Capacity Building and Information Dissemination through the ASIL Space Law IG


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Early History

Founded in 1906 out of the peace movement and the nascent international law community in the United States

- First ASIL president: U.S. Secretary of State Elihu Root
- Second ASIL president: U.S. Secretary of State and (later) U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Evan Hughes
- Regularly met at the White House and featured remarks by sitting U.S. Presidents
ASIL’s Mission

To foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice
Tillar House
ASIL’s Washington, D.C. Headquarters
Modern Composition

Nearly 4,000 members in over 100 countries around the world, including 40% of members outside the U.S.

- Annual Meeting featuring 40+ substantive sessions attended by over 1,200 international lawyers
- Midyear Meeting featuring ground-breaking scholarship on international law from 70+ new and established scholars
- Over 30 Interests Groups focused on specific topics
- Over 100 co-sponsored events around the world each year
ASIL Interest Groups:
Founded in 2013

Mission:

• To serve as a forum, resource, and community for scholars and practitioners of the international law governing the use and exploration of outer space

Substantive programming and co-sponsorship of space law-themed events
Space Law Interest Group

Continued substantive presence at ASIL Annual Meeting

• 2014: International Law Association Space Law Committee Open Working Session
• 2015: The International Legal Framework for Outer Space in a Rapidly Changing World
• 2016: Mining the Deep Seabed and Near Earth Asteroids
• 2017: Making Space for Private Space Actors [Working title]

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US, Canada, India, France, UK, Brazil, Italy, Argentina, Romania, Spain, Ethiopia, Peru, Mexico, Australia, Netherlands, Poland, Indonesia, Switzerland, Greece, Tonga, Germany, Taiwan, Japan, Denmark, Turkey, Serbia, Austria, Colombia, Norway, Sweden, Iran, Guatemala, Kenya, Algeria, Russia, Luxembourg, Nepal, Egypt, Tajikistan, Bangladesh, Uruguay, Cameroon, Latvia, Singapore, Israel
Building Synergies Across Substantive Areas

International Environmental Law

Nonproliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament

International Law and Technology

Women in International Law

International Refugee Law

Disaster Law

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Space Law and Policy & the Benefits of Space Applications
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Looking ahead:

- Further engagement with a wider audience
- Commemoration of the 50th anniversary Outer Space Treaty in 2017
- Speaker series on global governance for outer space activities
- Quarterly news letter
- Writing competition for space law and policy students
Thank you!

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