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**ONE LOOK AT THE ELDERLY IN PRISON:
CASE STUDY OF THE CORRECTIONAL
FACILITY IN NIŠ**

The paper deals with the elderly in prison, as it has become a global issue, rather new one in Serbia. The elderly persons in general still face discrimination and ageism in Serbia, so it was quite challenging to take a look at specific category of the elderly - elderly in prison, having in mind the complicated and not-universal definitions of old age and the elderly, lack of accurate data, as well as the specific life conditions in prison context. The authors put in focus two categories of convicted persons - those who came to prison in younger age to serve longer prison sentences, but they have reached the age of 65 when the research began, and those who came in prison for the first time in older age (65 or 65+ years). The focus was on the criminal offences they have been perpetrated, their characteristics, the quality of ageing in prison, especially through the prism of relations with family members, and medical care issues. The authors examined the perceptions of elderly convicted persons related to their criminal past, as it is also one of the important issues in treatment and resocialization. As this category of inmates is a specific one, the special-preventive effects of prison sentences are particularly considered. Relevant data for the study were gathered at the Correctional Facility in Niš.

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