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Jus Ad Astra Newsletter: March 2021

WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter for Jus Ad Astra, the first of many! In this newsletter, we will provide updates on the project, a snapshot of international news, and ways for members to contribute to the work of the project!

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UPDATES

1. Jus Ad Astra has created a podcast! Our first episode, featuring Jus Ad

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Astra's Project Co-Lead and Founder Jonathan Lim, is now available.](#)[Translate ▼](#)

The podcast provides an introduction to Jonathan Lim and his perspectives on human rights in outer space.

Check it out in the link below:

[Jus Ad Astra Podcast](#)

2. Jonathan Lim, Project Co-Lead and Founder, and Justin Diamond, Research Assistant, published an article regarding the right to property and outer space development.

The article provides an insight into the development of the human right to property. The right to property is construed as a positive obligation with respect to the unique outer space environment.

Check it out on the website:

[Everything Under the Sun - The Right to Property and Outer Space Development](#)

3. Jane Andrews, Research Assistant, has published an article with Space Legal Issues discussing the recent advocacy for the crime of ecocide in international criminal law.

The article discussed the recent advocacy work and its potential application to outer space through ASAT technology and space mining. Then, the article outlines the opportunities and limitations of the provision, outlining a further avenue for the human right to a healthy environment which would obligate states to take positive measures to protect human life and dignity.

Check it out in the link below:

[The International Crime of Ecocide: Regulating Environmental Degradation in Outer Space](#)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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1. The Declaration on the Rights of the Moon

Australian academics and lawyers have released a Declaration on the Rights of the Moon, which provides a foundation for discussion on the rights of the moon separate from human activity and exploitation. It provides the Moon with states as "a sovereign natural entity in its own right"

Check out an article explaining the Declaration on the Rights of the Moon at ABC NEWS:

[Declaration on the Rights of the Moon](#)

2. The Ingenuity's Historic Flight in April

Ingenuity is a Mars Helicopter that will be the first vehicle in history to undertake a controlled flight on another planet. NASA has undertaken preparatory activities for the test flights in the first week of April.

Learn more about it here:

[Ingenuity Helicopter](#)