SPACE MINING Social and Legal Challenges

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Space mining is the exploitation of raw materials from asteroids and other minor planets, including near-Earth objects where you can find between Mars and Jupiter

### **Definition of Space Law**

....body of law governing space-related human activities

### SPACE POLICY

# LAW <= POLITICS =>ECON

### Law is...? Institutionalized Political Rules

How can we apply this situation to Space Law & Policy?

### **Cold War Era to Present...**

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# Space Race between two super powers with different ideologies.

# Sources of Space Law

The five UN space treaties UN General Assembly principles Other International Treaties The statutes of international organizations National laws INTERNATIONAL LAW

### **Principles of International Space Law**

- Ø The exploration and use of outer space shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interests of all countries and shall be the province of all mankind:
- Ø Outer space shall for exploration and use by all States;
- Ø Outer space is not sovereignty, by me
- Ø States shall not place any other manner;
- national appropriation by claim of occupation, or by any other means;
- apons or other weapons of mass destruction in orbit or on celescal bodies or station them in outer space in
- Ø The Moon and oth odies shall be used exclusively for peaceful
- Ø Astronauts shall be regarded as the envoys of mankind;
- Ø States shall be responsible for national space activities whether carried out by governmental or non-governmental entities;
- Ø States shall be liable for damage caused by their space objects; and
- Ø States shall avoid harmful contamination of space and celestial bodies.

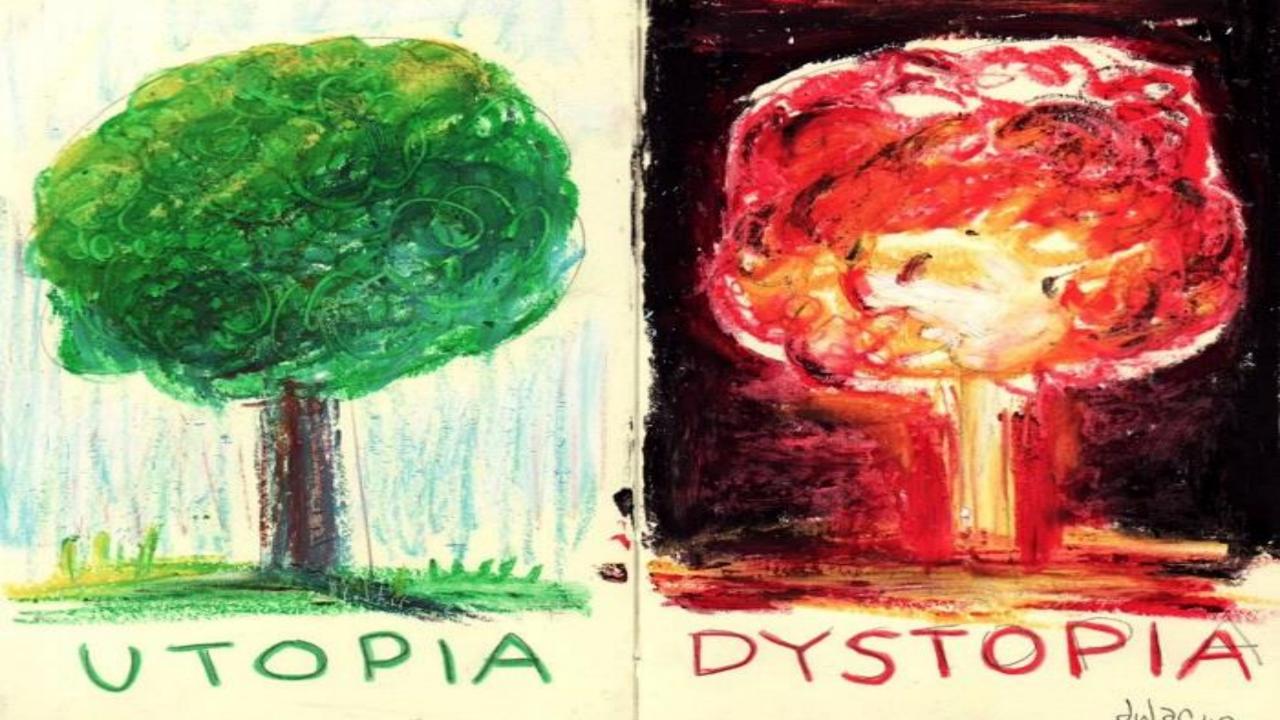
### THE MOON AGREEMENT

### **Common Heritage of Mankind**

- Establishes a recognition of the oneness of the human family and its heritage
- Identifies Areas, Resources and Values that should be managed by the establishment of international regimes
- Examples: Space-WRAC 86, Seabed Authority, UNESCO Heritage Registry

## End of Cold War ==> "Globalization"







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