

About speakers (alphabetically)

Mari Amanda Eldholm

Mari is the Executive Secretary of the ECSL, and has been in the post since June 2017. In this capacity, she is responsible for the daily operation of the ECSL. At ESA, she is a Young Graduate Trainee in the Legal Services Department, and assists with matters relating to national space law, UN COPUOS and international relations.

Before joining ESA/ECSL, Mari was a Graduate Trainee, then Advisor, at the Norwegian Space Centre (NSC). At the NSC she was the author of a report making recommendations regarding national and international space law and the UN COPUOS. In her capacity as an advisor she was responsible for advising the government on the process of Norway applying for membership at UN COPUOS, which it did in June 2017.

Steven Freeland

Steven Freeland is Dean of the School of Law and Professor of International Law at Western Sydney University, and holds permanent Visiting Professor positions at a number of European and other Universities. He represents the Australian Government at various United Nations Conferences and Committee Meetings, and has advised the Australian, New Zealand and several other Governments on issues related to the regulation of space activities and the development of a space-industry strategy. Among other appointments, he is a Director of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), a member of the Space Law Committee of the International Law Association (ILA) and of both the Space Law Committee and War Crimes Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA).

Katrin Nyman Metcalf

Katrin Nyman Metcalf is the Chairman of the European Space Agency International Relations Committee; Adjunct Professor of communications law, Institute of Law, Tallinn University of Technology, and Programme Director, Research and Legal Issues, Estonian e-Governance Academy. PhD (1999) on the law of outer space, LLM (1987) on EU and international law, both Uppsala University.

Between 2015 and 2017 she represented Estonia in the IRC. Her PhD is on the question of use of space resources and the line between appropriation and use. Katrin is active globally as consultant primarily in the area of communications law in the wide sense, including ICT regulation, privacy and data protection, media law, e-governance and cyber issues. She has worked in more than 50 countries, including post-conflict and developing states, with legal analysis and drafting, professional training and creation of regulatory authorities. Katrin is visiting Professor at the Institute of Law, School of Business and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia, and Programme Director for Research and Legal Issues for the Estonian e-Governance Academy. Katrin has published extensively primarily on issues related to law and technology, including space law, but also on regional integration, especially focusing on integration in other regions than Europe.

Alla Pozdnakova

Alla Pozdnakova is Professor at the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo. Doctoral thesis on EU Competition Law in Liner Shipping (published 2008, Kluwer) and postdoctoral study "Criminal Jurisdiction over perpetrators of ship-source pollution" (2012, Brill/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers). Her current research includes Law of the Sea, Public International Law and EU/EEA law. Pozdnakova teaches these subjects and Administrative Law at the Law faculty of the Uni.Oslo. She is an assistant course leader and

lecturer at A Changing Arctic, which is an interdisciplinary course combining geosciences, political sciences and law (International Summer School, University of Oslo). Since 2017 Pozdnakova is a member in the Northern Areas Committee of the University of Oslo and Chair of the Law Faculty's Research Group on International Law and Governance. She is now a member of the expert committee tasked with drafting a proposal for a new Norwegian law on Space.

Kirsten Ullbæk Selvig

Kirsten Ullbæk Selvig is Director General - from 1996 in the Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs with responsibilities i.e. infrastructure maritime transport, safety at sea, ports and port security, oil spill and civil radio navigation and GNSS policy, R&D and the National Coastal Administration. - Since 2014 with the Ministry of Transport and Communications, with special tasks within aviation i.e. Civil-military cooperation concerning aviation, airspace, ATM, Cyber security; also in relation to EU, Eurocontrol, other nations.- Previous she was assistant Director General in the Norwegian Ministry of Finance. She has extensive experience from international cooperation, bilateral and with UN, EU, Nordic and Arctic nations and organizations concerning i.e. GNSS, Radio navigation, surveillance, information and warning systems, data exchange, Security.

Alexander Soucek

Alexander Soucek works as a legal officer for public international law and space law at the European Space Agency, ESA. From 2004 to 2013, he held the position of a programme coordinator in ESA's Directorate of Earth Observation Programmes. In his function as a legal officer, he negotiates international agreements for the Agency, advises the Agency's International Relations Committee and represents ESA at the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. He earned a master's degree in law from Salzburg University, Austria, and a master's degree in space studies from the International Space University in Strasbourg, France (cum laude). He teaches space law at several universities in Europe and published books, commentaries and articles on the subject. He is a member of the European Centre for Space Law and of the International Institute of Space Law and was a visiting researcher at The Hague Academy of International Law.

Terje Wahl

Terje Wahl is Deputy Director General at Norwegian Space Centre, heading the department for Space Science and Earth Observation. He is representing Norway in several space committees in European Space Agency and the European Union.

Wahl was born in 1957, the same year that the Space Age started with the launch of Sputnik-1.

Before joining the Norwegian Space Centre, Wahl was project leader for R&D activities in satellite remote sensing at Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI). His speciality there was satellites that can observe through the clouds and during night time. Wahl has also been teaching and supervising students at the University of Oslo.