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The pioneer project in space law



Jus Ad Astra Newsletter: August 2021

WELCOME

Welcome to the August edition of the newsletter for Jus Ad Astra! 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.

In this edition, we will also introduce some of our newest members! This edition showcases some of the advocacy work of our project, that is rapidly expanding. Our project is always looking for more people to contribute, so please reach out to any member of the team for more information if you are interested!

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UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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1. Register for the 3rd Australian Space Biology x Health Summit

The Summit will present current research and work in the space biology and health field.

Check it out in the link below:

[ASBX 2021](#)

2. Jane Andrews, Research Assistant at Jus Ad Astra, has published an article!

The article discusses non-derogable right of prohibiting the retroactive application of criminal laws. The article introduces considerations such as the rights of settlers to self-determination, current deficiencies, and concludes with a call for a declaration of human rights to target this potential issue.

[Retroactive Criminal Laws Application](#)

3. Episode 4 of the Pod Ad Astra Podcast is Live!

Jus Ad Astra welcomed Cristian van Ejik, an international lawyer and academic at the University of Cambridge, to discuss the right to environment in outer space.

Listen here:

[Right to Environment Podcast with Cristian van Ejik](#)

4. Episode 5 of the Pod Ad Astra Podcast is Live!

Jus Ad Astra welcomed Laura Crabtree, Co-founder and CEO of Epsilon3, to discuss the future of commercial spaceflight.

Listen here:

[Future of Commercial Spaceflight Podcast with Laura Crabtree](#)

5. Jus Ad Astra is on Clubhouse!

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Jus Ad Astra is hosting informative and friendly sessions on the intersection on

human rights and outer space.

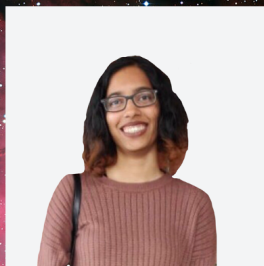
Follow us on Clubhouse for more updates:

[Jus Ad Astra Clubhouse](#)

MEET THE TEAM!

On this month's edition of the newsletter, we are introducing new contributors that are involved the project! For this month, we are showcasing Gnanavi Gummadi!

INTRODUCING OUR TEAM – Part 19



Research Assistant
Gnanavi Gummadi



What does space and human rights mean to you?

Development of space has only received traction in the recent years. Various state and non-state actors are actively participating in the shaping of space law. The evolutionary nature of space law opens ground for not carrying the problems that plague the Earth to outer space. It provides humankind with an opportunity to rectify and learn from its past mistakes.

International human rights discourse tends to most often than not highlight state perspectives instead of the subaltern voices. It is crucial that human rights law adequately represent the myriad of historical, cultural and religious backgrounds. I believe, allowing the marginalised and oppressed individuals to actively take part in the shaping of international human rights law would make international law more inclusive.

The intersection of space and human rights offers me a chance to envision a novel international human rights discourse which celebrates inclusivity not just in its text but also in its making.



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INTRODUCING OUR TEAM – Part 20



Research Assistant
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How will you bring your knowledge and expertise in advancing humanity's reach into outer space?

I want to bring in my Global South positionality to safeguard participation of all humans in creation of the law and also improve accessibility to the immense benefits outer space technology offers. I want to help promote, in a small way, the use of space for the benefit of all humankind. To this end, I wish to use critical legal theory to highlight the shortcomings of international law in realising its goals to uplift the lives of marginalised and oppressed people, and ensure they are not carried onto the realm of outer space.



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Jus Ad Astra welcomes submissions for our blog, discussing various intersections for human rights and outer space. Feel free to contact us for more details!



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