

The ISLC - International Space Law in Context Platform presents,

– IV SEMINAR SERIES ON INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW –

*International Space Law in Transformation: Critical Perspectives at the Intersections of
International Law*

(28-29 May, 2026)

Co-directors:

Leonardo A. López Marcos

Rossana Deplano

On campus (limited seats) and online (Zoom):

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GMT + 1:00 hour, Oslo Time Zone



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Welcoming Letter from the ISLC

Dear colleagues,

The ISLC – International Space Law in Context Platform is honored to welcome you to the fourth edition of the International Space Law Seminar Series.

This year, we turn to a holistic perspective, situating International Space Law within the broader framework of Public International Law. By engaging with diverse legal branches — from Environmental Law to the Law of the Sea and International Human Rights Law — this edition highlights the deep interconnections shaping the legal regulation of outer space.

In a moment marked by geopolitical tensions, rapid technological change, and the growing involvement of private actors, International Space Law stands at a crossroads. Its interpretation and development cannot be seen in isolation, but rather as part of the wider body of international law.

Through our panel discussions, we will explore how established principles of international law apply — and sometimes struggle — in the space context. We will also consider state practice, regional perspectives, and emerging legal tensions, assessing the role of law in ensuring that space activities evolve in ways that reflect the values of peace, sustainability, security, and human dignity.

This year's seminar promises to be a forum for critical debate, fresh insights, and constructive dialogue, illuminating how International Law as a whole can inform the future of International Space Law. Together, we aim to build pathways that secure a stable, equitable, and sustainable use of outer space for the generations to come.

Leonardo and Rossana,

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Co-founders and Co-directors

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SCHEDULE

(28 May 2026 - GMT + 1:00 hour, Oslo Time Zone)

08:40 Arrivals: Faculty of Law at the University of Oslo. Location: Room Number 215 at Middle Building/Kjerka.

09:00-09:20 Introductory remarks: International Space Law at a Structural Crossroads

(Leonardo A. López Marcos, UCM - Complutense University of Madrid, AEDAE - Spanish Association of Air and Space Law)

(Rossana Deplano, University of Leicester, CELI - Centre for European Law and Internationalisation)

(Alla Pozdnakova, host at the University of Oslo)

(Vincent Seffinga, host at the University of Oslo)

09:30-10:30 Panel discussion I. International Space Law in Context: Intersections with Public International Law

(Co-moderators: Leonardo A. López Marcos, UCM, AEDAE & Rossana Deplano, University of Leicester)

(Anél Ferreira-Snyman, University of South Africa)

(Sebastián Hernández García, KONGSBERG)

(Martin Reynders, DLR - Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt)

(Antonino Salmeri, Lunar Policy Platform)

10:30 Coffee Break

10:50-11:50 Panel discussion II.- An International Environmental Law Perspective on the Sustainability of the Space Environment

(Moderator: Rafael Harillo Gómez Pastrana, Stardust Consulting, AEDAE).

(Merve Erdem Burger, Co-founder of the Swiss Space Law Forum, Space Law & Policy Consultant at MEB Space)

(Francesca Giannoni-Crystal, Crystal & Giannoni-Crystal, LLC)

(Katharina Glaab, Norwegian University of Life Sciences)

12:00 Light lunch

12:40-13:40 Panel discussion III. Global Commons in a Dynamic Legal and Technological Landscape

(Moderator: Alla Pozdnakova, the University of Oslo)

(Katrin Nyman Metcalf, Tallinn University of Technology)

(Vincent Seffinga, the University of Oslo)

(Kristin Bergtora Sandvik, the University of Oslo)

(Vito De Lucia, Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea, UIT Arctic University of Norway & Jianping Guo, Xi'an Jiaotong University)

13:50-14:50 Panel discussion IV. Regulatory and Strategic Challenges of Dual-Use and Commercial Space Activities

(Moderator: Raúl González Muñoz, University of Leicester, AEDAE)

(Michaela Stessl, DLA Piper)

(Cecilie Hellestveit, NTNU - Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

(José Manuel Martínez Ibañez, ADL AI & Drone Laboratory, Multirotor Sub-commission, Royal Spanish Aeronautical Federation)

16:40 Reception Get-together at Advokatfirmaet Bull's office. [Only through invitation (side-event - outside UiO)].

SCHEDULE

(29 May 2025 - CEST: GMT + 1:00 hour, Oslo Time Zone)

09:00-10:10 Special panel discussion. EU Space Governance and Law: The Space Act and its Implications for Europe's Role in Outer Space

(Moderator: Víctor Barrio Aranda, Andersen, AEDAE)

(Kristin Haram Førde, Partner and Attorney at Law, Advokatfirmaet Bull AS)

(Frans von der Dunk, University of Nebraska)

(Marceau Brigant, Eutelsat)

10:10 Coffee Break

10:30-11:40 Panel discussion V. State Practice, Regional Approaches, and Institutional Roles in Shaping International Space Law

(Moderator: Rosa Manzo, University of Bergen)

(Alicia Hölttä, Finnish Association of Space Law)

(David Eagleson, Northumbria University)

(Rafael Moro Aguilar, Florida International University, UNCOPUOS)

(Roser Almenar Rodríguez, University of Valencia, ITU, SGAC)

11:50-12:30 Panel discussion VI. Norway and Outer Space: National Approaches within an International Legal Framework

(Co-moderators: Wissame Sigvardsen, Kongsberg Digital & Vincent Seffinga, the University of Oslo)

(Mari Eldholm, Norwegian Space Agency)

(Thorstein Eliassen, Interestellar Space)

(Alla Pozdnakova, University of Oslo)

12:30 Light lunch

13:10-14:40 Classified session. Strategic Considerations in the Development of International Space Law

(Co-chairs: Leonardo A. López Marcos, UCM, AEDAE & Rossana Deplano, University of Leicester)

***Participants to the classified session only through invitation.**

14:40 Final dialogue on the Intersections of International Space Law

(Rossana Deplano, University of Leicester)

(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 **GMT + 1:00 hour, Oslo Time Zone), Oslo Time Zone.**
- 2.- Place: **Faculty of Law**, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.
- 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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Charles W. Stotler,
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Ana Gemma López Martín,
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Host:

Alla Pozdnakova and Vincent Seffinga from the University of Oslo.

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