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## LIBRARY HOURS



The library will be on an abbreviated intersession schedule, 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. seven days a week, through Sunday, June 12. For the remainder of the month, the hours will be 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. seven days a week.

For details, check the Legal Research Center web site at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/about/hours.php>.

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## GET YOUR RESEARCH ASSISTANTS UP TO SPEED NOW



As you start assigning projects to your research assistants, you will want to make sure that their research skills are up to the task. This is the time to take advantage of the customized research training offered by LRC librarians. Contact Reference Librarian Judith Lihosit at x4752 or at [jlhosit@SanDiego.edu](mailto:jlhosit@SanDiego.edu) to discuss the subject areas that your research assistants will be investigating and to arrange training sessions for them.

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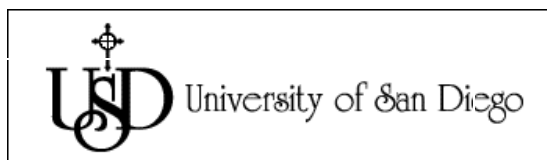
## INTERNATIONAL LAW RESEARCH



*GlobalLex*, an electronic legal publication, is hosted at <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html> by the Hauser Global Law School Program at New York University School of Law. The purpose of *GlobalLex* is to disseminate international, foreign, and comparative law research tools and teaching resources for legal academics, practitioners, and other specialists around the world to use for foreign, international, and comparative law research as well as to research their own domestic law. The guides and articles on the site are written by well known scholars and are recommended by universities, library schools, and legal training courses. Examples of the currently available materials include [French Law on the Internet - The Basics and Free Resources](#), [Guide on the Harmonization of International Commercial Law](#), and [Foreign Law: Subject Law Collections on the Web](#). *GlobalLex* intends to expand its coverage of international law topics, countries, and legal systems.

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**BLAST OFF FOR  
SPACE LAW  
RESEARCH**



This month marks the anniversaries of two major achievements in human space exploration. On June 3, 1965, the term EVA (extra-vehicular activity) entered the popular space lexicon as Gemini IV astronaut Ed White became the first human to “walk” in space. Thirty years later, and ten years ago this month, the U.S. shuttle Atlantis, on the 100<sup>th</sup> human launch from Cape Canaveral, performed the first space docking operation with the Russian space station Mir. Atlantis delivered two Russian astronauts to the space station and ferried three others back to Earth. This was the first time a U.S. spacecraft returned to Earth with more occupants than when it departed.

Three and a half years before the first space walk, the United Nations determined by resolution (G.A. Res. 1721, U.N. GAOR, 16<sup>th</sup> Sess., Annex No. 21, at 6, U.N. Doc. A/4987 (1961)) that only peaceful use of outer space was permitted, thus establishing the core principles of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967. These and subsequent space law conventions, as well as laws and cases concerning uses of outer space and environmental issues, are covered in I.H. PH. DIEDERIKS-VERSCHOOR, AN INTRODUCTION TO SPACE LAW/KZD3489 .D54 1999. Essays by European and Canadian lawyers and scholars published for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty are found in GABRIEL LAFFERRANDERIE & DAPHNÉ CROWTHER, OUTLOOK ON SPACE LAW OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS/KZD1145 .O93 1997.

Since 1958, the [International Institute of Space Law](#) (IISL) has held annual colloquia on space law, the proceedings of which are published by the [American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics](#) and found in the Reading Room at KZD1024 .C64. The IISL presently has individual and institutional elected members from over 40 countries who are distinguished for their contributions to space law development. The [Institute of Air and Space Law](#) (IASL) at McGill University in Montreal has published the ANNALS OF AIR AND SPACE LAW/KZD1021 .A55 since 1976. The latest volume includes articles on *The Debate over the Weaponization of Space* and *The UNIDROIT Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets*. The IASL Web site at <http://www.iasl.mcgill.ca/spacelaw/> has PDF versions in English and French of major space law treaties.

The [United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs \(UNOOSA\)](#) is the Secretariat for the [Legal Subcommittee](#) of the United Nations [Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space \(COPUOS\)](#), which is the primary international forum for the development of laws and principles governing outer space. The Space Law section of the UNOOSA Web site at <http://www.oosa.unvienna.org/Spacelaw/spacelaw.htm> provides links to a host of valuable primary and secondary legal resources.

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