del Congreso tratará cuestiones relacionadas con la inteligencia artificial y la salud

El hidrógeno verde como combustible, los avances contra el cáncer y la ciberseguridad son los primeros temas seleccionados de los que se realizarán informes de asesoramiento













## Conclusions

- 1. Promising changes
- 2. Evidence based decision making = more research
- 3. Parliament doesn't have to be a secondary institution
- 4. We, the academics and practitioners... what should we do?
- 5. Disinformation as an opportunity



Salamat Po!!! Thank you!!! Gracias!!!



