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Call for papers:

Critical green criminology goes rural: environmental crimes, harms and conflicts in rural areas and communities

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Since the 1990s, with the seminal works of Lynch, Benton and South, the discipline of criminology has increasingly extended its focus of study to include environmental harms and crimes, environmental conflicts, and environmental law, regulation and (in)justice. As interest in and engagement with these topics in the discipline of criminology have grown, so has the variety of approaches to green criminology.

Grounded in critical criminology, the burgeoning perspective of green criminology has - since its inception - been opened to a variety of theoretical orientations and approaches (White 2013). Authors like Ruggiero and South (2013), Sollund (2015) and Lynch (2019), for example, highlighted the importance of looking at green criminology from a critical perspective that takes into account the political economy of environmental harms. This perspective essentially considers the social root of environmental conflicts, harms, and crimes and analyses them as deeply embedded within a neoliberal regime of global inequality.

Noting the urban bias which has historically affected the discipline of criminology, some critical and green-cultural criminologists have recently started reflecting on environmental harms and crimes in rural areas (Donnermeyer 2012, 2018, Donnermeyer and DeKeseredy 2013, Brisman, McClanahan and South 2014). Within green criminology, for example, Donnermeyer and DeKeseredy (2014: 93) acknowledged that 'much of what is defined as environmental crime occurs at rural localities and affects rural people'. Lynch, Long, and Stretesky (2019) called attention to the exploitative and metabolic rift that exists between urban and rural settings. Brisman, McClanahan and South (2014) considered the intersection between green, cultural and rural criminologies and identified venues for further research in the area.

Building from this scholarship, this call aims to advance the green-critical criminology of the rural by bringing together perspectives from critical green criminology, critical rural criminology, as well as critical perspectives from other allied disciplines. We particularly welcome papers that explore environmental harms, crimes and conflicts in rural areas and/or reflect on agrarian conflicts, rural social movements, and decolonialism, from a critical perspective. Suggested themes for this call include, but are not limited to:

- Socio-environmental conflicts in rural areas;
- Agrarian conflicts;
- Colonialism and environmental racism;
- Decolonizing green criminology;
- Environmental justice, ecological justice and species justice;
- Environmental rights;
- Criminalisation of communities and environmental activists in rural contexts;
- Harms to rural communities;
- Rural social movements;
- State-corporate exploitation of rural lands and natural resources;
- Indigenous genocide and ecocide;
- Environmental crimes and harms (contamination; poisoning, pollution) in rural contexts and their impacts on humans, non-human animals, plants and ecosystems;
- Methodologies to study environmental harms, crimes and conflicts in rural areas;
- Relationship between the urban, the rural and the global in relation to environmental crimes, harms, conflicts and their political economy;
- Rural policing and agrarian militias.

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