



GENNADIY ZHUKOV INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (RUDN UNIVERSITY)

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RUDN University is included
by the UN Office for Outer Space
Affairs in the list of specialized
educational institutions
in international space law

**Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space**
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Education Opportunities in Space Law: A Directory

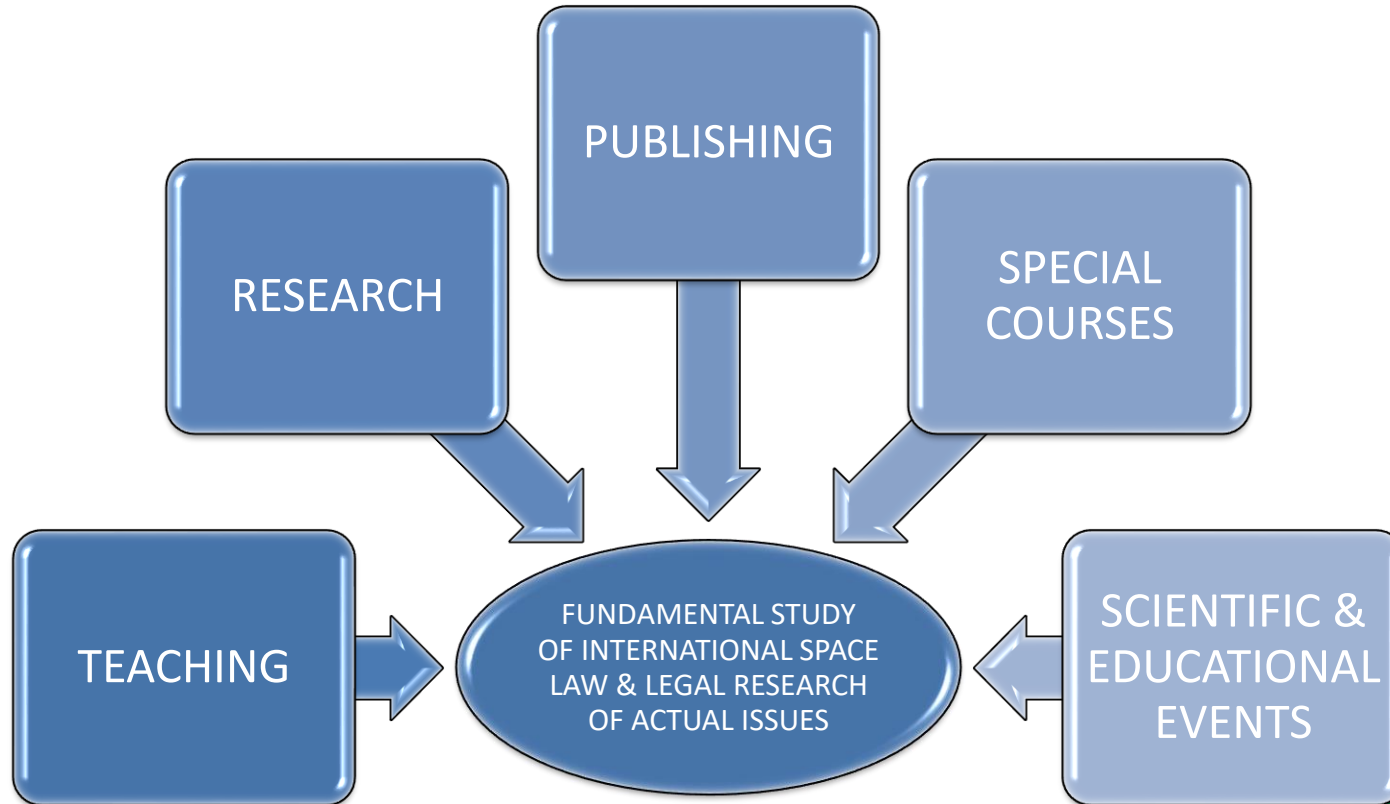
Note by the Secretariat

In response to the recommendation of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session, in 2019, the Office for Outer Space Affairs updated the Directory of education opportunities in space law.

The Directory contains information on the respective institutions' areas of specialization, educational programmes offered, facilities available, prerequisite qualifications, financial information, fellowship opportunities and opportunities for international cooperation, as well as reference to educational material easily available on the Internet. Addresses and contact points for further information are included.

The updated Directory is also being made available on the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs (www.unoosa.org).

