

# SPACE RESOURCES AND PROPERTY RIGHTS ON CELESTIAL OBJECTS: NEW FRONTIERS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLITICS

Moderator: Prof. Meng FANG

Speaker: Dr. Güneş ÜNÜVAR

Discussant: Prof. Chen YU

Essentially built upon a series of international agreements signed between 1960s and 1980s, for most of its existence, international space law has gained renewed traction more recently, particularly with an increase in private actors' participation in space activities since the turn of the century.

The presentation will first provide an overview of international space law, focusing on its sources, development, and contemporary discussions. After setting the (legal) scene, it will focus on questions such as property rights in space, the legal regime(s) applicable to commercial and exploration activities beyond Earth, and recent and competing legal and policy initiatives spearheaded by states, such as the Artemis Programme (US) and the International Lunar Research Station (China–Russia).



Dr. Güneş Ünüvar is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Luxembourg; a member of the Board of Directors of the NGO Moon Village Association (MVA) as its Legal Advisor; and a Counsel on Space Law and Regulation at the Luxembourg-based law firm, WOUD. In addition, he is an incoming Fellow of the Academy of International Affairs Nordrhein–Westfalen in Bonn, Germany with a research project on outer space politics. He is the Managing Editor of the Journal of World Investment and Trade. His research focuses on international economic law, international investment law and dispute settlement, as well as international space law and the role of private actors in the space economy.

Date: April 18 (Thursday)

Time: 17:00–18:00

Venue: Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building, 6/F,  
LI-6301, SLW Seminar Room

For online participation, please register in advance at:  
<https://bit.ly/43OQu8o>

