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Professional Experience

(most recent)

- 07/2022– present **Senior Research Fellow/Research Fellow**, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, Department of
- 08/2021 – 07/2023 **Grant Funded Researcher**, Ecosystems and Environment Research Program, Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science **HELSUS**, University of Helsinki
- 09/2019-07/2021 **Grant Funded Researcher, Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science HELSUS**, University of Helsinki
- 09/2017-12/2019 **Associate Professor** (docent), National Research University, Higher School of Economics (HSE)-St. Petersburg, Political Science Department, Russian Federation
- 01-07/2016 **Postdoctoral Scholar**, Melbourne Law School, Australia

Education

- PhD in Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (2010).
- MA in Political Science, University of Toronto, (2004).
- Hon.BA, Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Music, University of Toronto (2001).
- MLA, School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of British Columbia (2012-incomplete)

Publications

Monographs

- Elena Cirkovic, *The Earth System and Outer Space in International Law* (manuscript in preparation for the contract with Glass House Books, Routledge, ETC 2023).
- Elena Cirkovic, *Community, Law, and Justice: Conflict Between Indigenous Peoples' Claims to Self-Determination and the Transnational Extractive Industry in Peru and Canada* (2010, Toronto: Osgoode Hall Law School, York University).

Journal Articles

- Elena Cirkovic, "International Law beyond the Earth System: Orbital debris and interplanetary pollution" (December 2021) 13 *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment* 2.
- Elena Cirkovic, "The Next Generation of International Law: Space, Ice, and the Cosmolegal Proposal"(March 2021) 21 *German law journal* Volume 2.
- Elena Cirkovic, Danielle Wood, Mino Rathnasabapathy, Kristi Acuff, and Simon Potter "Sustainable orbit and the Earth System: mitigation and regulation" (2021) *Conference Proceedings, European Space Agency ESA/ESOC : 8th European Conference on Space Debris* (2021) and (forthcoming).

- Elena Cirkovic "A Creature in the Making: CyborgE" in *Anthropocenes* (forthcoming).
- Elena Cirkovic, "Grotius and his outer space moments" (2022) 43 GROTIANA 1 (Brill). Elena Cirkovic, "Incomplete world order: United Nations Security Council Resolution 2249 (2015) and the use of force in international law" (2017) *Comparative Law Review* 8.
- Elena Cirkovic, "Architecture of Sovereignty: Bosnian Constitutional Crisis, the Sarajevo Town Hall, and the Mêlée" (2015) 27 *Law and Critique*. Volume 1.
- Elena Cirkovic, (2010) "An Analysis of the ICJ Advisory Opinion on Kosovo's Unilateral Declaration of Independence" (2010) 7 *German Law Journal* 11.
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- Elena Cirkovic, "Global Legal Pluralism and Multipolar Conflicts: A Review of Oren Perez's "Sensitivity and Global Legal Pluralism: Rethinking the Trade and Environment Conflict" (2006) *German Law Journal*, Volume 7
- Elena Cirkovic, "The Myth of the Inkari: Colonial Foundations in International Law and Indigenous Struggles" (2006) YCISS York University Centre for International and Security Studies Papers.
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- Elena Cirkovic, "Self-determination and indigenous peoples in international law" (2007) 31 *American Indian Law Review* 2.

Book Chapters

- Elena Cirkovic, "Earth System Governance, the Orbit, and International Law" In: *Earth System Law: Standing on the Precipice of the Anthropocene*, Editors: Timothy Cadman, Margot Hurlbert, and Andrea C. Simonelli (Routledge November 30, 2021).
- "Cosmolegal proposal and Anthropocentrism in international law" In: *International Law and Anthropocentrism*, Editors: Frédéric Mégret, Usha Natarajan, and Vincent Chapoux (eds) (forthcoming 2021).
- (with Danielle Wood) Elena Cirkovic, "The Laws Protecting Outer Space Environments: a multidisciplinary perspective" In: Edited collection series: *Research Handbooks in Globalization and the Law*, Editors: Aoife O'Donoghue, Ruth Houghton and SeShauna Wheatle (Edward Elgar Research Handbook on Global Governance, 2022).
- Elena Cirkovic, "Hyperbole: Outer Space" In *Research Handbook in Law and Literature* Editors: Peter Goodrich, Daniela Gandorfer, and Cecilia Gebruers. (Edward Elgar, 2022).
- Elena Cirkovic, "The Cosmolegal of Outer Space Governance" In: *Institutions of Extraterrestrial Liberty*, Editors: Charles Cockell and Frans von der Dunk (forthcoming Oxford University Press, 2022)
- (with, Prathima Muniyappa, David Colby Reed and Danielle Wood) "Opportunities to pursue liberatory, anticolonial and antiracist designs for human societies beyond Earth" In: *Reclaiming Space: Progressive and Multicultural Visions of Space Exploration*. Editors: Linda Billings, Erica Nesvold, and James Schwartz (MIT Press 2022).
- Elena Cirkovic, "Contested Citizenship in Bosnia and Herzegovina" *Routledge Handbook of Global Citizenship Studies*. Editors: Engin Isin, and P. Nyers, P. 455-466 12 p. (Routledge International Handbooks 2014).

