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Extra-terrestrial Contact: Legal and Economic Implications

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Abstract

Humankind has always perceived itself as a pinnacle of creation. Our relationship with the other most intelligent beings on earth (chimpanzees, dolphins) are anything but transactional. What happens if one day we realize that we're not alone at the top? Are there solid evidence for existing contact between extra-terrestrial beings and governments? We will present the statements of an astronaut and of a former defence minister and of a former president from G-8 countries.

This lecture will also explore the societal and economic consequences of extra-terrestrial contact. It will change economics as we know it. How will it change the market? Will it result in a technology and knowledge transfer that may have the solution to the greatest problems faced by the mankind, like hunger and poverty? Will it create new problems? Will it cause a more equal world or a more unequal one? If a state receives information about extra-terrestrial beings, do they have to make it available for everyone? If a state receives technology form extra-terrestrial beings, do they have to make it available for everyone? Do we need new forms of legal authority which represents all humankind and its interests? Do we have to allocate public resources for investigating such phenomenon and make the summary of the results publicly available?

This lecture tries to find answers to these and other questions.

Short Bio

Aleksandar Milanov is a legal researcher in the fields of International Law and Legal Philosophy with a particular focus on International Space Law and on the subject of establishing of humankind as a separate legal subject.

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