

The Governance of Space

The concept of governance has gained considerable attention over the last years. This is true for all parts of society, but very pronouncedly for space, where the increasing diversity of players is calling for ever better approaches to deal with the establishment and monitoring of policies.

In this process, reference is almost always made to the term governance. In many cases, it is administered in rather specific technical and legal contexts, but it is also used very broadly and sometimes quite indiscriminately. In order to shed light on many of its hidden underlying dynamics, it is necessary to take the high level perspective. To this effect the speakers of the ESPI Autumn Conference will address the topic of governance from a wide variety of angles.

First, the playing field of governance will be captured in a number of presentations dealing with the external influence of international relations, geopolitics and liberalisation. Thereafter, the different trends that constitute governance change will be addressed. This includes the roles of many of the stakeholders involved in space governance: governments, the private sector, the public and the international community. Finally, the hot topics of governance in the European setting will be explored.



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Programme

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11 - 12 September 2014
Vienna, ESPI

Thursday, 11 September 2014

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Session 1: The External Dynamics that Shape Governance Change

14:00 - 15:00

Opening reception

15:00 - 15:15

Welcome and introduction to the theme "The Governance of Space"

Peter Hulstroj, Director, ESPI, Vienna, Austria

15:15 - 15:45

"How International Relations Theory is Reflected into Space."

Speaker: Stephen Krasner (Graham H. Stuart Professor of International Relations, Senior Associate Dean for the Social Sciences at the School of Humanities & Sciences, and the deputy director of the Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University, Stanford, United States)

15:45 - 16:15

"How the Globalisation and Liberalisation of Space Activities affect its Governance"

Speaker: Jacques Blamont (Advisor to the President of CNES, Paris, France)

16:15 - 16:45

"The Impacts of Regionalisation Processes on Space Governance."

Speaker: Xavier L.W. Liao (Affiliate Researcher, Ghent Institute for International Studies, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium)

16:45 - 17:15

How Governance Models Affect Geopolitics: The Asian Case-Study."

Speaker: Kazuto Suzuki (Associate Professor of International Political Economy, School of Public Policy, Hokkaido University, Hokkaido, Japan)

17:15 - 17:45

Wrap up

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Session 2: The Face of New Governance

09:30 - 10:00

"The Optimal Role of Governments in Space."

Speaker: Gérard Brachet (Space Policy Consultant and former Director-General of CNES, Paris, France)

10:00 - 10:30

"The Role of the Private Sector in Space Exploration."

Speaker: Jeffrey Manber (Managing Director, Nano-Racks, Houston, United States)

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:30

"The Role of the Public and NGOs in Space Governance."

Speaker: Amy Kaminski (Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Chief Scientist at NASA, Washington DC, United States)

11:30 - 12:00

"The International Code of Conduct and Space Sustainability."

Speaker: Rajeswari Rajagopalan (Senior Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India)

12:00 - 12:30

"How to Deal with the Weaponisation of Outer Space."

Speaker: Theresa Hitchens (Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, Geneva, Switzerland)

12:30 - 13:30 Buffet Lunch

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Session 3: The Evolution of Space Governance in Europe

13:30 - 14:00

"The External Forces that Affect European Space Governance."

Speaker: Thomas Hoerber (Associate Professor for European Integration, École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers, Angers, France)

14:00 - 14:30

"Legitimising Europe's Space Policy: The Role and Stance of the European Parliament since the 1970s."

Speaker: Emmanuel Sigalas (Assistant Professor of EU Politics, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, Austria)

14:30 - 15:00

Conclusion of the Conference

Peter Hulstroj, Director, ESPI, Vienna, Austria