

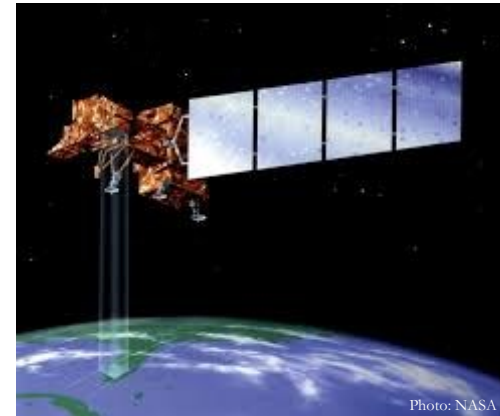
Invitation for an ESPI Evening Event
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US and European geospatial data policies: challenges of open data policy

Venue:

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Background

The collection of data by Earth observation satellites represents an increasingly important application of space technology, both in the US and in Europe. In the EU, the Copernicus program (previously Global Monitoring for Environment and Security - GMES) is being established to provide services in the fields of atmosphere-, marine- and land-monitoring, climate change, emergency management and security. In the US, the Land Remote-Sensing Satellite System (Landsat) is operational since 1972 (up to the current Landsat 8 of 2013), but also other satellites are used for Earth observation.

An important characteristics of the EU data policy is that it adheres to the concept of an 'open data-policy' and is also committed to the protection of several other rights and principles, such as the right for private life, the protection of personal data and of intellectual property, the freedom of arts and science, entrepreneurial freedom as well as national security interests.

The US has already for a long time applied the principle of free access and free re-use of information. Yet, the protection of privacy, civil rights and liberties, and national security interests plays also an important role, in particular in view of the improving resolution capabilities of Earth observation satellites and the increasing use of military satellite data in the fight against terrorism.

Programme

19:00 - 19:05 Welcoming words by the moderator

Dr. David Kendall

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19:05 - 19:35 American Perspectives on the Use of Geospatial Data: Landsat and beyond

Prof. Joanne Irene Gabrynowicz

Editor-in-Chief Emerita, Journal of Space Law
Former Director of the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law
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19:35 - 20:05 Copernicus, Sentinel, and more: European Perspectives on Data Policy

Prof. Irmgard Marboe

Professor of International Law, University of Vienna
Director of the NPOC Space Law Austria

20:05 - 20:35 Discussion with audience, moderator Dr. David Kendall

20:35 - 22:00 Reception