Special Issue

Critical Perspectives on Wildlife and Environmental Law and Its Enforcement

Message from the Guest Editor

COVID-19 has once again drawn attention to issues relating to the exploitation of wildlife and the failure of legal systems to adequately protect wildlife. Wildlife trafficking is widely recognised as one of the most lucrative forms of criminal activity globally. However, its enforcement is predominantly concentrated within the implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES), which requires members' legislation to govern trade whilst prohibiting, but not necessarily criminalising, violations of the Convention. This Special Issue, titled "Wildlife and Environmental Law and its Enforcement", seeks original contributions on the theory of wildlife and environmental law and its interactions with criminal justice and enforcement. This includes issues that impact wild and farmed animals as well as wild animals kept in captivity in zoos, circuses, and other animal attractions. The Special Issue will also examine wider issues on how the law deals with human-centred harms on the environment.

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