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## CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal of Illicit Economies and Development (JIED), LSE Press

**Special Issue: Exploring the nexus between human vulnerabilities and environmental crime**

**Deadline for Submission: 31st July 2021**

This special issue aims to explore the human impacts of environmental crime<sup>1</sup> - how people, communities and populations are affected by the illicit trade in and demand for environmental commodities. The human cost and impact of this trade can sometimes be a neglected area of research, where predominantly analysis has instead focused (understandably) on the impact on particular species survival and wider biodiversity concerns and impacts. It is now widely accepted that the trafficking in environmental commodities and the illicit exploitation of natural resources is dramatically affecting the biodiversity of the planet. And there is a growing discourse of analysis that explores how this trade and exploitation of our natural resources, at the same time, finances corruption and criminal actors as well as affecting governance systems in many regions around the world.

Resources – both natural and financial - are however being diverted from individuals, communities and populations and exacerbating fragility. In some cases, criminal, violent and/or exploitative actors, are engaging individuals and communities at various points along the supply chains to support the extraction, transport and sale (or disposal) of commodities. In many cases this can cause direct human harm and can impact upon the human rights, livelihoods, lives, freedom of expressions, etc. of affected individuals and communities. This call for papers therefore aims to understand the more direct human impacts of these trends and we welcome original contributions exploring the linkages and impacts of environmental crime on individuals and communities in all its dimensions.

In order to offer a broad empirical, qualitative approach, we welcome contributions from various disciplines, including (but not exclusively) sociology, economics, anthropology, history and international relations, as well as policy analyses from activists, NGO leaders, or practitioners. In this time of COVID-19 lockdowns and uncertainty within academia, we particularly encourage submissions by female scholars, precariously employed faculty-members, academics from less traditional backgrounds. We would also **encourage geographically specific contributions from Asia** and we may be able to provide language and translation support for original contributions not in English. Please contact the co-editors (below) to discuss possibilities.

JIED calls for three types of contributions in English (please see above on possible other languages):



### RESEARCH ARTICLES

based on unpublished original research that makes a substantial contribution to knowledge and understanding to this special issue. Length: 8,000 words (abstract 250 words).



### POLICY COMMENTARIES

which cover commentary on novel policy interventions, or review pre-existing interventions. Length: 3000 words (abstract 250 words).

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<sup>1</sup> The sourcing, supply and trading of species, resources, waste, or pollutants in violation of regulatory regimes or legislation (incl. timber, protected species, waste, extractives, ozone-depleting substances (ODS and chemicals)).



## METHODS ARTICLES

outline and test new techniques and discuss potential applications and significance of the technique (or articles that critique or modify extant methodologies and approaches. Length: 3,000 words (abstract 200 words).

If you are interested to respond to this call for papers, please submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) including the following information:

- Article type: \_\_Research Article / \_\_Policy Commentary \_\_ / Methodology Article
- Tentative title of article
- Name, affiliation, and place of residence of author(s)
- Detailed description of the manuscript (max. 500 words)

Deadline for Submissions:

- Deadline for submissions of LOIs: **31st July 2021**. LOIs submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Decisions will be communicated by mid-August 2021.
- Invited papers will be subject to the usual JIED peer review processes (based on a double-blind peer review). Authors commit to produce a final manuscript in JIED house style by **31st October 2021**.

*Proposed Publication Date:* February 2022

LOIs should be sent to invited editors:

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