

VII AIDP Symposium for Young Penalists

“The Criminal Law Protection of our Common Home”
On the Criminal Justice Protection of the Environment, the Climate and the Biodiversity

11-12 November 2019

Luiss Guido Carli University, Rome

In his Encyclical Letter On Care for our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*), Pope *Francis* stated that air pollution, deficient waste management, climate change, desertification of soils, deterioration of water quality, loss of biodiversity are some of the main manifestations of the environmental crisis produced by a scheme of technocratic power, characterized by a deviant anthropocentrism.

In recent times, after a long period of exaggerated confidence in progress, humanity has begun to develop a greater awareness of the need to protect the environment. This awareness has been decisive for the recognition of the human right to a healthy environment, the legislative development of legal tools for environmental protection and the conclusion of international agreements on this matter.

Criminal law has been part of this regulatory development, although many questions still remain unanswered. As a matter of fact, if criminal law alone cannot be able to solve such complex problems, none the less it should not fail to address the violation of the essential legal interests at stake.

On the one hand, environmental damage is often the result of behaviors whose responsibility can be attributed to powerful corporations and their management; consequently, in such cases criminal law should strive to overcome the ‘selectivity’ that may characterize the punitive power. On the other hand, in recent years the increasing corporate social responsibility awareness has led companies to start implementing sustainable development policies and to promote human rights protection; therefore, the role that ‘punitive law’ can play in this context still needs to be questioned.

To what extent can criminal law contribute to an integral ecology, inseparable from the notion of ‘common good’? How does the protection of climate, environment and biodiversity relate to the respect of human dignity, to distributive justice and to justice between generations? Is it fair to consider other species as mere ‘things’ or should they deserve a distinct status under criminal law?

To discuss these and other questions related to “The Criminal Law Protection of our Common Home”, PhD students, post-docs, young academics and other young penalists are invited to participate in this Symposium.

The conclusions of the Symposium will be presented during the XX International Congress of Penal Law, session on “Corporate Criminal Law and Environmental Protection” to be held on 15 November 2019 at 4:00 pm at Luiss Guido Carli University, Rome.

Participation in the Symposium is free of charge, but attendance is limited and requires pre-registration. Travel and accommodation expenses cannot be covered by the hosts and organizers.

Call for papers

Sending of abstracts: 22 September 2019.

Decisions on individual submissions and interventions: 30 September 2019.

Requirements

Abstracts and presentations should address the relationship between criminal law and environment, adopting one or more of the following approaches:

- a. Substantive criminal law;
- b. Procedural criminal law;
- c. Criminal policy;
- d. Criminological perspective.

PhD students, post-docs, young academics and other young penalists are invited to submit an abstract (length: 150–250 words) in English on these and comparable aspects related to “The Criminal Law Protection of our Common Home” via e-mail (yp2019@youngpenalists.org) by 22 September 2019, along with contact and affiliation information. Decisions on individual submissions and interventions are expected by the end of September 2019.

Authors of accepted abstracts are invited to present their work in one of the panel sessions; after the presentations of 10–15 minutes each, a short discussion will follow. The use of presentation technology (e.g. power-point) is optional.

Authors of accepted abstracts are furthermore invited to submit a written version of their presentations (length: 2.000–5.000 words including references), which – if finalized and submitted to the organizing committee by 20 December 2019 – are intended to be published in the International Review of Penal Law.

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