Encyclopedic Entries

- Elena Cirkovic, "Weaponization" in Mahulena Hoffmann and PJ Blunt (ed), *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Space Law* (Edward Elgar forthcoming).

Reports

UNOOSA, NSF's NoirLabs, IAU, Dark and Quiet Skies for Science and Society Working Group Reports (2022) available at:

https://www.iau.org/static/science/scientific_bodies/working_groups/286/dark-quiet-skies-2-working-groups-reports.pdf

(with Rawls, Meredith L.; Barron, Darcy; Birdwell, Ian; Cirkovic, Elena; Deck, Tim; Di Vruno, Federico; Gokhale, Vayujeet; Goodman, Matthew; Kafka, Stella; Kebe, Fatoumata; Knox, Doug; Krantz, Harrison; Kruk, Sandor; Lawler, Samantha; Monet, Dave; Peel, Mike; Tregloan-Reed, Jeremy; Zamora, Olga; Allen, Lori; Walker, Connie; Hall, Jeffrey) *SATCON2 Observations Working Group Report* available at: <https://zenodo.org/record/5608826#.YYeABdZByqB>

Blogposts

Hilding Neilson and Elena Cirkovic, "A response to the Canadian Space Agency (CSA): Consulting Canadians on a framework for future space exploration activities" (July 2021) In: *Völkerrechtsblog : international law & international legal thought*.

Elena Cirkovic, "The earth system, hydrosphere, and outer space: Cosmo-legal approaches", 9 Feb 2021, In: *Völkerrechtsblog : international law & international legal thought*.

Elena Cirkovic and Jonathan McDowell, "Defining military activities in outer space: the launching of the Iranian satellite Nour 1" (10 Jun 2020) In: *EJIL: Talk!*

Elena Cirkovic, "Narrating International Relations: A Balkan Sweater" *Development of Russian Law Blog June 2020* at: <https://blogs.helsinki.fi/developmentofrussianlaw/2020/06/15/narrating-international-relations-a-balkan-sweater/>

Elena Cirkovic, "Homeless, stateless, and global emergencies: international refugee law in times of crisis" *Development of Russian Law Blog* April 2020 available at: <https://blogs.helsinki.fi/developmentofrussianlaw/2020/04/07/homeless-stateless-and-globalemergencies/>

Elena Cirkovic, "Russia, international law, and the melting of the Arctic" (Jan 2018) In: *Völkerrechtsblog : international law & international legal thought*.

Elena Cirkovic, "Guest Editorial: Ice, space, and the final frontier of international law's universality" (2018) In: *European Society for International Law Newsletter*. 2018, March 24. Commentary on the Panel "Redistribution through Strategic Litigation".

Elena Cirkovic, "Exceptionality and context: Turkish intervention in Syria and the war on terror" (2016) In: *Völkerrechtsblog : international law & international legal thought*.

Other publications

- *Online portfolio available at:* <https://www.elenacirkovic.com/art>

Conference Presentations

SELECT INVITED TALKS

- 2022 as first author, "Promoting Sustainability Value in Space Traffic Management" Cirkovic, E., Wood, D., Rathnasabapathy, M., Acuff, K. Slavin, M. O'Connell, K. & Potter, S, IAA, 8th annual Space Traffic Management conference, "Anthropogenic Environmental Impact and Assessment of Space Traffic on Space Operations and Implications for Climate Change Monitoring" March 2-3, 2022.
- 2021 "The Cosmolegal of Outer Space Governance" Workshop, Institutions of Extra-terrestrial Liberty, University of Edinburgh (UK Centre for Astrobiology and Edinburgh Futures Institute) with the British Interplanetary Society (UK), the Open Lunar Foundation (US)

