

## Professor Raphael J. HEFFRON



[Professor Raphael J. Heffron](#) is Professor in Energy Justice, Law and Sustainability (University of Pau, France) and also an international expert on climate change, sustainability and just transition public policy issues. Professor Heffron is a qualified Barrister-at-Law, and a graduate of both Oxford (MSc-Christ Church) and Cambridge (MPhil-Darwin & PhD-Trinity Hall) Universities (UK). He also holds degrees from the University of St. Andrews (MLitt) (UK), and Trinity College Dublin (BA, MA) (Ireland).

His work all has a principal focus on achieving a sustainable and just transition to a low- carbon economy, and combines a mix of governance, management, policy and economics. His work has featured in the Top-2% Stanford-Elsevier Scientist List in 2020, 2022, 2023 and 2024. He has published over 200 publications of different types and is the most cited scholar in his field worldwide for energy and just transition law and public policy worldwide (5000+ *Scopus*/9500+ *Google Scholar*) with translated work in multiple languages including Chinese, Italian, French, Spanish, Arabic and Persian. Professor Heffron has given just over 220 keynotes or guest lectures in 67 countries worldwide.

Professor Heffron's work is global, and in particular covers the EU, South-East Asia, Southern Africa, and Latin America. His work has received funding from a variety of sources including the European Union, UK Commonwealth Secretariat, USAID, the Asian Development Bank, French Regional Government Administration, UK national research councils (the ESRC and the EPSRC), the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (ERA-ACTOM), the British Academy and two European Commission Jean Monnet Professorship 2016-2019 and 2019-2022.

He has given professional research-based advice on public policy issues related to commercial and energy law, taxation and sustainability issues to the EU, UN, Commonwealth Secretariat, World Bank, and various international thinktanks. More recently, he has worked on policy reports on the energy and climate transition and energy finance for the 54 Member States of the Commonwealth (2021); advised Nigerian Ministries on the energy transition (2019); and Colombian professionals on climate and green finance (2019-23).

Raphael was elected to the Royal Society of Edinburgh Young Academy of Scotland in 2018. His research and teaching have been recognised by the award of a Jean Monnet Professorship by the European Commission twice in 2016 (-2019) and 2019 (-2022) – on energy and natural resources law, and the just transition policy respectively. His teaching has also been recognised in the UK by becoming a Senior Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy in 2018. In addition, Raphael is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Arts. In 2020, he was appointed as *Senior Counsel at Janson* law firm in Brussels (Belgium).