



THE 5th INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES, ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

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Call for Participation

The Security Academy, in *co-operation with OSCE Presence in Albania*, organizes the 5th International Scientific Conference with international participation, called: “*Environmental Crime, Environmental Security and National Security*”. Academics, scholars, professionals - from the country and the world - students and employees of the State Police and all law enforcement institutions and beyond are invited to submit papers, projects, proposals and presentations to the conference. The Security Academy invites all participants who wish to present their work at this conference to send abstracts of their original works until **15 September 2019**. Abstracts will be evaluated by the scientific board and if a positive response is received, **full papers must be submitted by 1 November 2019**. The conference will be held in Albanian and English (for foreign participants). Foreign participants will have a translation service in English.

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THE CONFERENCE’S FOCUS

The focus of this conference will be environmental safety, which in recent decades has become one of the most important pillars of human, national security and international security. Because environmental security focuses on investigating the threats that arise through the environment to the international community of nations; to society and to man, then the focus of this conference will be broad, inclusive and associated with these threats. This focus will serve to build a comprehensive environment-related framework. This framework will be in the function of clarifying and raising the information and awareness of institutions, society, law enforcement agencies and the State Police as an institution that has its own part in terms of environmental safety. Alongside the broad focus of the conference, its specificity is to identify and address environmental safety in view of the responsibilities, needs, strategies and obligations that come to the police regarding environmental crimes. The role of the police in solving environmental problems is important because these problems are often of a criminal nature and trans-boundary.

THE CONFERENCE'S OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this conference is the presentation of analyzes and prognoses, both in terms of environmental crime investigations, and in terms of addressing environmental security across its broad sphere, where impacts and interweaving are at national and international security. The conference aims to improve the academic knowledge of environmental safety by contributing through scientific works. This knowledge is intended to serve to improve the academic and professional level of police, related to environmental crime and to deal with criminal offenses that are of such nature, or that interfere with environmental protection.

THE CONFERENCE'S PURPOSE

The conference aims to scientifically address the degree of importance of the legal-criminal protection of the environment; the meaning of criminal acts against the environment and the treatment of their general figures; types of offenses against the environment; handling the understanding and the features of investigating environmental criminal acts, etc. The goal is to improve environmental safety in our country, through academic contribution of police and not only: by sharing best environmental practices and lessons learned; forming bilateral and multilateral cooperation, identifying actors and responsibilities, legal deficiencies and recommendations for the future; presenting existing practices and further recommendations on curricula, programs and training in the field of environmental safety of police officers and beyond.

THE CONFERENCE'S AIM

This conference aims to unite academics, scientists, professionals and experts in the fields of security, environment, international relations, etc.; prosecutors, judges, judicial police officers and other experts to share experiences, practices, scientific work and findings in all aspects of environmental security. The conference will have these main goals:

- Strengthening and emphasizing that environmental security is a tangible, true, substantial and very sensitive element of national security, of each country and, by making a specific approach to Albania;
- Enhancing cooperation and advancing environmental dialogue between actors in the country and in the region;
- Raising awareness on environmental safety issues, best practices and lessons learned to improve Albania's basic environmental safety capability;
- Dealing with juridical and legal aspects of historical comparisons of environmental crime within and outside the country;
- Providing recommendations for enhanced policies to the State Police and relevant structures that address this issue in the framework of improving police work and reducing crime or preventing the occurrence of environmental crime;
- Detailed coverage of all legal and technical aspects related to the practical management of environmental problems at the local level, under the conditions of Albania and using the best international practice in this area;
- Raising qualitative methods of environmental crime investigation.

THE CONFERENCE'S TYPE

The conference is of the type "international scientific conference". It will be developed in front of an auditor who will have researchers from the country and the world as well as academic staff from the Security Academy; domestic and foreign researchers and experts on security issues; leaders and specialists of the State Police structures, other law enforcement agencies; representatives of foreign police missions assisting the State Police; representatives of academic partner institutions in the country and academies, colleges and police universities from partners abroad.

THE CONFERENCE'S STRUCTURE

Session I

*Environmental safety in the context of national and global security.
(Strategic, geopolitical, political and theoretical viewpoint)*

- Climate change and security
- National and global environmental policies.
- Geopolitics and environmental security.
- Environment, Security and Global Initiatives.
- Utilizing common natural resources and environmental safety.
- Climate change mitigation measures and national policies.
- Public awareness, information and environmental security.
- National interest and global environmental policies.
- International environmental organizations, actors of international relations.
- Environmental safety as an integral part of human security.
- Environmental safety reports with society, culture and economy.
- Economic growth, agriculture and environmental security.

Session II

*Crime and environmental security in Albania.
Legal and institutional framework.*

- General and legal understanding of environmental crime and its forms.
- Albanian Legislation on Environmental Crime, legal and technical aspects related to the practical management of environmental problems at the local level, under the conditions of Albania and utilizing the best international practice in this field.
- An analytical overview of environmental crimes occurring in Albania.
- The identification of the issues, the factors that stimulate it, enable, create the ground for developing the phenomenon of environmental crime in the country.
- Trend of the spread of environmental crime by years: statistical analyzes and reports.
- Public and institutional perception of environmental safety.
- Analysis of causes and geographic extent of environmental crime.

Session III

Access to state police and law enforcement agencies to environmental crimes as crimes of a specific nature, as well as for the prevention of these criminal offenses.

- The importance of the criminal legal protection of the environment.
- Types of criminal acts against the environment.
- Actions of the police officer in cases of finding offenses against the environment and illegal constructions, etc.
- Cooperation of the Security Academy with OSCE regarding the possibility of reviewing existing curricula in the education system.
- Community Policing.

Session IV

Meaning, features, specifics and methods of investigation of criminal offenses against the environment

- The qualitative establishment of methods of investigation of environmental crimes.
- Study / experience on best international practice in this field.
- Specialized training of environmental crime investigation specialists.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

Participation was open: for academic staff, students of the Security Academy, experts and scholars from the State Police structures and other law enforcement agencies, academics of other public and private higher education institutions in the country, investigators and experts in the investigation and security at the country and partner countries, representatives from international partner organizations of the State Police etc.

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZER COMMITTEE
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