

– III SEMINAR SERIES ON INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW –

Space Sustainability: Shaping an International Legal Framework for the Security, Safety and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

(22-23 May, 2025)

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Welcoming Letter from the ISLC

Dear colleagues,

The ISLC - International Space Law in Context Platform is delighted to announce the third edition of the International Space Law Seminar Series. This year, we adopt a refreshed and in-depth perspective on the critical challenges facing the realm of International Space Law, with a strong focus on sustainability and cooperation.

Amid shifting global geopolitics, intensified competition among nations, and the rise of private actors, the limits of International Conventional Law are increasingly evident in addressing humanity's urgent needs in outer space. This seminar will explore alternative frameworks, including the use of non-legally binding instruments, as vital tools to enhance the normative value of International Space Law while ensuring the long-term sustainability of space activities.

These timely discussions underscore the importance of ensuring that the growth of space activities aligns with principles of sustainability, security, and equity. They also highlight the potential of International Space Law to ease political tensions, foster international collaboration, and secure the sustainable use of outer space for future generations.

We are confident that this year's seminar series will serve as a crucial platform for innovation, debate, and progress in space law, guiding us toward a safer, more sustainable, and collaborative future in the exploration and utilization of outer space.

Leonardo and Rossana,

Co-founders and Co-directors

ISLC - International Space Law in Context Platform

(CELI - The University of Leicester)



SCHEDULE
(22 May 2025 - CEST: UTC + 1:00, London Time Zone)



09:30-09:50 Keynotes and Dialogue

(Leonardo A. López Marcos, Complutense University of Madrid, ISLC - International Space Law in Context, AEDAE - Spanish Association of Air and Space Law)
(Rossana Deplano, University of Leicester, CELI - Centre for European Law and Internationalisation)

10:00-11:10 Panel discussion I. Dimensions of Space Sustainability: Stewardship for Space and Earth

(Moderator: Leonardo A. López Marcos, UCM, ISLC, AEDAE)
(Matt Bull, U.K. Space Agency)
(Rafael Harillo, Stardust Consulting, AEDAE)
(Alla Pozdnakova, the University of Oslo)
(Eshet T. Tafes, Ethiopian Space Science and Technology Institute, Space Science and Geospatial Institute)

11:10 Coffee Break

11:30-12:40 Panel discussion II.- Safeguarding the Outer Space Environment: International Laws and Regulatory Pathways

(Moderator: Rossana Deplano, University of Leicester, CELI)
(Leonardo A. López Marcos, UCM, ISLC, AEDAE)
(Victor Barrio Aranda, Hogan Lovells, AEDAE)
(Gabrielle Leterre, University of Luxembourg)
(Martin Reynders, DLR - German Aerospace Center, COPUOS)

12:40 Light lunch

14:10-15:20 Panel discussion III. Protecting Dark and Quiet Skies: Legal Approaches to Space Sustainability

(Moderator: Matt Bull, U.K. Space Agency)
(Rafael Moro Aguilar, Florida International University, International Institute of Space Law, COPUOS, AEDAE)
(Trevor Hehn, Orbits Edge)
(Roser Almenar, University of Valencia, ITU, SGAC)
(Eshet T. Tafes, Ethiopian Space Science and Technology Institute, Space Science and Geospatial Institute)

15:30-16:40 Panel discussion IV. Cislunar and Lunar Space: Addressing the Risks and Threats of Militarization and Weaponization

(Moderator: José Manuel Martínez Ibañez, ADL AI & Drone Laboratory, Multirotor Sub-commission, Royal Spanish Aeronautical Federation)
(Francesca Giannoni-Crystal, Crystal & Giannoni-Crystal and Pasquali Microwave USA)
(Raúl González Muñoz, Lecturer at the University of Leicester, AEDAE)
(Nebile Pelin Manti, Istanbul University)
(Marco Aliberti, ESPI - European Space Policy Institute)

SCHEDULE
(23 May 2025 - CEST: UTC + 1:00, London Time Zone)

09:00-11:20 Classified session. Space Sustainability: Harmonizing International Legal Legislation, Norms and Principles for the Protection and Use of Outer Space

Co-direction: Rossana Deplano, Leonardo A. López Marcos.

*Only access through invitation.

11:20 Coffee Break

11:40-12:50 Panel discussion V. The Commercialization of Outer Space: Legal Implications of the Emerging Space Industry and Non-Governmental Entities

(Moderator: Inesa Kostenko, the University of Leicester)

(Anél Ferreira-Snyman, the University of South Africa)

(Edward Koellner, Founder and Principal OORT Ventures)

(Anna Hurova, Koretsky State and Law Institute of NASU)

(Francesca Giannoni-Crystal, Crystal & Giannoni-Crystal and Pasquali Microwave USA)

12:50 Light lunch

14:10-15:20 Panel discussion VI. Next Destination, the Moon: Legal Challenges in the Utilization of Lunar Resources

(Co-moderators: Rihab Ben Moussa, SpaceTech in Gulf and Sarah Schnider, paralegal)

(Rossana Deplano, the University of Leicester, CELI)

(Güneş Ünüvar, University of Luxembourg)

(Raúl González Muñoz, University of Leicester, Board Member AEDAE)

(Antonino Salmeri, Lunar Policy Platform)

15:30-16:40 Panel discussion VII. The Future of Space Sustainability: Legal Pathways for Progress and Innovation

(Co-Moderators: Inesa Kostenko, University of Leicester and Roser Almenar, University of Valencia, ITU, SGAC)

(Trevor Hehn, Hehn Law PLLC)

(Esther Riobó, Hispasat)

(Martin Reynders, DLR, COPUOS)

(David Eagleson, AI & Space Law Research Group, Space Law & Policy Project Group, SGAC - Space Generation Advisory Council)

16:45-17:00 Concluding remarks

(Rossana Deplano, University of Leicester, CELI)

(Leonardo A. López Marcos, UCM, ISLC, AEDAE)

Dear **space enthusiasts**, the ISLC welcome you to the III Series of the International Space Law Seminars. We would like to present some aspects of interest to you:

- 1-- All program hours of the seminars are in **CEST: UTC + 01:00, London Time Zone**.
- 2.- Place: **Leicester Space Park**, Leicester, the United Kingdom
- 3.- Seminars will be held in **English**
- 4.- This series of seminars will adopt an interdisciplinary approach (e.g., space economy) but always through an International Space Law perspective.

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Welcome to Leicester Space Park

