

12th Eilene M. Galloway Symposium
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Dear colleagues,

Today's Eilene M. Galloway Symposium takes place in the year of the 50th anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty. This shall provide us with the opportunity to look back in appreciation that the people who have drafted and negotiated this agreement were realists and visionaries at the same time – and, what is most important, that they set up a legal framework, which is still valuable and robust after half a century. The world community owes the opportunity for a steady development of space exploration and use to this treaty negotiated under the lead of the U.S. and the Soviet Union. It shows that international binding agreements can be of tremendous value for progress, progress for all. This has also been the understanding of Eilene M. Galloway, the eponym of this symposium.

While the principles of the Outer Space Treaty can be regarded as solid, their application has to take new developments into account. To name a few: the regulation of private space activities through national space legislation, the regulation of new types of telecommunication technologies and services, the search for dealing with cyber activities/security as it relates to space activities, Space Traffic Management, the regulation of the use of space resources, and the search for an approach for the regulation of High Altitude Pseudo Satellites (HAPS). These issues of national and international relevance might even require new legislation or arrangements. From a perspective of IISL as global association for the promotion of space law, these developments should be conducted in an open and inclusive way. The Institute is entirely dedicated to support such developments.

As every year, the Eilene M. Galloway Symposium will send signals not only to the U.S. but actually to the whole international space law community. The topics you are discussing and the results you will be achieving will have considerable impact on the work of the Institute. It is therefore with particular pleasure that I acknowledge the leadership of Dennis Burnett in organising the Galloway Symposia and to send my personal regards and appreciation to Jonathan Galloway and Marcia Smith.

Let me conclude by pointing to an upcoming activity of IISL. For the first time in its history, the Board of Directors will assemble for one of their meetings in the U.S. Upon invitation of Skip Smith, we will hold our spring meeting in Colorado Springs alongside the Space Symposium to which we will also contribute with sessions and speakers. It is a fantastic opportunity for the Institute and I am glad that I could facilitate this decision as President. But this is still a few months ahead. So let me return to the present 12th Eilene M. Galloway Symposium and wish you a very successful event!