



We are delighted to invite* you to the **5th International Environmental Crime Conference on Environmental Crime and Security**, which will be held at the University of Sarajevo on 28th August 2018 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We are pleased to welcome four distinguished keynote speakers who will examine the role of security in environmental crime:

Professor Gorazd Mesko
University of Maribor
Slovinia

Adjunt Associate Professor Grant Pink
Academic Liasion to INTERPOL Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Committee Advisory Board
University of New England
Australia

Dr. Francis Masse
Post-doctoral Research Fellow,
BIOSEC Project
University of Sheffield
UK

Dr. Davyth Stewart
Coordinator, Environmental Security Programme
INTERPO
Lyon
France

Professor Ragnhild Sollund (University of Oslo) will also host a panel on Environmental Crime and Security beyond Humans. Conference details, including a preliminary conference programme is provided below.

*Please note this is a free event and all attendees are required to book online.

To book your conference place please register online before 22.08.18: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/environmental-crime-and-security-tickets-46711954714>

Conference Details

This International Environmental Crime Conference will showcase leading research that highlights the intersection between Security and Environmental Crime, with a special focus on the ways in which environmental crime threatens security and converges with other serious crimes.

[Previously hosted in the Netherlands](#) and UK, the International Environmental Crime Conferences have brought together academics, practitioners and policy makers from various disciplines to exchange views, concepts and research findings, all discussed through the lens of green criminology, sociology, law enforcement, community wellbeing, policy, environmental activism, organised crime and critical ecology. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking and discussion throughout the day.

Environmental crime is one of the most profitable and fastest growing crimes internationally. Heightened awareness of the proliferation and scale of the harms involved is altering the way we view and respond to offences such as transnational transportation and dumping of toxic waste and e-waste and the trafficking and destruction of flora and fauna. These offences demonstrate a growing sophistication though convergence with other serious crimes and the involvement of transnational organised crime groups. Consequently, environmental crime negatively impacts state revenue, peace and security. Through the exploitation of natural resources, environmental crimes can result in state instability and conflict. For example, violence conflict over scarce resources and profits from the illegal trade used to fund terrorist groups have been documented. Through showcasing key research, this event aims to improve understanding of environmental crime linkages to wider security challenges.

This conference is organised by Jennifer Maher (University of South Wales), Toine Spapens (Tilburg University), Daan van Uhm (Utrecht University), Tanya Wyatt (Northumbria University), and Rob White (University of Tasmania).

For questions about the conference and to submit your interest in the panel, please contact Jennifer Maher (jenny.maher@southwales.ac.uk) or Tanya Wyatt (tanya.wyatt@northumbria.ac.uk).

Preliminary Conference Programme

9:30 Registration

10:00 Professor Gorazd Mesko – Water and Security

11:30 Davyth Stewart – Environmental Law Enforcement and Security

12:45 *Lunch*

14:00 Francis Masse – Thinking Through the Political Ecology of Wildlife Crime: Power, Biodiversity, Security, and the Changing Politics of Conservation

15.30 Grant Pink – Environmental Crime and Security: The role of regulatory, enforcement, policing, security, and other professionals

17.10 Ragnhild Sollund (Chair) - Environmental Crime and Security beyond Humans

19:00 *Dinner (not provided as part of the event, attendance will require a separate payment on the day)*

We do hope you can join us for what promises to be a stimulating and interesting day, we are looking forward to seeing you in Sarajevo soon,
Jenny Maher, Toine Spapens, Daan van Uhm, Tanya Wyatt, and Rob White.