

Worldwide Space Law Essay Competition: “Legal aspects relating to satellite constellations”

Call for Papers

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI), the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL), and the German Aerospace Center (DLR) invite students and young professionals worldwide to submit a paper on “Legal aspects around satellite constellations”.

Aim of this competition:

In view of the enlarged activities in the field of satellite constellations (a group of coordinated satellites), the legal aspects around these systems are becoming increasingly important. Therefore, a wide range of individual topics from various fields (environment, economy, security, licencing, control etc.) are welcomed in order to analyse and discuss relevant aspects. The papers may also address potential new aspects which take into account the needs and interests of the whole international community.

It is strongly encouraged that the paper only focus on one issue, rather than try to discuss a number of issues. This will allow the paper to adhere to the word limit while still offering an in-depth study. Beyond this limitation, participants are free to choose their subject.

The most inspiring or well-written papers will be accumulated and published

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Post 2030-Agenda and the Role of Space, ISBN 978-3-319-78953-8

A Fresh View on the Outer Space Treaty, ISBN 978-3-319-70433-3

in addition: participants from or studying in ESA Member States will be considered for special prizes (see below)

By submitting a paper participants consent to publication of their paper or part of it.

Deadline: 30 September 2018 (CET, 23:30h)

Please send your contribution in both a word and pdf format simultaneously to the following two e-mail addresses to ensure, from a technical point of view, that your contribution is well received: Annette.Froehlich@espi.or.at; Annette.Froehlich@dlr.de

We look forward to your contribution and thank you for taking part in this space endeavour!

Submission Guidelines:

- Participation is **open for all students and young professionals worldwide** (graduated within 6 years before the deadline/without age restriction to support the lifelong learning). Submission is limited to one paper per person.
- Participants who wish to apply **in addition for the ECSL awards**, please indicate it while submitting your paper and add your citizenship and university.
- Papers should be submitted in Standard UK English via e-mail in both Word and PDF format; both e-mail and paper should include title of the paper and author's name.
- The paper should not exceed 5,000 words, be written in Times New Roman, size 12 with line spacing 1.5 and include consecutively numbered footnotes (which should be created through the Word footnote function; size 10 with line space 1.0).
- Headings and subheadings in text should be written in Times New Roman, bold, size 12 with line spacing 1.5 and include consecutively numbering (1., 1.1., 1.1.1. etc.)
- The first footnote should contain the name, e-mail address and, if applicable, affiliation (university, institute, firm, etc.) of the participant.
- The paper should make use of the OSCOLA reference style for the footnotes: https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012.pdf.
- A short abstract (max. 200 words) should be included after the title but before the start of the paper, the abstract does not count towards the word limit (in Times New Roman, Italic, size 12 with line space 1.5)
- A bibliography is not expected. Tables and figures should have a title and number (ex. Table 1: Space and SDG 1).
- Cross-references should be created through the Word function in order to guaranty the right numbering.
- A short bio including authors e-mail address should be added to the paper on the last page of the document. This bio will not count towards the word limit.
- The author should have all rights on the submitted paper, which has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere.
- The paper should be written individually, co-authored papers will not be accepted.
- Quotations may be in the original language as long as a translation is provided in English either in the text or in a footnote.
- Spelling should be consistent throughout the paper.
- The paper should have numbered pages, placed on the right-hand side of the bottom of each page.
- Please indicate your telephone number in case of further questions. Thank you!



ECSL awards:

- **First Prize:**
 - Reasonable costs of transport and accommodation (for a trip originating within Europe only) to attend the ECSL Practitioners' Forum and Young Lawyer Symposium in 2019
 - An annual ECSL Membership

- **Second Prize:**
 - An annual ECSL membership (free admission to the Practitioners' Forum)
 - Second place certificate
 - Special mention at the Young Lawyer Symposium

- **Third Prize:**
 - An annual ECSL membership for one year (free admission to the Practitioners' Forum)
 - Third place certificate
 - Special mention at the Young Lawyer Symposium