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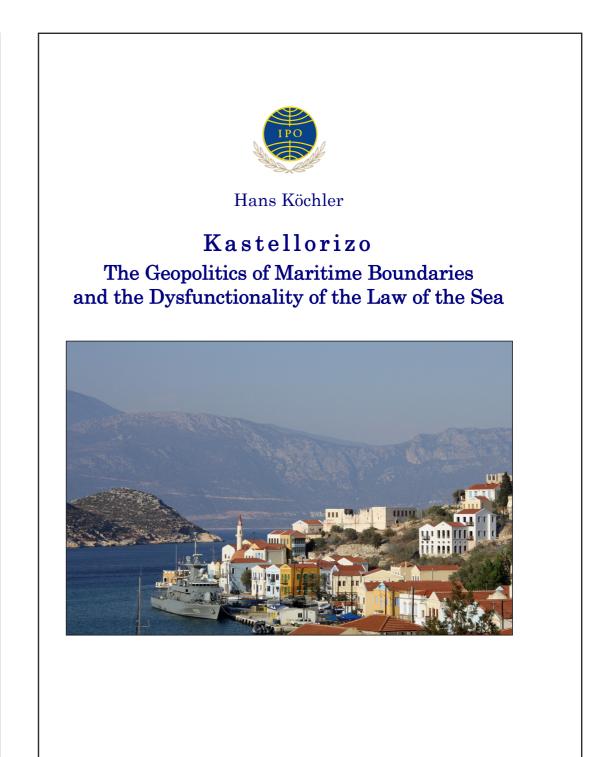
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Kastellorizo

The controversy around Kastellorizo, the most remote Greek island – situated more than 500 km from mainland Greece, but less than 3 km from the Turkish coast, in the Eastern Mediterranean, has highlighted major systemic problems of the law of the sea in its present state. The position paper of the International Progress Organization examines the development of international law since President Truman's "Proclamation on the Continental Shelf" shortly after World War II, analyzes the problems that result from the rapid expansion of national jurisdictions over vast areas of the ocean, and describes the conflictual constellation in the Eastern Mediterranean. The dispute over maritime jurisdiction around Kastellorizo goes well beyond the bilateral or regional dimension. It has laid bare the difficulties, legal as well as political, that follow from the application of the principle that "the land dominates the sea."

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