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THE EMERGING 5.0 ERA: LAW, GOVERNANCE & ETHICS AT THE FRONTIER

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The future I was referring to in my 2019 TEDx talk "[The Future of the Space 4.0 era](#)", has already arrived in the form of Space 5.0. Being space informed in the space 4.0 era has engendered mixed feelings of excitement and worry. Is our space future going to be one marked by promise and progress or more of the same injustices we have seen in the past, as scientists and innovators pay little attention to social concerns? A new breed of advocates are calling for change which marks the Space 5.0 era.

Space 5.0 is characterized by 4 trends which have law, governance and ethics at the center: **Resisting the structures of coloniality**; a move towards **Operationalizing Equity**; application of principles of general areas of **terrestrial law to the space domain**; and application of principles of **polycentric governance**. As we move towards mainstreaming these concerns and sensibilities, it is the time for us all to be inward focused and reflective as Judith Butlers "Giving an Account of Oneself" calls for. As we are more aware of ourselves and what drives us, we will be able to open up ourselves to hear the other. This talk will provide food for thought to help us do just that.

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