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)

- **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

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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

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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

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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

- 64th IAC, 2013, Beijing
- 47th 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
Thank you!