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE



The scope of the Centre's activities includes different directions which aim at the fundamental study of the international legal foundations of space activities as well as actual issues of space law, including those which are enshrined in the agendas of the UN COPUOS, LSC, and STSC



HISTORY

2011

- establishment of the Centre by prof. Aslan Abashidze and prof. Gennadiy Zhukov

2014

- the Centre was named after prof. G.P. Zhukov after his death
- establishment of International Space Law Library named after prof. G.P. Zhukov

1963

a special subject "International Space Law" began with the very launch of the Department of International Law of the Patrice Lumumba People's Friendship University (UDN) formed in 1963

1985

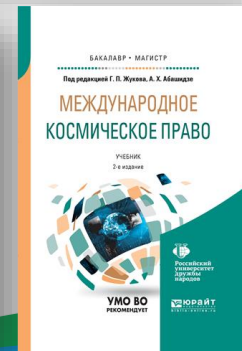
the staff of the Department of International Law of the RUDN University with colleagues from the Diplomatic Academy of the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs co-authored the first textbook on international space law in the USSR

2014

the first textbook on International Space Law was published in Russia in the 21st century, eds. prof. G. Zhukov, prof. A. Abashidze

2014
till now

reissue of the 2014 textbook



TEACHING OF INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW

The academic discipline “International Space Law”, and its individual units are taught at the levels:

Bachelor's studies (LL.B)

- International Law
- International Law: Practice-Oriented Course
- International Security and Disarmament Law
- International Environmental Law

Master's studies (LL.M)

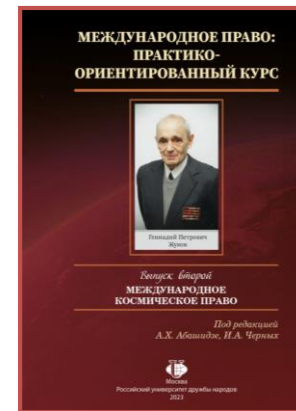
- International Space Law
- Business, human rights and sustainability
- International Law and Development: Actual Problems (in Russian and English)
- Responsibility in International Law
 - International Space and Air Law
- Human Rights, SDGs and Challenges of the XXI Century

Postgraduate studies

- International legal sciences (in Russian and English)

Students can use:

- materials of the International Space Law Library Named After prof. G.P. Zhukov
- online database of the manuals, textbooks, and articles
- textbooks and manuals published by the Department of International Law





RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (1)



Since 2021, the Centre has been conducting research on key and actual areas in the field of space law and policy using comparative legal research methods within the framework of **project groups of bachelors** in order to prepare a joint project

(e.x. legal aspects of applied space activities, of space debris mitigation and remediation measures, etc.)

Professors and PhD students help **bachelor and master students in conducting research** and prepare them for the international moot courts, conferences and competitions (e.x. the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition)

Department of International Law where the Centre is functioning gives the opportunities to **defend PhD thesis**

PhD students are from Iran, Côte d'Ivoire, China, etc.

RUDN University and the specialists of the Centre oppose as an **external reviewer** on the PhD thesis dedicated to the international legal space issues.

Such works are defended in the other leading Russian universities

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (2)

The Center actively participates involving students in the applying for and implementation of grants funded by various scientific foundations on the following topics:

2017-2019 Grant of the Russian Fundamental Research Fund: **“BRICS and the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space”** with the participation of the Space Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences

2021-2022 Grant of the President of the Russian Federation: **“Problems of Exploration and Use (including Exploitation) of Space Resources: International Legal and Comparative Legal Analysis”**

2021-2022 Grant of the RUDN University: **“Ensuring the Sustainability of Space Activities: International Legal Dimension”**

2023-2024 Grant of the Russian Scientific Fund to Conduct basic research and exploratory research by small individual scientific groups: **“Sustainability of Space Activities on the Moon and International Law”**

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (3)

The Center and its specialists actively participate in research work:

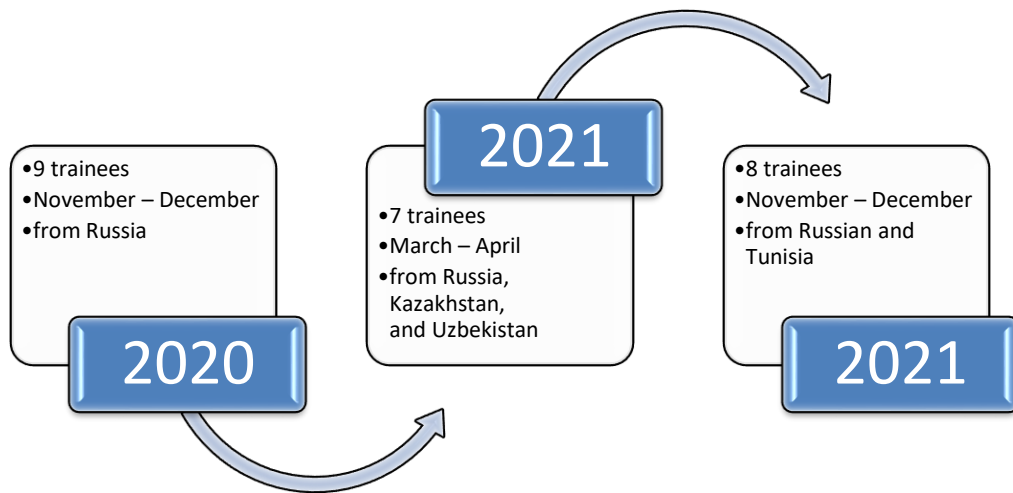
publishing on space issues in scientific journals reviewed by the Higher Attestation Commission of Russia, and in journals included in the international bibliographic citation databases Web of Science & Scopus. The Centre prepared more than 300 works dedicated to the international legal space issues

