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These 20 essays are now republished as initially written. They therefore reflect the development of the author’s views as well as the evolution of the law of the sea itself since the beginning of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Only writings from reviews and books and one of the studies that he submitted to the United Nations Environment Programme, have been included in this collection. It does not include Professor Vukas’s judicial opinions written in his present capacity as judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.
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describes and analyzes topics such as the sources of the law of the sea, the
relation of the law of the sea to other fields of international law, maritime
delimitation, natural resources and navigation, as well as military uses of the sea,
the protection of marine environment, enclosed and semi-enclosed seas and the
settlement of disputes.

The papers reproduced in this volume (some of which in French) will be of interest
to both academics and professionals interested in the law of the sea and its
institutions.