

The SUNY Plattsburgh Institute for Ethics in Public Life presents
“Should We Be Privatizing Space?”

Apr. 23 (W) at 3:30 in person or on Zoom (see below)

Over the last 15 years we have seen private firms become major players in orbital launch and satellites. In 2024, SpaceX alone accounted for more than half of all orbital launches, and Starlink satellites account for 60% of all operating satellites. The current path is towards a world where space operations are dominated by private firms.

What have been the costs and benefits of this rapid privatization of space? What ethical issues are raised by private space operations? Is more regulation necessary?



We welcome special guest Dr. John McMahon of the Department of Political Science to help us understand this important topic. This forum is an opportunity for students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and community members to come together and learn about this issue.

Join us in person in Hawkins 233 (the Institute offices) or
on Zoom at <https://plattsburgh.zoom.us/j/85407269041>

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