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Professor Raftopoulos is the author of 12 books, numerous articles, book chapters and international reports on theory, methodology and philosophy of international law, relational theory and practice of treaties, international environmental law and governance, and theory and technique of international negotiations. His current research interests include: regional and global environmental governance and environmental sustainability of oceans and seas, with emphasis on the Mediterranean; the applicability of the public trust approach to conventional environmental regimes and environmental sustainability; international negotiations as a governance process of constructing international common Interest; the development of the educational aspect of environmental governance and sustainability. He is the Editor and Director of MEPIELAN E-Bulletin ([www.mepielan-bulletin.gr](http://www.mepielan-bulletin.gr)) and he lectured in Greek, European and American universities and institutes. Currently, he supervises two PhD theses. He holds a Diploma in the piano.

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## **Key Publications**

### **Books:**

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