The protection of the environment in international spaces

SCOPE

According to the World Conservation Strategy (International Union for Conservation of Nature –IUCN–, in collaboration with UNESCO and with the support of the UNEP and the WWF, 1980), a commons is a tract of land or water owned or used jointly by the members of a community. A Global Common contains an infinite potential with regard to the understanding and advancement of the biology and society of all life, in fact, they are critical to the survival of human kind. It includes the high seas and its sea bed and subsoil, outer space, and, according to a majority of States, the Antarctica. The protection of the environment in the sea, outer space and the Antarctica can contribute to cope with the huge challenge of the climate change. That is why the international community has the duty, right now, to give a scientific, legal, policy and economic solution.

This Workshop aims to analyze and to debate the last developments of the protection of the environment in the international spaces, in order to find new conclusions and connections between Global and Local Commons. In this sense, the Workshop is divided into three interrelated sections: a) the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea regarding the Deep Sea-Bed, whaling and marine pollution regimes; b) the Outer Space Treaties and other legal and political instruments concerning space activities, the orbital debris and the use of the space technology for the mitigation of the climate change; and c) the 1958 Antarctic Treaty and the 1991 Madrid Protocol on Environmental Protection.

FORMAT OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will bring together 17 speakers and a maximum of 50 participants (including speakers). The scientific programme will start in the morning of Monday, 7th November, and will end on Wednesday 9th November. Ample time for informal discussion will be reserved.

Participants will be invited to present a poster.

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VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held in Baeza, at the “Sede Antonio Machado”, a XVII century building turned into a Conference Centre of the International University of Andalusia (UNIA). This site includes a recently restored residence, where speakers and participants will be accommodated. Baeza is a World Historic Heritage town, renowned for its Renaissance and Gothic buildings.

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