

## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S LETTER

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In this issue of the *Journal of Space Philosophy*, Bryant Cruse explores how the existence of open frontiers, such as the western frontier in the United States, shapes human cultures, and he then applies his conclusions to space. Sylvester Kaczmarek examines ways to construct trustworthy autonomous AI systems to detect anomalies and threats in cislunar space. He argues that a synthesis of philosophy and engineering can promote adaptive, secure computation that safeguards humanity's stellar future. Annette Mercedes discusses ways that reproductive rights could be protected or compromised in future space habitats, arguing that reproduction is both an ethical and a political concern. She cautions against replicating existing governance models, which may reinforce colonialism or patriarchy, advocating instead for justice-centered policies in future space habitats.

Nick Nielsen examines the place of prayerful attitudes in infrastructure planning and development, especially in the light of the future space exploration, development, and settlement. Finally, Yug Raman Srivastava and Heather Allansdottir explore legal issues in temporal sovereignty, particularly in situations in which parties to contracts are on different planets and therefore have days of different lengths and no common calendars. Again, they raise concerns about colonialism and the dangers of applying terrestrial clocks and calendars to other locations where they do not fit.

We continue to seek articles for next year's issues. Please send abstracts for consideration by February 1 or August 1 to Jason Batt at [jason@jbatt.com](mailto:jason@jbatt.com). We will need the finished articles by March 1 or September 1.

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