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POSSIBILITY OF COLONIZATION IN OUTER-SPACE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THEORIES
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS? ROLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Abstract

In the 21st century, the possibility of creating a habitable environment in space as a result of the high development of technology has become the main topic on the agenda. If colonization takes place in space, it is inevitable that international affairs will be affected. This paper is intended to analyze the effects of space colonization on humanity. Also, concerns or ideas that may exist in social, economic, and political fields will be emphasized, especially from the perspective of realism, liberalism, constructivism, and post-positivist theories. Realists may argue that colonization will change the balance of power in international affairs; on the other hand, liberals believe that the process will benefit not only the countries but also the other actors in international relations and contribute to peace among them. The second section of this article will primarily focus on the possibility of human rights and the methods for establishing them in those colonies. Human rights, which have always been a social and political issue throughout history, are one of the most important concerns to be considered during space colonization. Some may state that a single human rights framework should be created, which is taken into account in space colonization, in order to ensure that future generations live in peace.

All in all, for IR theorists, colonization in space raises many important questions that await answers. While providing these answers, different perspectives can be approached in different ways, but there are many points to be considered, the most important of which are human rights, resource allocation, interests, and so on. Furthermore, this article will try to find the answer to the question raised by the authors: "How accessible will this settlement be to everyone?" and "How different it will be from the problems created by the political powers of the world after the discovery of America?" It should be noted that in this case, political power refers to the state, which we will follow with realism, but nuances will also attempt to focus on different actors.