

Owning space; the difficulties faced when opposing nations and corporations want land claims

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Abstract. The dispute over space claimant rights has been an ongoing issue for many years. This research will be based off of current United Nations approaches; the attempt to sell land plots put forth by private corporations; and issues that need to be addressed in order to put forward a suitable solution for all of humanity. It will be broken into two different sections in order to put forward a comprehensive plan; background; and conclusion: the first section will be the background (i.e. UN international policies in relation to previous ‘discovery expeditions’, the rise of private corporations due to a lack of government presence, the power-vacuum created by a lack of claimant rights afford to the UN, and previous instances of international cooperation in space ventures) and the second shall be future implementations. These will include a framework based in previous instances of ‘discovery’ claimant precedents (i.e. oceanic and Antarctic ventures) and useable policies being put forward by the privatized market in order to help establish a feasible measure for all future expeditions. The conclusion of the research will help to establish the benefits of the creation of a separate UN council composed with all willing parties, that would allow sovereignty of the UN over space, in order to benefit all mankind with unified cooperation rather than dichotomous views of imperialistic rights. It relies on the removal of the absolute rule that the UN is not allowed to create new states, but only in the case of space claimant issues. The purpose of the study is to create an equitable and practical solution to current corruption regarding the lack of a strong framework.