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The International Institute of Space Law (IISL)

An NGO contributing to the management and sustainability of outer space activities

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IISL's prime mission:

Expanding the rule of law in outer space!

For the current and the future generations.

Aiming at prosperity for all in a responsible, equitable and inspirational way.



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IISL



- Created in 1960.
- Members from all continents in more than 50 countries.
- The main global platform of space lawyers in academic, government, industry and practice.
- Continuously expanding activities and formats (Colloquia, Symposia, Knowledge Constellation, Happy Hour and many more).
- Continuously striving for relevance in space law making.
- Continuously striving for engaging the youth (Young Scholars Sessions and Symposia, Moot Court Competition).





What IISL aims at in the near future

**Increased relevance in promoting the rule of law in outer space
& expansion as the prime platform for space lawyers of all generations**

through:

- Strengthening our relevance for the academic sector, for practitioners in the private sector and for law-makers in governments, legislations and international bodies.
- Digital transformation of IISL and new participatory formats.
- Expansion and inclusiveness.
- Generational change.



Key examples for IISL's contribution to the management and sustainability of space activities

- a) Colloquia, conferences and studies
- b) Contributions to UNCOPUOS LSC
- c) Space law education and capacity building



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a) Colloquia, conferences and studies





Proceedings of the IISL Colloquium at the International Astronautical Congresses





Publication of the IISL Report “Keeping the Night Sky Clear”

Report by an IISL study group in light pollution of the night sky from a space law perspective, initiated and coordinated by Rafael Moro Aguilar (published June 2023; submitted to UNCOPUOS-LSC in April 2024 as A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.28).

Detailed focus on Art. IX OST with principles of due regard, avoidance of harmful interference and harmful contamination as well as possibility to lead consultations. Also, evaluation of the potential of self-regulation.





IISL study groups in action

- SETI and Law (initiated and coordinated by Michael Bohlander).
- Legal aspects of AI in space (initiated and coordinated by Tuana Yazici).
- Next steps in STM (on-going work by the group coordinated by Maruska Strah and Yu Takeuchi): proposing a Workplan on STM for the UNCOPUOS LSC agenda.
- Indigenous Peoples' Rights in international law and space law (initiated and coordinated by Elena Cirkovic).
- Future of the Moon Agreement (initiated and coordinated by Fabio Tronchetti).





b) Contributions to UNCOPUOS LSC

IISL is a Permanent Observer to the UNCOPUOS and attends and actively participates to its sessions.





The IISL/ECSL Symposium 2023

- IISL/ECSL Symposia at the sessions of the UNCOPUOS Legal Subcommittee:
- Providing multi-stakeholder, regionally balanced, neutral expert information on topical issues to the delegations.
 - Often leading to new agenda items and concrete actions (STM agenda item; small satellites regulation guidance document by UNOOSA and ITU).
 - 2023: Legal Aspects of Dark and Quiet Skies. 2024: Space law capacity building.



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c) Space law education and capacity building



Education and capacity-building through IISL

Traditional elements of IISL's activities, through:

- Distinguished academics as members of IISL and its Board, providing a platform for exchanges in academic training around the world.
- Particular focus on next generation at key IISL activities, as the “Young Scholars Session” being the first session in the IAC Colloquium on Space Law organised by IISL.
- Last year, the Nandasiri Jasentuliyana Keynote Lecture was given by young scholars from five world regions on a joint perspective of future space law.
- Young scholars and members of IISL took the initiative to set up the “Knowledge Constellation”, the first digital space law encyclopaedia for the 21st century.





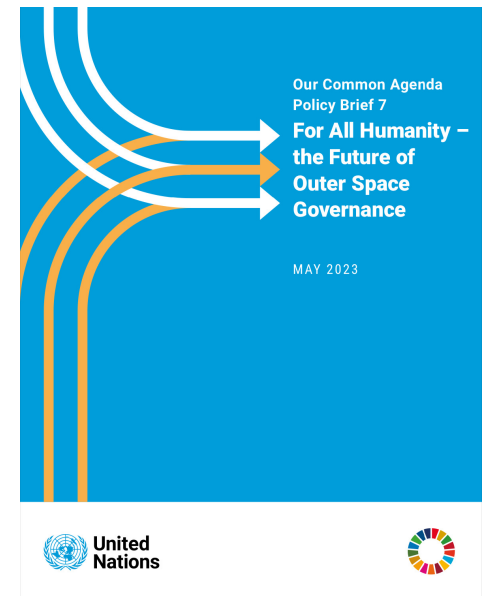
IISL Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition

- Global competition with 5 world regions.
- Presided by 3 Judges from the International Court of Justice.
- Regularly, cases dealing with issues related to the management and sustainability of outer space.



IISL and the Policy Brief 7

- The Policy Brief 7 has been a matter of discussion in IISL with debates on the analyses and proposals contained, during IISL Colloquia and conferences.
- Particular contributions in the field of STM: need to regulate behaviour based on and not replacing existing principles of space law.
- IISL puts a distinct focus on the interrelation of international and national space law in view of guaranteeing the respect for international space law principles and provisions in national law and the harmonisation of national legislation to avoid especially flags of convenience and license shopping.
- IISL also supports the unified and harmonised development of space law on the global intergovernmental level (as UNCOPUOS, ITU, ICAO) taking into account non-binding initiatives of unilateralism (as the Artemis Accords) and non-state actors (as the Space Data Association).





Outlook

- Since more than six decades, IISL has had the opportunity to support the development of space law on the governmental level and in multilateral forums.
- With the rapid growth of space actors and the commercialisation and privatisation of space activities, IISL is broadening its approach to also include non-governmental actors as addressees.
- IISL thus accompanies actively the emergence of a multi-stakeholder setting for space activities, providing an independent and impartial non-governmental platform for exchange and reflection of space law application and development for all stakeholders.
- **IISL is ready to offer and to apply its formats and resources as the non-governmental global platform for space law application and development to follow-up the Pact for the Future.**





Making an impact as an NGO:

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