



# INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SPACE POLICY & ROUNDTABLE ON INDIAN SPACE POLICY 2023

*Jointly hosted by*

**Centre for Research in Air and Space Law,  
Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai**

*in association with*

**Centre of Aviation and Space Laws,  
West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences,  
Kolkata**

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**Prof. V.S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law,  
Gujarat National Law University**

**8 OCTOBER 2023**

**The event will be hosted at MNLU Mumbai  
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# INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to announce that the Centre for Research in Air & Space Law, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, Centre for Aviation and Space Laws, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences and Prof. V.S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law, Gujarat National Law University jointly host the **International Workshop on Space Policy and Roundtable on Indian Space Policy 2023** on 8th October 2023.

We look forward to meeting you and value your contribution to the ongoing success of this annual conference. The purpose of the workshop is to bring together scholars from India and abroad to interact, share ideas and build collegial networks that may facilitate dialogue and research collaborations. We hope that this forum will be widely used to bring together collaborators in various projects.

The workshop will include a mix of keynote addresses by renowned experts, panel discussions featuring industry leaders, interactive workshops, and paper presentations showcasing cutting-edge research in space policy and law. Networking sessions will facilitate informal discussions and connections among participants. The international workshop will be hosted at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.

# ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The International Workshop on Space Policy is a platform that gathers space policy experts, legal scholars, government officials, industry leaders, academics, and stakeholders from across the globe. The workshop aims to foster collaborative discussions, knowledge sharing, and the exploration of emerging challenges and opportunities in the dynamic fields of space law.

The main objectives of the symposium are to:

1. Facilitate meaningful interactions between professionals from various disciplines to address the complex intersections of space policy and law.
2. Delve into the legal and policy challenges arising from the expanding activities in outer space, including satellite technology, space exploration, commercial ventures, and international cooperation.
3. Examine the implications of cutting-edge technologies such as satellite mega-constellations, space tourism, and asteroid mining on space policy and law.
4. Provide informative sessions and workshops to enhance participants' understanding of space policy and law and foster skill development.

# TARGET AUDIENCE

1. Space policy experts, analysts and legal scholars
2. Government officials and policymakers in space agencies
3. Industry professionals in the space sector
4. Academics and researchers in relevant fields

Participants will gain comprehensive insights into the evolving landscape of space policy, innovative solutions to contemporary challenges, and the collaborative approaches required for responsible space exploration. The workshop will contribute to the creation of a network of professionals dedicated to shaping the future of space policy.

The International Workshop on Space Policy will serve as a pivotal platform for interdisciplinary discourse, knowledge sharing, and collaborative problem-solving in the intricate fields of space policy and law. By fostering engagement and international cooperation, the workshop will play a crucial role in shaping the space policy discourse in India.



# ROUNDTABLE ON INDIAN SPACE POLICY 2023

The Indian Space Policy 2023 has thus been formulated as an overarching, composite and dynamic framework to implement the reform vision approved by Cabinet. ISP can be read as a comprehensive futuristic document that has the potential to shape the discourse of the Indian Space program and can shape India as a global leader in space governance.

While scholars have raised concerns on the definitional aspect of the ISP, the true test of the policy will be reading it along the lines of international treaty obligations. The policy will have to be backed by a Parliamentary enactment to provide an institutional regulatory framework to make the policy more effective in nature. The policy is described as a futuristic one that will position India and launch the Indian Space Sector in the 21st century. The Roundtable on Indian Space Policy will provide a platform to discuss and deliberate on India's space policy and its future directions.

## Objectives

The Roundtable aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Critically review India's space policy 2023 and its alignment with the country's overall development goals.
2. Develop recommendations for the future direction of India's space policy.

In 2020, the Government of India introduced significant reforms in the space domain, marking an exciting new chapter. These reforms were designed to encourage and empower new generation enterprises to actively participate in a wide range of space activities, from start to finish.

The goal was to create a fair and inclusive environment that provides equal opportunities for all players involved. Building upon these reforms, the government is now focused on establishing clear and reliable regulations for space activities undertaken by various stakeholders.

This will foster a vibrant and thriving space ecosystem, where innovation and collaboration can flourish. The Indian Space Policy 2023 has been developed as a comprehensive and flexible framework that embodies the vision for reform approved by the Cabinet. It sets the stage for dynamic growth and progress in India's space sector, creating a solid foundation for the future.

# CALL FOR PAPERS

Researchers, academics, and practitioners are invited to submit abstracts for paper presentations related to aviation law. Selected papers will be presented during dedicated sessions, providing an opportunity for contributors to share their insights and contribute to the symposium's discussions.

There will be 5 (or, exceptionally, 6) papers per panel to give presenters and discussants adequate time for a fruitful engagement. There will be 4 panels in the symposium.

The papers will be selected on a competitive basis. The papers will be published in the upcoming issue of the Indian Review of Air and Space Law.

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Abstract</b>	<b>September 25, 2023</b>
<b>Decision on Abstract</b>	<b>September 27, 2023</b>
<b>Last date of Payment</b>	<b>September 30, 2023</b>
<b>Date of Conference</b>	<b>October 8, 2023</b>

# THEMES

Themes for Paper Presentations for the International Workshop on Space Policy:

1. Impact of policy changes on international space law
2. State policies on remote sensing and data protection
3. State policies and commercial space ventures
4. Dealing with debris mitigation and environment protection under space policies
5. Space policies and peaceful uses
6. Space policies: A comparative analysis

# TARGET AUDIENCE

The Workshop will bring together a diverse group of participants, including policymakers, scientists, researchers, industry experts, and civil society representatives. The participants will include:

1. Representatives from the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
2. Policy experts and scholars from academic institutions and think tanks.
3. Industry leaders from the space sector.
4. Representatives from international space organizations and countries.
5. Civil society representatives and advocates.



# SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

Submit your abstract here:

<https://forms.gle/34eqWtSo1LuHKgJA8>

Payment Link:

<https://shorturl.at/aoEN0>

## DATE AND VENUE

The international symposium is scheduled for  
8 October 2023 and will be hosted at  
Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

Paper Presentation Fee	Rs. 1600/-
Conference Participation Fee	Rs. 800/-

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/RMaDHCGZnxhTnSb49>

Payment Link:

<https://shorturl.at/aszA9>

Attendees will get certificates of participation in the symposium and paper presenters will get certificates of presentations.

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CRASL

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai established the Centre for Research in Air & Space Law (CRASL) to engage in policy discourse as a forum for the exchange of ideas on the international law applicable to implementing international air and space law.

Read more at [crasl.in](http://crasl.in)



The Centre of Aviation and Space Laws (CASL) of the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata is an academic Centre that intends to explore, analyse and critique the legal developments in the aviation, space and allied industries.

Read more at [caslnujs.in](http://caslnujs.in)



V.S. Mani Centre for Air And Space Law was established in 2019 at GNLU to engage in various ways in shaping the emerging discourse in the field of Air and Space Law.

Read more at [gnlu.ac.in/VSMC](http://gnlu.ac.in/VSMC)

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