The issues of U.S. space policy, space-based weapons, arms control and U.S.-China space relations are increasingly salient as space technology plays a progressively more important role in current military and commercial affairs. As the dominant power in space, the United States is faced with the challenge of maintaining a space policy that fosters cooperation and avoids conflict with other spacefaring nations.

In light of these evolving issues, the HEIRC Harvard Extension International Relations Club is hosting a panel on space security and the future of space relations.

December 9th, 2009
7:35 - 9:30 pm
NORTHWEST BUILDING
Room B-101

The Moderator:
Jennifer Donahue, a leading political analyst who has covered presidential races since 1992 for CNN, C-SPAN and other media organizations. Donahue is widely quoted by the New York Times, Boston Globe, Newsweek and was a Fall 2008 Fellow for Harvard Kennedy School’s Institute of Politics.

The Panelists:
Dr. Joan Johnson-Freese, Chair of the Department of National Security Strategy at the Naval War College. Dr. Johnson-Freese’s research has focused largely on space programs and policies, looking specifically at technology transfer and export, missile defense, transparency in space and regional development, transformation, and globalization. She is the recent author of Heavenly Ambitions: America’s Quest to Dominate Space.

Dr. Laura Grego, scientist for the Global Security Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. Dr. Grego’s expertise is on nuclear weapons, global security, and space-based weapons. Her research examines the technical issues of space weapons and the security costs and benefits of the space weapons for international security.

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