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Green Crimes and International Criminal Law

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Summary

'Green Crimes and International Criminal Law' examines crimes against the environment, which impact not only humans, but also wildlife and ecosystems more generally. A significant point of discussion in the volume is whether green crimes can fit effectively into existing international criminal law frameworks or not. Chapter authors explore these crimes from both a definitional and theoretical perspective and in various contexts in different parts of the world, questioning whether these violations have led to or are violations of international criminal law. While the recognition of green crimes in the international criminal law community has been slow, it has increasingly gained widespread attention. This volume acknowledges the growing interest and seeks to promote debate among academics and professionals working on the subject. The aim of these texts is to encourage meaningful action around green crimes within the international criminal law community so that environmental justice can become established. The collection will be of particular interest to practicing attorneys and academics studying international criminal law, especially those keen on investigating how green crimes can be incorporated into the specific canon of international law.

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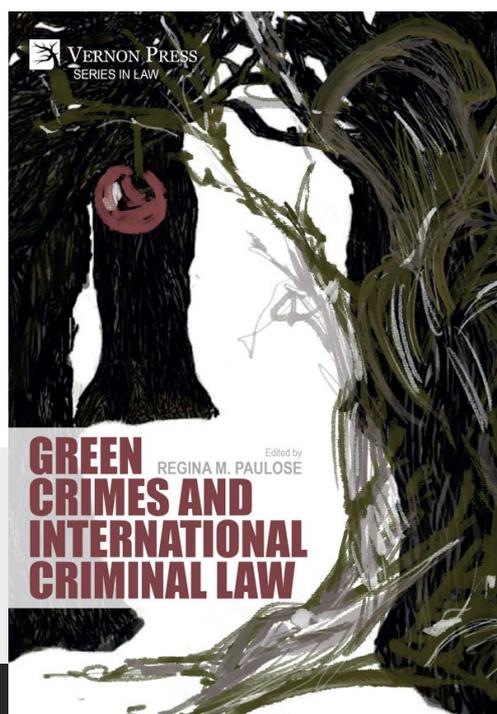
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This book analyses the present as a guide for future action. Throughout, the reader gets a sense of urgency; this is not just an academic exercise, aimed at enhancing the understanding of the student, but a call to action. The combination of scholarship and activism captures what academia is so often lacking; a commitment to make a change to an existing situation which is unsustainable. Taken together, these essays are a breath of fresh air, going back to some of the grounding principles of law as a universal principle guiding human societies and interactions. The use of case studies which underpin the argumentation throughout, root the various approaches in pragmatism: what is being suggested is in no way unattainable, but already being trialled and put into practice. The clear geographical spread (even transcending the terrestrial) furthermore adds another layer of urgency to the overall message that climate change and the destruction of nature are a universal challenge, which manifest themselves at various levels and have a detrimental effect on both human societies and their surrounding ecosystems.

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