



**SPECIAL JURISDICTION FOR PEACE
COMMISSION ON TERRITORY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Call for Papers

Compilation Book: Armed conflict, the environment, and territory: Reflections upon the territorial and environmental approach before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace

In furtherance of its mandate, the Commission on Territory and the Environment (“the Commission”) of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (“the JEP”) intends to publish a high-quality compilation book that incentivizes reflection and appropriation of the territorial and environmental approach within the various organs of the JEP and in the wider community.

Therefore, the present call for contributions puts forward the guidelines and conceptual lines along which the Commission expects to receive and evaluate proposals for publication. It is addressed at professionals from various areas of knowledge who have analyzed and developed the matters of territory and territoriality. Their work must have borne in mind the legal implications of these concepts, the interlinked factors that come together in these categories, as well as the harms and grievances regarding environmental rights that have been affected by armed conflict.

THE BOOK

The book will be divided in six (6) sections or thematic areas that encompass the topics of the present call for papers.

The preliminary structure of the book will be as follows:

Thematic areas of the call for papers:

I. General conceptions of the territorial and environmental approach

Contributions to this thematic area should reflect upon the concepts of territorial and environmental damage in the context of the armed conflict; the scope of the territorial and environmental approach; their relation with differential demographic approaches; the role of those approaches in transitional justice; the conceptual and methodological elements of those approaches, and; the way in which they should be developed and applied by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.

II. Territory as the stage of conflict and peacebuilding

Contributions to this thematic area should analyze the relation between armed conflict and territory; the debate around territory and the environment as right-holders; the underlying factors that may affect the dynamics of the conflict in the territory; the notion of territorial peace as well as the challenges and opportunities to build, transform, and repair the territories from the stand-point of transitional justice, including the relation between the impact on economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights. The proposals on territorial peace in accordance with the mandates of indigenous populations and the territorial reparation defined by them will be analyzed as part of this thematic area.

III. Legal framework on the environment and the territory in the context of armed conflict

Contributions to this thematic area should analyze the domestic and international legal frameworks applicable to territorial and environmental matters in the context of armed conflict. Particularly, participants are invited to delve into matters such as prevention and the protection of the environment, the duties of the State and organized armed groups on the matter, and caselaw on human rights violations and IHL breaches regarding territory and the environment in the context of armed conflict. The analysis of the legal framework of the territory and territorial rights, the environment, and biodiversity will be greatly appreciated.

IV. Environmental criminality in context of armed conflict

Contributions to this thematic area should analyze matters of criminal policy; legal definitions and elements of the crimes; contextual elements; evidence; institutions responsible for the criminal investigation and prosecution, and; domestic and international experiences in the investigation, adjudication, and punishment of environmental crimes in the context of the armed conflict.

V. The impact of armed conflict on the territory and ethnic groups

Contributions to this thematic area should delve into the specificities of the impact that the armed conflict has had on territories and ethnic groups; the harm to their worldview and the value that they attribute to collective lands; the dynamics of territorial dispossession, and; the challenges and opportunities for transitional justice with an ethnic, territorial, and environmental approach.

Territory is acknowledged as a strategic objective of armed conflict. The demarcation of strategic corridors and the dominion over areas with economic potential led to the causation of diverse types of harm in specific territories. Therefore, the Commission would value the submission of proposals that examine the elements that constitute the self-administration and governance of the territories of ethnic and racial groups, as well as how those harms affected their natural configuration.

VI. The environment, territory, and prospective justice



Contributions to this thematic area should analyze the challenges and opportunities of transitional justice for the transformation of the territories that were affected the most by the armed conflict and for the restoration of the harms that it caused over the environment. In particular, the Commission would value reflections on the concept of prospective justice and the way in which the Special Jurisdiction for Peace could develop it in the logic of reparation, environmental and territorial transformation, through its judicial mandate, the application of its sanctions regime and additional restorative measures under the responsibility of individuals appearing before the JEP.

CONTRIBUTIONS

- Authors are free to decide to which thematic area they will contribute.
- Authors may comment a domestic or international case as well as all the jurisprudence that is relevant to one of the thematic areas mentioned above.
- Contributions must be original or substantial updates of previous publications.
Published articles or book chapters (or translations thereof) will not be accepted.
- Individual and joint contributions may be accepted.
- Researchers, members of the judiciary, master graduates, doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers, and legal professionals are cordially invited to submit their proposals.
- Researchers from other disciplines are equally invited to submit their proposals.
- Undergraduate students will not be accepted as lead authors.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The book will be a bilingual work (in English and Spanish). However, at least 80% of the chapters will be published in Spanish. Therefore, it is recommended that authors submit their proposals in Spanish.

Other languages, particularly French and Portuguese, may be considered for publication on an exceptional basis, depending on the interest and originality of the proposal. In that case, the JEP will be responsible for the work's translation into Spanish.

