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THE LEIDEN & MCGILL ACADEMIC WORKSHOP ON AIR & SPACE LAW

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at Leiden
University

The first joint Leiden & McGill Academic Workshop on Air & Space Law will bring together leading scholars, early career researchers, and practitioners to explore and debate the most pressing and emerging developments in air and space law. The Workshop is co-organised by Leiden University and McGill University to advance academic legal discussions in the field of air and space law, and to provide a high-level academic podium for the presentation of groundbreaking and cutting-edge research, rigorous scholarly exchange and constructive peer feedback.

The Workshop is intended for students studying air or space law at the LLB, JD and LLM levels, as well as PhD candidates, practitioners, researchers and other early-career academics, including professors working in the disciplines. Scholars from other areas of law or related disciplines, whose research intersects with air and space law, are also welcome to attend. Interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives are particularly encouraged.

The Workshop's structure will consist of thematic panels featuring pre-circulated papers, short author presentations, in-depth discussions and audience feedback. This format is intended to maximise scholarly engagement and enhance the quality of research outcomes.

OVERVIEW

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Free attendance.

Registration is required to attend the workshop. Please complete your registration using the link provided below.

[Registration Link](#)

We kindly ask all participants to register in advance to ensure a smooth and enjoyable workshop experience.

STRUCTURE OF THE DAY

The Workshop is designed to provide a collaborative and constructive environment in which participants can critically engage with new ideas, test emerging arguments, and refine their research. The day will be organised into a series of panels, with each panel focusing on either air law or space law.

PANEL FORMAT

Each presenter will have 20 minutes allocated to their paper. The session will be structured as follows:

- **5-minute presentation:** The presenter will briefly introduce their paper, focusing on the core topic and argument, as well as any key issues they have encountered or are currently considering. The presentation can highlight specific areas where the presenter would welcome discussion, feedback or further perspectives.
- **15-minute discussion:** The remaining 15 minutes will be dedicated to audience discussion and engagement. This may include questions, suggestions for further enquiry, recommendations, constructive critiques or alternative perspectives.

All draft papers will be circulated to participants in advance of the Workshop via the website. Participants are, therefore, encouraged to read the papers beforehand and come prepared to engage actively with the research and contribute to the discussion.

[Workshop Website](#)

Following the Workshop, presenters will have the opportunity to take the comments and feedback received into account and revise their papers. The revised papers are intended to be published in an edited book.

Audience engagement is key to the success of the Workshop. The aim is not simply to present completed research, but to create an environment where ideas and arguments can be tested and developed through constructive academic discussion.

The Workshop provides an opportunity to:

- Critically engage with new ideas and emerging research;
- Test and challenge developing arguments;
- Identify new questions and areas for further research;
- Receive constructive feedback from colleagues working in the field;
- Refine and strengthen papers ahead of publication;
- Develop academic presentation and discussion skills; and
- Network and engage with the wider air and space law community.

We, therefore, encourage all participants to read the draft papers in advance and to contribute actively to the discussions. Your questions, comments, critiques, and ideas are an essential part of the Workshop and will help make the day a productive experience for everyone.

LOCATION

The workshop will take place in the historic Academy Building of Leiden University. Address:

Academy Building – Leiden University
Rapenburg 73
2311 GJ Leiden
The Netherlands

The venue is located in Leiden city centre and is within walking distance from Leiden Central Station (ca. 15 minutes). Please allow sufficient time to arrive, register and find the session room before the programme begins. Upon arrival, please follow the workshop signage to the registration desk and designated rooms.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for the workshop is smart/business attire. We kindly ask all participants to dress in professional business wear suitable for a formal academic and professional setting.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Coffee breaks will be provided throughout the workshop, with tea, coffee and water available for all participants.

A light Dutch-style lunch will be provided during the workshop. The lunch will include meat, vegetarian and vegan options to accommodate a range of dietary preferences. Should you have any specific allergies or dietary restrictions, please communicate this in advance.

The breaks also provide an excellent opportunity to network, meet fellow participants, continue discussions from the panels, and connect with colleagues from across the air and space law community.

Please note that photographs and/or video recordings may be taken during the workshop. These images may be used for workshop-related communications and promotional purposes. By attending the workshop, participants acknowledge that they may appear in photographs or recordings taken during the event.

Leiden University has agreements with a number of hotels in Leiden and the surrounding area, which may allow workshop participants to benefit from preferential rates or discounts.

Ibis Leiden Centre	1 person, breakfast incl.	€ 122.00
	2 persons, breakfast incl.	€ 141.50
Tulip Inn	1 person, breakfast incl.	€ 134.00
	2 persons, breakfast incl.	€ 156.50
Golden Tulip	1 person, breakfast incl.	€ 144.00
	2 persons, breakfast incl.	€ 166.50

In order to benefit from these rates, participants are encouraged to contact the hotels directly. Please note that availability and conditions may vary, and the workshop does not guarantee room availability at any particular hotel.

You may also wish to explore other hotels and accommodation options in Leiden and the surrounding area to find the option that best suits your preferences and budget.

Participants who require a visa to attend the workshop are advised to make the necessary arrangements well in advance. If you require visa support or an invitation letter, please contact:

Natascha Meewisse

E-mail: n.p.meewisse@law.leidenuniv.nl

Please include your full name, affiliation, nationality and any relevant visa requirements. We recommend checking the applicable visa requirements and allowing sufficient time for your application to be processed.

All queries should be sent to Benjamyn I. Scott (b.i.scott@law.leidenuniv.nl) and Michael Nas (conference.iasl@mcgill.ca) with the subject line “Leiden & McGill Academic Workshop on Air & Space Law”.