



From the Geographic to the Legal  
Facets of Environmental Degradation and the Exploitation of Labour in Pontal do  
Paranapanema (SP)

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**Introduction:** It is proposed in this research to analyze problems related to the degradation of the working environment and the exploitation of the work force in Pontal do Paranapanema. This is working on the premise that the reality made clear through research carried out under the auspices of CEGeT/CETAS is unknown, and not even understandable, for the great majority of legal practitioners responsible for environmental care and work relations, causing friction between actual reality and legal jurisdiction. It is intended, in this manner, to establish links between the two sciences and their methodologies to facilitate the creation of a substantial critical framework to close the loopholes and overcome the omissions in protecting the environment and in labour relations. **Development:** The work will be carried out through research on books, theses, dissertations and monographs, particularly carried out under the aegis of CEGeT / CETAS but not disregarding other bibliographic sources. We will also use data from official documents, such as minutes of hearings, petitions in legal actions, Terms of Adjustment of Conduct (TACs), judicial sentences from Varas, based in the region of Pontal do Paranapanema, as well as taking account of other relevant normative material. **Final thoughts:** As this is a pre-project paper, no considerations can be made.

**Key words:** Environmental degradation; labour relations; legal theory; geography.