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Outer Space, High-Altitude and International Law: What's in a Name?

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5.00pm (AEST) – 6.00pm (AEST)

Event hosted online via Zoom

Join Mary Walker OAM, Chair of the International Law Section, for the lecture on *Outer Space, High-Altitude and International Law: What's in a Name*, featuring Steven Freedland and Fred Chilton.

The delimitation between outer space and sovereign airspace remains an unresolved issue. While the lack of a clear delimitation has not given rise to significant legal problems in the past, ongoing technological advancements and the growing interest in space tourism, suborbital flights and various forms of High-Altitude Platforms (HAPS) are now posing new policy and legal challenges. These have been further highlighted by recent events involving balloons and a re-questioning as to the regulation of the area above commercial airspace. This talk will address the legal issues raised by increasingly more sophisticated high-altitude and space activities, and point to the relevant international and national law initiatives and regulatory frameworks that are being discussed and implemented.

Registration

Registration is free, however registration is required. Please note, limited spots available. Registration closes **9 May 2023**.

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Speakers



Steven Freeland is Emeritus Professor of International Law at Western Sydney University, where he was previously the Dean of the School of Law, and Professorial Fellow at Bond University. He also holds Visiting or Adjunct positions at various other Universities/Institutes in Copenhagen, Vienna, Toulouse, Hong Kong, Montreal, Kuala Lumpur, Vancouver, Mumbai and London. Prior to becoming an academic, he had a 20-year career as an international commercial lawyer and an investment banker. He is a government-appointed Member of the Australian Space Agency Advisory Board and has been an advisor to the Australian, New Zealand, Norwegian and several other Governments on issues relating to national space legislative frameworks and policy. He represents the Australian Government at Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) meetings and, in June 2021, was appointed by UNCOPUOS as Vice-Chair of a 5-year 'Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities'. He has also been a Visiting Professional within the Appeals Chamber at the International Criminal Court, and a Special Advisor to the Danish Foreign Ministry in matters related to the International Criminal Court. He is a co-Principal of specialised space law firm Azimuth Advisory, a Member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Future Council on the Future of Space, a previous Director of the International Institute of Space Law (2010-2022), a Member of the Space Law Committee of the International Law Association and a previous Member of the Space Law and War Crimes Committees of the International Bar Association. In 2022, he was presented with a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by the International Institute of Space Law, the highest accolade awarded by that institution. In addition to co-Editing the *Annotated Leading Cases of International Criminal Tribunals* book series, he also sits on the Editorial Board / Advisory Board of several internationally recognised academic journals.



Fred Chilton is a highly experienced corporate and commercial lawyer. His many clients regard him as a senior adviser to their businesses and his reputation makes him a lawyer of choice for many overseas companies doing business in Australia. He has been recognised as a leading lawyer by Chambers Global and Who's Who Legal. He acts for companies large and small (including many start-ups) in the mining, telecommunications, information technology and other technology sectors as well as other sectors. This ranges from establishment to intellectual property protection, privacy and cybersecurity issues and M&A transactions. He also acts for not-for-profit entities. Fred is former Vice-Chairman of the International Technology Law Committee of the International Bar Association where he continues to be heavily involved. He is also an elected member of the Executive Committee of the International Law Section of the Law Council of Australia. He has authored the Australian chapters of global publications relating to M&A, establishment of business and agency and distribution. He has been a visiting lecturer in Mining Law at the University of New South Wales and is currently lecturing in the Master of Intellectual Property course at UTS, Sydney. Fred is a Governor of AmCham and is a director of several not-for-profit companies. He is also a member of the British, French and Spanish Chambers of Commerce, ITECH Law (the International Technology Law Association), LESANZ (Licensing Executives Society), Society for Computers and the Law, the Commercial Law Association, ERLA (Resources and Energy Law Association), IPSANZ (Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand) and the American Bar Association. Fred Chilton was a partner for 29 years with Allens but then joined Emil Ford Lawyers and on its closure, Toomey Pegg Lawyers, to give him more flexibility in acting for technology companies, especially start-ups



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