



Prof. Dr. Lesley Jane Smith LL.M.

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Lesley Jane Smith was appointed a full Professor of International Economic, Comparative Law and Anglo-American law at Leuphana University in 1996. She completed her undergraduate legal education in the UK and Italy, qualifying thereafter as a full member of the legal profession in the UK (Law Society of Scotland). She completed her Masters degree in European law in Belgium, and her legal doctorate at the University of Bremen. Prof Smith has experience in both government and private legal practice, including in France and Germany. She is a sometime DAAD scholar and has been a university lecturer for over twenty five years. She is sometime Rector of the Riga Graduate School of Law.

She is a renowned expert in the field of commercial space law with a strong focus on Europe's developing space policy and outer space programmes.

Her main areas of teaching are: European Economic law, European competition, European private law, and particularly comparative and international contracts and torts.

MEMBERSHIPS

Professor Smith is a Board Member of the **International Institute of Space Law (IISL)**, a UN accredited NGO that fosters the teaching, development and dissemination of space law. She is also an active member of the European Centre of Space Law (ECSL), hosted by the European Space Agency which organises the European rounds of the Manfred Lachs International Space Moot competition. Professor Smith was appointed visiting Professor of Space Law at the University of Strathclyde in 2012, with its centre of excellence in space engineering and technology. Strathclyde was instrumental in contributing to the development of the UK's very first Cubesat procured by the UK Space Agency that was launched in June 21014.

Lesley Jane Smith is a Member of Advisory Board for the series Studies in Space Law, Brill Publishers, Leiden Netherlands,

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and is a Board member of Women in Aerospace Europe (WIA-E), a networking platform for women in the aerospace sector, **<http://wia-europe.org>**

She is a member of the International Astronautical Academy (IAA) and was recently invited to accept the position of Honorary General Counsel to the International Aeronautical Federation (IAF).