CALL FOR PAPERS Special issue: Rural and environmental crimes

Although rural criminology is a growing field, there is a great need of knowledge about 'ordinary' rural crimes in international contexts. These include offences such as crimes against farmers and their properties, drug related offences, violence against women and minorities—but also of 'new' types of offences, such as crimes against nature and wildlife, eco-terrorism, crimes against animal production, international theft, slavery as well as those based on interlinkages between cyber and traditional crimes in rural contexts.

Papers may include, but are not limited by, work on:

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• Environmental and wildlife crimes in rural contexts (e.g. unlawful handling of chemicals/chemical pollution, illegal hunting/trade of endangered animal and plant species)

• Crimes against nature, slavery, eco-terrorism, crimes against animal production, international theft, and interlinkages between cyber and traditional crimes in rural contexts

• Governance and crime prevention initiatives in international rural contexts (e.g. role of actors, policing and protesting in rural contexts, Global South, rural-urban divide in terms of crime and safety governance).

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