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Infinite Expanses?

The Politics of China's Space Science and Technology

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14:00-15:30 (CET)

Over the past two decades, China's space program has flourished. In June 2021, China successfully sent three taikonauts to Tianhe, a newly launched space station module. The Chinese space station could potentially be the only station in low Earth orbit for years to come. China's National Space Administration aims to establish an autonomous lunar habitat by 2030. Although a latecomer compared to the United States, Russia, or Europe, China is rapidly developing a strong presence in space through a number of key assets, including launch vehicles and a satellite navigation network. China's space program must be examined against the backdrop of an increasingly competitive international geopolitical system and an evolving treaty system governing outer space—China's fledgling space capabilities, both civilian and military, are emerging in the context of commercialization, militarization, and geopolitical rivalry in space.



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