

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE RADICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANIMAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

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In 2020, the British newspaper, *The Guardian*, reported that a regional English counter-terrorism policing unit had blurred the lines between social movements and protest groups that have a very distinct *modus operandi*. The unit had listed historical radical environmental and animal rights like Earth First! and the Animal Liberation Front, non-governmental organisations like Greenpeace and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and contemporary non-violent campaign groups like Extinction Rebellion and Direct Action Everywhere, alongside proscribed groups, such as the neo-Nazi National Action and Combat 18 and jihadist Al-Muhajiroun.

The workshop focuses on the radical environmental and animal rights (REAR) movement in light of both recent and historical efforts to criminalise the actions undertaken in pursuit of their cause/s, the application of the term ‘extremism’ to their ideology, and the labelling of individuals and groups within the movement as extremists.

In this context, *The Past, Present and Future of the Radical Environmental and Animal Rights Movement* workshop welcomes contributions that address – but are not limited to – the topics of:

- The ideology of the REAR movement (i.e., is it single-issue, left-wing etc.);
- Definitional debates on the REAR movement (e.g., Are actors terrorists, extremists, radicals, freedom fighters or activists?);
- Legislating about the REAR movement (e.g., How do governments try to counter the activities of REAR movement?);
- Prosecuting actors from the REAR movement (e.g., How are REAR movement-related cases prosecuted? And if convicted what sentences are actors receiving?);
- The REAR movement beyond the UK and the US;
- Cooperation and conflict between the REAR movement and aboveground environmental (e.g., Greenpeace) and animal rights (e.g., PETA) organisations.

This workshop is planned as a meeting of potential contributors of a special issue under preparation for the journal *Behavioral Sciences in Terrorism and Political Aggression*, guest edited by the workshop convenors, but we welcome also papers that speak to the topic more broadly that do not wish to be a part of the special issue. The special issue aims to offer a diverse set of empirical studies, representing a range of topics. The convenors, are thus seeking to encourage a cross-disciplinary discussion between scholars in criminology, law, history, international relations, philosophy, political science, social movement studies, sociology, and many other relevant disciplines. Contributions looking beyond the UK and the US would be particularly encouraged.