




The Iranian Criminal Justice System's Approach to the Risk-Based Rehabilitation Model or the Good Lives Model for Sexual Offenders

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The claim that “crime and security trends have changed globally” is too general. Please provide a citation and at least one concrete example of a global trend that has directly influenced the Iranian criminal justice system.

The discussion on “semi-freedom system” lacks detailed explanation. How is this system practically implemented in Iran? Are there case studies or data supporting its efficacy?

The statement, “these legal provisions function as preemptive interventions before a crime occurs” seems contradictory. If the offender has already committed a sexual crime, how can the measures be preemptive? Clarify whether you are referring to recidivism prevention or primary prevention.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

“A sexual crime occurs when an offender, through an act leading to penetration...” — This definition is highly clinical but not sufficiently comparative. Please contrast this with international definitions (e.g., UNODC or WHO) for clarity and international relevance.

The authors mention “Revolutionary Courts” without explanation. For an international audience, please define what these courts are, their jurisdiction, and their distinct role in handling sexual crimes in Iran.

The phrase “public identification of offenders...creates barriers to their correction and reintegration” is significant but unsupported. Please cite studies or legal scholarship that establish this relationship.

It implies an empirical comparative assessment of both the Risk-Based Rehabilitation Model and the Good Lives Model, but the article does not present such a comparison. Consider revising to reflect the actual scope (e.g., “Exploring Rehabilitation-Oriented Penal Mechanisms for Sexual Offenders in Iran”).

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