

**ISPL On-line Seminar on Indian Space Policy and Law
Assessing the Indian government's reform initiative to boost private
participation in space activities**

Access the recording of this Seminar to listen to expert appraisal of the Indian government's reform initiative aimed at boosting private sector participation in space activities.

Seminar description:

India is seeking to facilitate private space activities, as increasingly are other governments of space-faring states. On 16 May 2020, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, India's Minister of Union Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs, announced reforms of various sectors, including the space sector "aimed at boosting private sector participation in the entire range of space activities," officially approved by the Union Cabinet on 24 June 2020. Their implementation will involve entities such as the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), New Space India Limited (NSIL) and the recently created Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE).

With many elements still to be determined or disclosed, this ISPL seminar provides an early appraisal of the Indian government's space reform initiative.

Towards that end, ISPL expert Dr Christoph Beischl first presents a brief overview of Indian engagement in space and puts the recent development into context. Renowned Indian Space Policy and Law expert Dr Ranjana Kaul follows with critical assessment of the available information on the reforms from a political and legal perspective. Finally, Indian entrepreneur and well-known [NewSpace India](#)* proponent Narayan Prasad provides a measured entrepreneurial evaluation of the said information. Dr Kaul and Mr Prasad's analyses include examination of the conditions for Indian private actor participation in the space sector before and after the reforms, deliberation of evident or anticipated issues in the wake of these reforms, prediction of potential further developments as part of the reform initiative, and consideration of UK and other foreign private actors' opportunity to benefit from them. A 20 minute panel discussion, including audience questions, concludes the seminar.

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