participation with reports and presentations in the international conferences and forums, including the International Astronautical Congress

preparation of analytical reports for Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and conducting expert activities at the national and international levels

In 2020, by order of the Corporate Academy of Roscosmos, special courses were launched in **Russian and English** by the Centre:

- 🚀 Space Law and Policy: International and National Aspects (72 hours)
- 🚀 International Space Law (260 hours)



After finishing education and successful completion of the study plan of the program, the trainee is granted a certificate/ state-recognized degree (RUDN University) and a Certificate of training (“ROSCOSMOS Corporate Academy”)

Since 2012

Annual round table on space law in the framework of the “Blischenko Congress on International Law” (April). Materials of the round table on topical issues of international space law have been published annually. Co-organizer since 2017 - Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications

2018-2020

Joint round table on space law and policy in the framework of the IAA/AAS SciTech Forum (June/December)

Organizer: Engineering Academy of the RUDN University

Since 2021

RUDN University Space Week (October)

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Space Week

October 4-7, 2021, Moscow

Statistics

41 Countries
300+ Participants
120+ Scholars & Practitioners
180+ Students & PhD Students
120 from Russia

Australia
Austria
Belarus
Italy
China
Congo
Czech Republic
Denmark
Ecuador
Egypt
France
Germany

India
Iran
Iraq
Japan
Kazakhstan
Luxembourg
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Netherlands
Nicaragua
Nigeria

Poland
Russian Federation
Serbia
Switzerland
Syria
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States
Uzbekistan
Vietnam
Yemen

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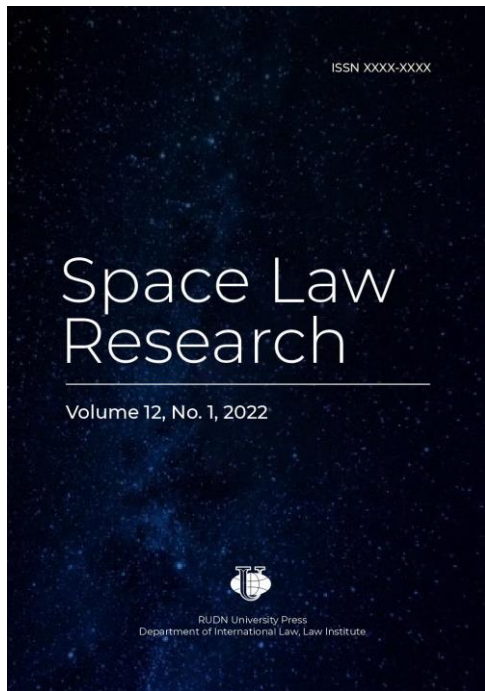
Statistics

48 Countries
330+ Participants
70+ Scholars & Practitioners
230+ Students & PhD Students
200 from Russia

Australia
Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Belgium
Brazil
Cameroon
Canada
Chad
China
Ecuador
Egypt
Eritrea
Estonia

France
Germany
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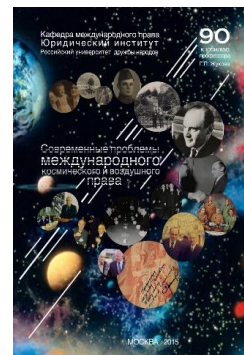
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Nigeria
Paraguay
Russia
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Uzbekistan



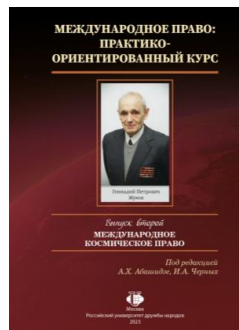
International online journal
in English "Space Law Research"

www.spacelawresearch.com

Materials of the round table on space law in the framework
of the "Blischenko Congress on International Law"



Manuals & textbooks on International Space Law



Some manuals have been prepared with the involvement of PhD students and senior students as co-authors

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