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# Research of Space Law in China

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**The Early Years (1956-1982)**

**Specialization (1982-1992)**

**Booming (1992- )**



## The Early Years (1956-1982)

### Prof. ZHOU Gengsheng (1889-1971)

- ***International Law (1964)***: “the first valuable writing of this kind published in New China”.
- **A section on selected issues of space law**: the legal status of outer space, the delimitation between airspace and outer space, and liability for damages on the Earth.

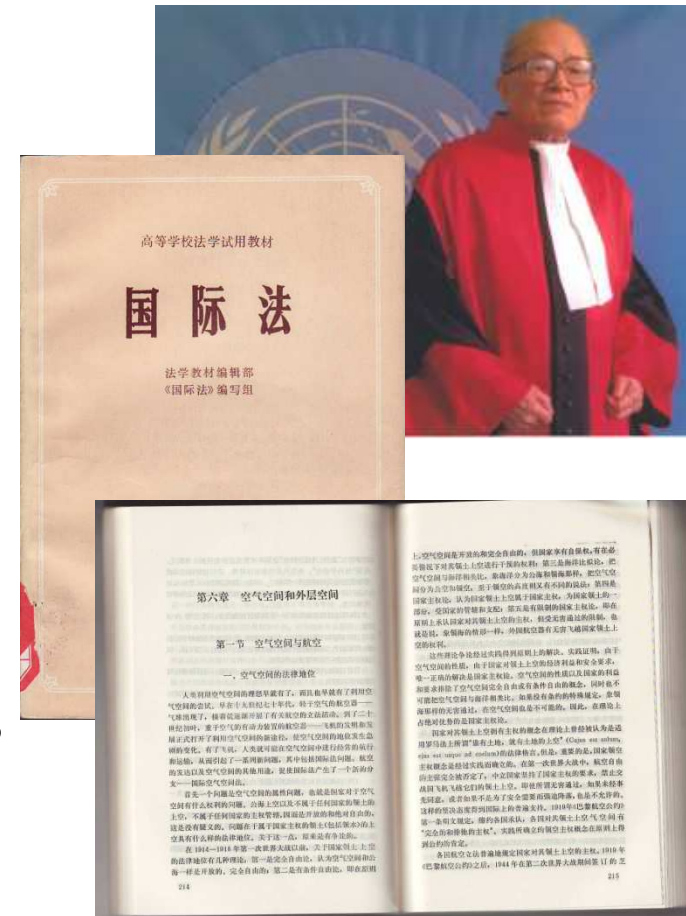




# The Early Years (1956-1982)

Prof. WANG Tieya (1913-2003)

- *International Law* (1981)
- Chapter of “Airspace and Outer Space”: legal status of outer space, international treaties of outer space, satellite remote sensing, satellite broadcasting and use of nuclear power sources in outer space.





## Specialization (1982-1992)

### Prof. HE Qizhi

- Legal counsel at the MFA
- Member of the ILC
- Board member of the IISL
- The IISL Distinguished Achievement Award, the IAA Social Science Award, and the IAF Distinguished Service Award





## Specialization (1982-1992)

### Prof. HE Qizhi

- 22 Chinese articles of space law on the *Chinese Yearbook of International Law*
- English articles: *Journal of Space Law, Space Policy, Air and Space Law, Annuals of Air and Space Law, German Journal of Air and Space Law, and Proceedings of the IISL*
- *Outer Space Law* (Law Press, 1992)



## Booming (1992- )



### Institutes -- China Institute of Space Law

- Officially registered in December 1992



To promote space law studies and international communications



To contribute to China's space legislation and policy formulation



To improve institutional and public awareness of space law



## Booming (1992- )

### Institutes -- China Institute of Space Law

- Over 200 individual members representing more than 50 institutions
- Current Secretary-General: ZHANG Zhenjun
- A bridge linking the academia with government agencies and the R&D sector







## Booming (1992- )

### Institutes -- China Institute of Space Law

- Holding annual colloquiums
- Organizing or co-organizing international conferences
- Funding research projects
- Publishing space law journals
- Organizing national rounds of the Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition



## Booming (1992- )

### Institutes -- Research Institutes at Universities

- Beihang University (2000)
- Harbin Institute of Technology (2005)
- Beijing Institute of Technology (2006)
- China University of Political Science and Law (2007)



## Booming (1992- )

### Institutes -- Research Institutes at Universities

- To promote teaching and research of space law
- To advise government agencies and the industries





## Booming (1992- )

### Research Outputs -- Monographs

- Over twenty monographs
- Topics: space security, liability, and intellectual property, etc.
- English monographs with international publishers





## Booming (1992- )

### Research Outputs -- Articles

- Aerospace China
- Newsletter of Space Law (CISL)
- Yearbook of Space Law Studies (CISL)
- Chinese Yearbook of Space Law (BIT)
- Space Law Review (HIT)
- Column of “Air and Space Law” on comprehensive journals
- International journals





## Booming (1992- )

### Research Outputs – Legal Advice

- CISL research projects
- Research projects on *ad hoc* basis
- In-house legal departments
- Multilateral negotiations





# Booming (1992- )

## Institution Collaboration

- Cooperation between research centres
- CISL as an institutional member of IISL
- Beihang Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in East Asia and the Pacific

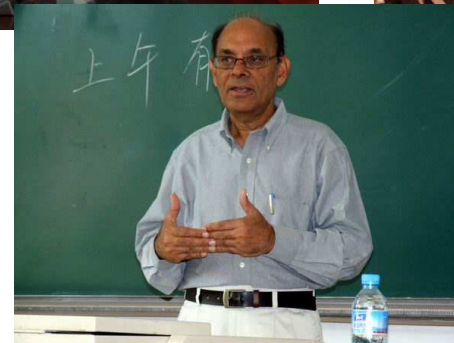




# Booming (1992- )

## International Exchanges

- Visiting academics
- Chinese scholars participating in international conferences







## Booming (1992- )

### International Conferences

- 64<sup>th</sup> IAC, 2013, Beijing
- 47<sup>th</sup> IAC, 1996, Beijing
- APSCO Space Law & Policy Forum, 2013, Beijing
- US-China Student Space Law Symposium, since 2010
- China-Russia Forum on Space Legislation, 2002, Beijing
- **UN Workshop on Space Law, November 2014, Beijing**





## Booming (1992- )

### Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition

- **Since 2003:** an increasing number of Chinese teams
- **2013:** runner-up prize and the best oralist award in the Asia-Pacific Finals
- **1996, 2013:** the world finals held in Beijing
- **2014:** Asia-Pacific rounds held in Beijing, with a record number of 26 participating teams



