

## SPACE RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

### Committee: Space Philosophy

**Director/Chair:** Dr. Marie-Luise Heuser

**Co-Chair:** Michael Schumann

#### **On the Subject of the Committee:**

The committee intends to acquaint the SRI community with existing and historical antecedents at the intersection of philosophy, humanistic thought, and space advocacy in order to facilitate international collaboration within and beyond the humanities against contemporary anti-space thinking (e.g., limits to growth). In line with this task, a research project will be launched to compare a variety of European and non-European traditions capable of promoting unity and continuity between Earth and space (near and far beyond) in philosophy, culture and science. With a view to contemporary pro-space movements, the institutionalization of space studies in the humanities will also be promoted.

#### **Committee Objectives:**

- to participate in the ongoing discussion on the above-mentioned topics with an interdisciplinary focus
- to comment on scientific developments in the humanities in connection with space travel
- to engage with opponents of space travel from the point of view of space humanism
- to disseminate space humanist thinking within and outside the scientific community

#### **Current Efforts:**

- In-depth research on precursors of space philosophy/ space advocacy
- Investigation of cross-cultural influences on space travel and rocket science
- Delineation of space humanism based on the legacy of the Renaissance
- Examination of "space thinking" in natural philosophy

#### **Development Plan(s), Agenda, Current Works, Projects, Meetings:**

- Webinar series on historical/contemporary themes and representatives of space philosophy
- Participation to conferences, workshops, etc. related to the committee's topics
- International networking with other researchers and institutions
- Synthesis on space advocacy and space humanism

#### **Collaboration/Partnerships:**

- Gesellschaft für Kultur und Raumfahrt (KUR)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DGLR)
- Helmuth-Plessner-Gesellschaft (HPG)
- Further collaborations/ Partnerships

