

**Expert Seminar
On
“The Use of Outer Space in Recent Geopolitical Crises”**

10 September 2026

Venue: Athens, Greece
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
School of Law
Economidou Hall

Programme

- **15:00 – 15:30 Registration**
- **15:30 – 16:00 Opening Remarks**

Prof. Konstantinos Christodoulou, Dean of the Law School, NKUA

Anastasios Gourgourinis, Assistant Professor, School of Law, NKUA, President of the Hellenic Branch of the International Law Association

- **16:00 – 16:40 Keynote Speech:**

Prof. Dr. Olavo de O. Bittencourt Neto, Universidade Católica de Santos - UNISANTOS - SP/Brasil, Vice-President of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL)

“The Risks of Space Law Fragmentation: South American Perspectives”

Session I: Outer Space Operations and Armed Conflict: Military and Legal Perspectives

16:40-17:00 Georgios (George) D. Kyriakopoulos, Associate Professor, Vice-Dean of the Law School, NKUA

«Space Applications in an Era of Multi-domain Warfare»

17:00 – 17:20 Dafni-Konstantina Politikou, Attorney-at-Law, Athens Bar Association, LL.B.|LL.M.|Adv. LL.M. Air & Space Law, Leiden University

“Malicious Rendezvous and Proximate Operations in Outer Space: Legal and Regulatory Implications”

17:20 – 17:40 Sofia Tatsi, Attorney-at-Law, Athens Bar Association, Doctoral candidate, NKUA

“Legal Implications of the Use of Space Systems in the Armed Conflict between USA/Israel and Iran”

17:40 – 18 :10 Coffee Break

Session II: Commercial and Non-Governmental Space Activities Amid Geopolitical Crisis

18 :10 – 18 :30 Michael Chatzipanagiotis, Assistant Professor, University of Cyprus
"Dual use space assets and EU product-safety"

18 :30 – 18 :50 Maria-Angeliki Gerasimou, Attorney-at-law, Piraeus Bar Association, LL.M. (Cand.) UCL, LL.M. In International Law, LL.B. NKUA
"Satellite Communications for the Global Fleet amid Contemporary Maritime Hostilities"

18 :50 – 19 :10 Vera Palialexi, Attorney-at-Law, Athens Bar Association, LL.M. (Cand.) In International Law, LL.B. NKUA
"The Changing Role of Private Actors in Outer Space"

19:10 – 19:30 Dr. Mónika Ganczer, Associate Professor, Széchenyi István University
"Non-Governmental Space Activities in Times of Geopolitical Crisis: Authorization, Continuing Supervision and State Responsibility"

19:40 - 20:10 CONCLUDING REMARKS

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