- 2021 as first author, "Sustainable orbit and the Earth system: mitigation and regulation" Cirkovic, E., Wood, D., Rathnasabapathy, M., Acuff, K. & Potter, S., 2021 European Space Agency ESA/ESOC : 8yj European Conference on Space Debris
- 2020 "Anthropogenic Space Objects" with Prof. Moriba Jah, Dr. Meredith Rawls, Daniel Ceperley and Doug Loverro, Space Watch Global webinar series.
- 2019 Seminar "Space, Ice and the Final Frontiers of International Law", Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions Faculty of Law and Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Haifa
- 2018 Keynote "Extractive industries, climate change, and the Russian Arctic: global strategies and local adaptations", Manchester International Law Centre, Manchester University Law School.
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Participation in External Research Programmes and Projects

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2021-current Member, International Astronomical Union (IAU), NoirLabs, SatCon2, International Law Working Group, Report Contributor/Co-author
- 2021-current Member, International Astronomical Union (IAU), NoirLabs, SatCon2, Observations Working Group (Constellations and the Dark Sky) Report Contributor/Co-author
- 2020-current Permanent Committee Member, Committee on Space Traffic Management, International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)
- 2018-current Associate Expert, Manual on International Law Applicable to Military Uses of Outer Space (MILAMOS) Project, McGill University
- 2019-current Research Fellow, Earth System Governance Project, Convenor: Task force on Earth System and Outer Space; Rapporteur for the Task force on Biodiversity.

Teaching Activities

- **(highlights):** Average student evaluations 4/5% based on:
- 2017-2019 Higher School of Economics (HSE), St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, Courses in *International Law, Introduction to the History of Political Thought, Transnational Governance and the Belt and Road Initiative, International Relations Theory, Transnational Law and Energy Governance in Eurasia*
- 2014-2016 Bilkent University, Turkey, Courses in *International Law*
- 2012-2014 University of British Columbia, Canada, Courses in *Indigenous Rights in International Law; International Law and Global Governance*
- 2011- 2012 Bonn University, Germany, Courses in *Global Constitutionalism, International Law, Comparative Constitutional Law*
- 2010- 2013 Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, Courses in *Aboriginal Law, International Law, International Political Economy, Canadian Constitutional Law, Comparative Law and Politics*

Other Professional Activities

Evaluation

- The École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) Internal Research Grants (2021-2022)

Professional Affiliations

(Select memberships in scholarly societies)

- International Institute of Space Law (IISL),
- International Academy of Astronautics (IAA);
- Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP).

- The International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- Social Studies of Outer Space Network
- Earth System Governance Project
- Daughters of Themis: International Network of Female Business Scholars

Scholarships and Prizes

(recent) RESEARCH FUNDING AND GRANTS

- 2021-2023 Arctic Avenue Funds: Project Leader
- 2019 Kone Fellowship Foundation: Project Anthropocentrism and Sustainability of the Earth System and Outer Space (ANTARES) <https://www2.helsinki.fi/en/erik-castren/institute/anthropocentrism-and-sustainability-of-the-earth-system-and-outer-space-antares>

OTHER SELECT AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2021 ASCEND Member of the Diverse Dozen, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- 2016 Professional Development Funding: Harvard University Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) Workshop Fund
- 2017 Transregional Academy, Redistribution and the Law in an Antagonistic World, Humboldt University Berlin.
- 2016 The 29th Helsinki Summer Seminar Law, War, and New Technologies, The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, Helsinki University.
- 2016 Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) Workshop, Harvard University Law School and Complutense University in Madrid.
- 2015 The 28th Helsinki Summer Seminar Sovereignty, Territory and Jurisdiction, The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, Helsinki University.
- 2013-14 Masters professional studies in landscape architecture: School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (SALA) Scholarship, University of British Columbia (UBC)
- 2009 Association of Transnational Law Schools (ATLAS) Agora Program, London School of Economics (LSE).
- 2006-7 PhD Dissertation Fellowship: The Jack and Mae Nathanson Centre Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada
- 2007-09 PhD Dissertation Scholarship: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Graduate Scholarship (SSHRC), Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada
- 2007-09 PhD Dissertation Scholarship: Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada
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