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# Abstract

**“Militarization of Outer Space: Permissibility under the International Law”**

Outer space, which was a mystery few decades ago, has become a sight for exploration of the earth today. Countries carry out activities such as surveillance, reconnaissance etc. in order to get strategic advantage over other countries. However, the sanctity of such activities for military purposes has been a debatable issue for long. Peaceful military activities can sometimes be considered valid but aggressive military activities are far from gaining international legitimacy. The paper will throw light upon various provisions embodied under different instruments of international law and their interpretations regarding military use of the outer space and thereby calculating the permissibility of military activities in the outer space. Further, how the countries have justified their military activities in the past and the applicability of those justifications in the future will be discussed.

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