



Notes from the Chair

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The publication of this fourteenth issue of the *Journal of Space Philosophy* comes at an important transition time for the Kepler Space Institute (KSI), the United States, and the global Space community. KSI was awarded graduate-level academic licensing in 2019 by the State of Florida, the US Administration and NASA proclaimed an ambitious plan to return humans to the Moon by 2024 and on to Mars by 2033, and several nations along with the European Space Agency are joining with commercial Space companies to plan dramatic new Space exploration and development missions.

Note that this issue is dedicated to the critically important independent variable for the long-range improvement and survival of humanity – learning through education.

The feature article by Dr. Barry Elsey and Dr. Amina Amarova provides the foundations for KSI's academic programs launching in the Fall of 2019. The title is, "An Imagined Order: Connecting Ideas About Quality Education to Human Communities Living in Outer Space."

KSI takes great pride in planning to help prepare the needed leadership for humanity's next huge step into the universe for the improvement and survival of our species.

