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MARS TREATYMAKING WORKSHOP RESULTS FROM ISU SSP14

**Abstract**

In light of the expanding robotic and impending crewed exploration and settlement of Mars, participants at the International Space University's 2014 Space Studies Program held in Montréal, Canada, will act as governmental delegations to create a draft text representing a new international treaty regime for Mars. This is the second year the ISU SSP has conducted this Mars Treatymaking Workshop, and is done in conjunction with the SSP14 Space Policy, Economics, and Law department.

Some nations have ambitious plans for Mars colonization, while others intend to commercially mine the red planet's rich mineral resources. The majority of delegations, however, hold fast the provisions of the 1967 Outer Space Treaty, whose Article II mandates that "*outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, is not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation, or by any other means.*" Can these tensions be resolved in a single treaty for Mars?

This paper will present the findings of the ISU SSP participants, including both their impressions and lessons learned from the simulation of international intergovernmental negotiation, drafting, adoption, and related treaty-making experiences, and the substantive legal innovations they find applicable for a new legal regime for Mars.