

# EXPLORATION AND PROPERTY IN OUTER SPACE

Who owns the cosmos?

## 1967 - The Outer Space Treaty enters into force

It aims to prevent nations claiming sovereignty over space and protect scientific development. It also makes governments responsible for national space activities, including commercial ones.

## 2015 - The US passes the *Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act*

It provides that *extracted* space resources can be privately owned - at least so far as is compatible with the Outer Space Treaty.

## 2020 - The Artemis Accords

A non-binding multilateral agreement that aims to help humanity explore and use outer space. It reinforces the US view of private ownership of space resources.

## AND BEYOND ...

Duncan's view is that we're thinking about outer space as "*property*" too narrowly - and we should look to incorporate Indigenous understandings of land in the broader context that outer space is for everyone.