## Abstract

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The issue prison labor in the Hungarian parliamentary reports between 1865 and 1918

## Prison, prison system, prison labor

What is the actual objective of prison labor? Questions regarding the goals of prison labor have been present since the very beginning of the modern prison system, although the answers are still contested. Historical research suggests that the role of prison labor has been characterized by different emphases at different stages of history, while interests and objectives have often interfered with each other. The presentation attempts to capture the question of prison labor, its regimes and goals behind through the analysis of Hungarian parliamentary debates between 1865 and 1918.