Prof. José T. Raga
Professor

Most important awards, prizes and academies

Awards: Medal of Honour (Gold) from the Complutense University of Madrid; Great Cross of Alfonso X The Wise, granted by the Spanish Government; Great Cross of Saint Gregory The Great, granted by the Holy Father. **Membership:** He is or has been a member of the Royal Economic Society; the American Economic Association; the International Institute of Public Finance (Honorary Member); Mont Pelerin Society, Social Affairs Commission COMECE (Brussels); Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences; Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

Summary of scientific research

At the very beginning – in the early 1960s – I devoted my attention to the field of regional economics, of worldwide importance at that time but even more significant in a highly centralised economy, as used to be the Spanish economy. The energy crisis of the mid-1970s, and specifically the oil crisis within it, and its economic effects, deeply captured my interest. Since then, my concern has moved to different subjects, in some way interdependent and complementary. On the one hand, Public Sector Economics, and most particularly the expenditure side – its size and goals – with their effects on economic activity; on the other, the field related to ethics of economic behaviour, in three dimensions: at personal-individual level, at Government policy level and in Supranational/International Organizations. All my research has always been

carried out in the light and principles of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church. The results of all of it are presented in more than two hundred titles comprising books, readings and articles in scientific journals.