Authors who submit proposals in languages other than Spanish must submit an additional 2-page long abstract in Spanish.

PROCEDURE

First Phase: call for papers

- The Commission requires preliminary proposals (abstracts) not exceeding 1,000 words (including footnotes).
- Abstracts must contain:



- (i) Proposed title of the contribution;
 - (ii) Mention of the thematic area to which the contribution belongs;
 - (iii) A short description of the topic (the issue) that the contribution studies;
 - (iv) The research question(s) for the proposal;
 - (v) A brief description of the scientific or practical relevance of the proposal for this book, in light of the aims of the call for papers, and;
 - (vi) A description of the substantial updates made to an already published document, if applicable.
- The abstracts must refrain from making reference to the author(s) in order to facilitate an unbiased peer review;
 - Authors must submit their CV (3 pages maximum) in a separate file;
 - Each author may submit more than one individual or joint proposal for consideration;
 - The Commission will only review the documents submitted in Word format to the following email address: publicacion.territorial@jep.gov.co;
 - The deadline for the submission of proposed contributions is **15 September 2020 (At 23:59 Colombia time)**;
 - Authors must observe the “Guidelines for the publication of contributions to the edited volume” (See attached guidelines for the publication).

Second Phase: Peer review and invitation to submit articles for publication

- The editorial board will review the proposals and announce its decision by **30 September 2020 (At HH:MM Colombia time)** at the latest;
- Selected authors will be invited to submit their final article in the format of a book chapter;
- Authors that are not selected for this edited volume may, at the discretion of the editorial board, be invited to publish their work in other periodical publications of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace;
- Book chapters will have a limit of 10,000 words (footnotes and list of references or bibliography included);
- Articles that exceed the word limit may be accepted on an exceptional basis;
- The final version of the book chapters must be submitted to the following email address: publicacion.territorial@jep.gov.co by **15 January 2021 (HH:MM Colombia time)** at the latest;
- Authors must observe the “Guidelines for the publication of contributions to the edited volume” (See attached guidelines for the publication).

Third Phase: Article review, revisions, and publication

- Upon reviewing the articles that were received, the editorial board will announce its decision on **15 March 2020 (HH:MM Colombia time)**, indicating whether the documents are accepted, accepted with revisions, or rejected.



- If the articles are accepted with revisions, the authors will have until **15 April 2021 (HH:MM Colombia time)** to submit the amended version of their work;
- The book will be published during the **first semester of 2021**.

Fourth Phase: Selection of panelists for the book launch: "Armed conflict, the environment, and territory: reflections on the territorial and environmental approach at the Special Jurisdiction for Peace" (organized by the JEP's Commission on Territory and the Environment)

- The conference, which will be open to the public, will take place in 2021 and it will be organized in the context of the book launch;
- The editorial board will use its discretion to determine which authors will be invited to participate.

EDITORIAL BOARD

The Commission has arranged an editorial board that will be responsible for the present call for papers and related activities.

The editorial board is composed of 6 delegates of the Commission (5 Panels and Chambers and the representative of the JEP's Information Analysis Group) and one external expert who has already been appointed.

For further information, please contact: publicacion.territorial@jep.gov.co

JEP'S COMMISSION ON TERRITORY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The JEP is an organ of the Integrated System for Truth, Justice, Reparation, and Non-Recurrence. It was enshrined in Section 5 of the Final Agreement to End the Armed Conflict and Build a Stable and Lasting Peace ("Final Agreement") and incorporated into the Colombian Constitution through Constitutional Amendment Act 01 of 2017. Its main purposes are the satisfaction of victims' rights to truth and the adoption of decisions that offer legal certainty to individuals who participated in the armed conflict. It has jurisdiction over conducts that were committed before 1 December 2016 because of, at the time of or directly or indirectly relating to the armed conflict, in particular with regards to conduct that amounts to grave breaches of international humanitarian law or serious violations of international human rights law.

In this context, the Commission aims at strengthening and shed light on judicial lines of inquiry that incorporate contextual, political, economic, and social elements of the territories and communities where wrongful conduct took place. They involve the set of multiple relations at different levels that individual and collective subjects establish with the environment that they occupy. They also aim at clearly identifying the disproportionate impact that armed conflict had in vulnerable populations who require



special constitutional protection, in fragile and diverse ecosystems, and – generally – in the environment and the habitat of vulnerable communities.

For 2020, the Commission is composed of nine (9) members of different organs of the JEP and its coordinator is Judge Nadiezhda Natazha Henríquez Chacín. The Commission spearheads an investigative method that bears in mind the territorial and environmental approaches in close connection with collective indigenous subjects and Afro-Colombian communities present in the victimized territories.

Technical Committee – Commission on Territory and the Environment

