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CHINA’S APPROACH TO SPACE2030: IDEATIONAL AND POLITICAL ECONOMIC
CONSTRAINTS ON NORMATIVE CONVERGENCE WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Abstract

Over the past three decades, Beijing has developed its own norms and priorities on sustainability and development. It remains unclear whether the space policy and scientific domain in the PRC lies in a sufficiently independent organizational field and is defined by its own epistemic community to deviate from the overall trend of Chinese interests in other UN institutions. Our preliminary analysis of Chinese and other source materials will outline key factors that would support or impede Chinese policymakers’ intention to control the discourses, normative framework, and governing mechanisms for Space2030. These factors include China’s domestic challenges in achieving climate change mitigation goals, its space weapons development trajectory, and its increasing engagement with space ambitious of Global South nations.