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**Under the supervision of the University Rector,
Professor BOUDERAH Ibrahim
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and the PRFU Research Team
Organises a national conference via Google Meet on:**

**Penal Protection of the Environment in the Algerian Law and
International Conventions**

On May 20th, 2025

General Supervisor of the Conference: Prof. Fnenikh Abdelkader, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

General Coordinator of the Conference: Prof. Hamida Nadia, Director of the Laboratory of Human Rights and Public Freedoms.

President of the Conference: Dr. Benaouali Ali

Preamble of the Conference:

Penal protection of any right or interest is one of the highest and most significant forms of legal protection. The role of penal law is not limited to protecting individuals' rights and interests but also extends to safeguarding various societal, economic, and environmental interests.

The environment has become a major topic of discussion at the national and international levels and this is due to the alarming increase in environmental degradation in recent years. This deterioration is primarily caused by human exploitation and aggression toward nature. Air pollution is escalating daily due to emissions of toxic gases, smoke, and harmful substances, exacerbating global warming.

Water pollution is also intensifying, affecting seas, oceans, and rivers due to unregulated and excessive exploitation and the discharge of industrial and chemical wastes. Even freshwater underground reserves, previously believed to be safe, are now contaminated due to the infiltration of wastewater containing bacteria and chemical compounds. Similarly, soil pollution is increasing due to harmful wastes, pesticide residues, and the presence of hazardous substances on its surface, putting public health and ecosystems at significant risk.

Given these serious environmental challenges, especially pollution it has become essential for all nations to take decisive actions against pollution and environmental degradation. This includes enacting strict laws and implementing effective regulations to combat these serious and multiform environmental violations. National and international penal law serve as the most critical means in ensuring the necessary legal protection for environmental interests, of each individual nation and for the global community as a whole.

The issue of the Conference:

On the basis of the foregoing, and considering that penal protection is one of the most important mechanisms for safeguarding the environment against pollution and deliberate harms, this conference seeks to explore the effectiveness of existing legal protection.

It is therefore essential to address the following question:

To what extent are the criminal legal provisions effective in combating environmental crimes within Algerian legislation, and what are the international legal measures for addressing such crimes?

Objectives of the National Conference:

In protecting the environment from threats and attacks, Article 21 of the 2020 Algerian amended Constitution stipulates that: "The State shall ensure a sound environment for the protection and well-being of persons, ensure continuous awareness of environmental risks, protect the environment in its soil, sea and air dimensions, and take all appropriate measures to punish polluters."

The following objectives are reflected:

1. To investigate the effectiveness of the legal and regulatory norms enacted by Algerian legislators, as well as those approved by the international community in relevant international treaties, for protecting the environment from the dangers and damages caused by environmental pollution crimes.

2. To examine the degree of awareness and understanding of Algerian legislators and the international community regarding the unique nature of these types of crimes.

3. To contribute to offering solutions to fill gaps in maintaining a clean and sustainable environment.

Conference Topics:

First Axis: The Conceptual Framework of Environmental Crime in National Law and International Treaties.

Second Axis: The Legal System for Environmental Protection in Algeria.

Third Axis: Legislative, Regulatory, and Administrative Mechanisms for Environmental Protection in Algeria.

Fourth Axis: Criminal Penalties for Environmental Crimes.

Participation Conditions:

- 1- The topic must be related to one of the conference's themes.
- 2- The submission must be original and not previously published or presented.
- 3- The submission should include an abstract and keywords in the article's language and another language, with a total length between 10 to 20 pages.
- 4- For Arabic submissions, Sakkal Majalla font should be used, with size 16 for the body text and size 12 for references.
- 5- For submissions in foreign languages, Times New Roman font should be used, with size 12 for the body text and size 10 for references.
- 6- Footnotes should be placed at the bottom of each page.

Important Dates:

- Conference Date: May 20th, 2025
- Full paper submissions deadline: May 10th, 2025
- Notification of accepted papers: May 15th, 2025

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