Perspectives on Sustainable Space Activities

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A statistical representation of the estimated 500,000 pieces of space debris 1cm and larger. Image: ESA
Habits of coexistence,

- containing values and long-term interests, rationally arrived at, and
- incorporated into plans, policies, and strategies, and
- adhered to (despite temptations)

will prevent an unsustainable future in space, or conflict in space, and

Allow us to realize the future we want
Concepts from

*Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers*
by Kwame Anthony Appiah

and

*The Assault on International Law*
by Jens David Ohlin

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