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RE-THINKING RESPONSIBILITY IN THE LAW OF OUTER SPACE.

**Abstract**

International Law, as many other branches of social sciences, is essentially dynamic. Just as the realities it intends to govern, it is constantly changing. New areas are appearing and, in general -with very few exceptions such as the law of outer space- law is following, rather than preceding, technological developments. This paper discusses the need of re-thinking international responsibility and liability in the field of space law on the basis of the project on "Responsibility of International Organisations" presently being developed in the framework of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC). Having in mind that the above-mentioned rules of the ILC are not quite as advanced as those embodied in the 1972 Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects, it may be valid to analyse whether the incorporation of these rules and their future application should be reviewed. In brief, is it nowadays necessary to update the rules on responsibility and liability in the field of Space Law?