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Merem's other areas of expertise cover agro-forestry and mining, global environmental planning and environmental accounting for oil and gas in Canada and the US, transboundary watershed management, and hydro politics of the Middle East and Africa. Accordingly, Edmund has written several research monographs, books, together with half a dozen book chapters, and research papers that have been published in academic journals and major conference proceedings. Additionally, he worked as an Environmental Analyst in the Environment Bureau of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and for the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council as a grant reviewer. During his formative years, Edmund also worked briefly at the Federal Ministry of National Planning in Lagos, Nigeria. Aside from serving in other capacities as a journal editor and reviewer, he is not only very fluent in Italian and several European and African languages, but for almost two decades Merem remains in the forefront of research pertaining to environmental issues in the African continent. While Dr. Merem is currently a full Professor of Environment and Land Use, for years he worked as the founding PhD Program Coordinator in the Urban and Regional Planning Department at Jackson State University.