

Extra-planetary extractive frontiers and the commercial space industry ('NewSpace')

Summary/Zusammenfassung

My most recent project explores recent developments in the human presence in outer space, both with regard to changing sets of practices on- and off-Earth and the geographic imaginaries through which they are conceived. More specifically I examine the growing commercial sector in outer space - so-called 'NewSpace' industries – and particularly the development of extra-planetary extractive industries, or space mining. The project seeks to understand the transformations in the governance of outer space, the marketization of speculative 'space resources', the imaginaries at work in producing a resource frontier into extra-planetary space and ask wider philosophical questions about the possibility of environmental ethics and politics beyond the Earth.

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