

Space Resources – Chances and Legal Challenges

Public Event at the University of Vienna
Juridicum, Hall U11, Schottenbastei 10-16, 1010 Vienna

Online participation via Zoom is possible.

At the margins of the 66th session of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS), **6 June 2023, 19:00 – 21.00**

The exploration and utilization of space resources has become a key area of interest for the scientific and business communities. This public event will feature a panel of experts from space agencies, government, academia, and civil society who will explore the opportunities and legal complexities associated with space exploration and resource utilization. It will address relevant international agreements, property rights, environmental concerns, and more.

In particular, it will include a discussion on the Artemis Accords, a set of principles signed by several space agencies to govern the civil exploration and use of outer space in achieving a sustainable and robust presence on the Moon while preparing to conduct a human mission to Mars. The Accords are not legally binding, but they represent a commitment by signatories to cooperate and comply with the 10 principles they contain, including on the extraction and utilization of space resources on the Moon, Mars, and asteroids.

The panel of experts will provide perspectives on the Artemis Accords, their relationship to other international agreements, such as the Moon Agreement, and views of developing countries.

Admission to this event is free, but registration is required. Please register at n poc.space.law@univie.ac.at – until 6 June 2023, 14:00. The Zoom link will be sent after registration. We look forward to your participation!

Event program

18:30: Welcome with drinks

19:00: Introductory remarks: Margit Mischkulnig (Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology)

19:05: Introduction of speakers: Irmgard Marboe (NPOC Space Law Austria, University of Vienna, Moderator)

19:15: Perspectives from different countries and international law experts:

Kimitake Nakamura (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

Dovile Matuleviciute (Space Agency, Luxembourg)

Nadia Karemera (Space Agency, Rwanda)

PJ Blount (Cardiff University, UK)

Fabio Tronchetti (Northumbria University, UK)

Antonino Salmeri (Lunar Policy Platform Initiative, Italy)

20:30: Discussion with the audience

21:00: Reception with drinks and finger food

21:45: End of event



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