

Call for papers

Special Issue: Environmental Impacts of Illicit Economies

This special issue aims at highlighting the state of the art of an understudied problem looking at the interactions between illicit economies, violence, and environmental factors for countries and vulnerable communities. Understanding the complex dimensions of illicit economies implies exploring the implications they have on the sustainable development goals (SDGs) including Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3); Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6); Climate Action (SDG 13); Life on Land (SDG 15); Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (SDG 16), among others.

Illegal economies such as drug crop cultivation (coca, cannabis, and opium poppy), drug production and illegal mining (gold and diamond exploitation, among others) have been associated with direct and indirect drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, water pollution, and loss of biodiversity. Trafficking in wildlife, animal parts, plants and illegal logging also have serious implications, not only for the species affected, threatening ecosystems, but also affecting governance systems in several regions around the world. These illicit economies constitute major factors in fueling security threats, violence and armed conflicts as well as environmental degradation.

We welcome original contributions exploring the linkages and impacts of illicit economies on the environment in all its dimensions. This includes potentially novel perspectives such as the environmental effect of policies addressing the nexus between illicit economies and the environment, as well as decentralized responses by organized communities in rural and urban contexts.

The special issue will bring together novel research findings through empirical investigations and policy analyses, based on traditional and innovative approaches and methodologies, from different theoretical backgrounds, to contribute to the understanding of this complex, multifaceted and emerging field of study.

JIED calls for two types of contributions in Spanish or English:

- Research articles: based on unpublished original research that makes a substantial contribution to knowledge and understanding to this special issue.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) .

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 authors(s)
- Detailed description of the manuscript (max. 500 words)

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Deadline for Submission:

Deadline for submission of LOIs: 30 June 2020. LOIs submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Decisions will be communicated by the end of July 2020. 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 30 October 2020.**

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