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Human trafficking and forced labour

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Victim protection in the criminal justice process

The paper focuses on the concept of vulnerability within the Italian legal system. In recent years, this concept has been widely used also thanks to the push of supranational and European regulations within a series of interventions aimed at protecting human rights and the position of the victim. In this regard, the most important recent regulations in this area are Directive 2012/29/EU and the resulting Legislative Decree No. 212 of 2015. Also deserving particular attention is the change in the physiognomy of the criminal trial due to the special treatment of the person deemed vulnerable and, in particular, of the discipline in favor of such persons with regard to the institutions of the evidentiary incident and testimony. Next, the topic of restorative justice, which has been placed at the center of European reform goals in recent years, will be mentioned.
