

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: ETHICS OF SPACE

Abstracts of 250-300 words are invited for an edited volume on the ethics of human activity in space.

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Publisher subject to confirmation but the target is the Springer *Space and Society* series. **Abstracts should be sent to james.schwartz@wichita.edu. Deadline: 31st January, 2015.**

About the volume:

Since the publication of Jacques Arnould's *Icarus' Second Chance: The Basis and Perspectives of Space Ethics* (2011) there has been a steady improvement in the quality of work on the ethics of human activity off-world. Over the course of the next 18 months—2 years, a further three books dedicated to this subject (by Lupisella, Milligan and Munévar) are due for publication. After some false starts, a consolidated discourse is now beginning to emerge. The proposed edited volume will help to articulate key positions and clarify some of the main lines of argument. Papers on practical and theoretical perspectives are welcome and there is no proposed restriction of philosophical tradition.

Possible topics include:

Theoretical issues:

- Space humanism
- The idea of a cosmocentric ethic
- Microbial value
- Arguments for planetary integrity
- The application of environmental ethics

Practical issues:

- Property rights off-world
- Asteroid mining
- Fair access to space
- The ethics of risk
- Planetary protection
- Terraforming/ecopoiesis
- Justifying a mission to Mars

Invited contributors:

- Jacques Arnould (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, CNES)
- Frans von der Dunk (Othmer Professor of Space Law, University of Nebraska)
- Mark Lupisella (NASA)
- Gonzalo Munévar (author of *The Dimming of Starlight*)
- Charles Cockell (UK Centre for Astrobiology)