

# 2° Manfred Lachs International Conference on Global Space Governance 2014

Plenary Session 2: Current and emerging trends in  
general global governance

**Chinese Space Station: a new  
challenge for international  
space cooperation?**

# Chinese Space Station

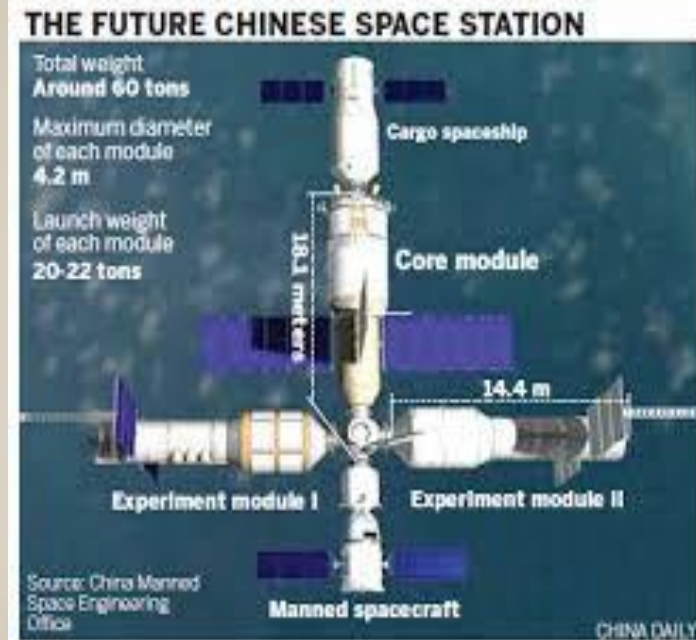
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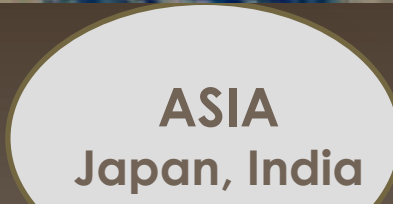
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➔ Possible international cooperation through **EXPERIMENTS** onboard

- **SIMBOX**
- **CARDIOSPACE**

➔ Different international approaches

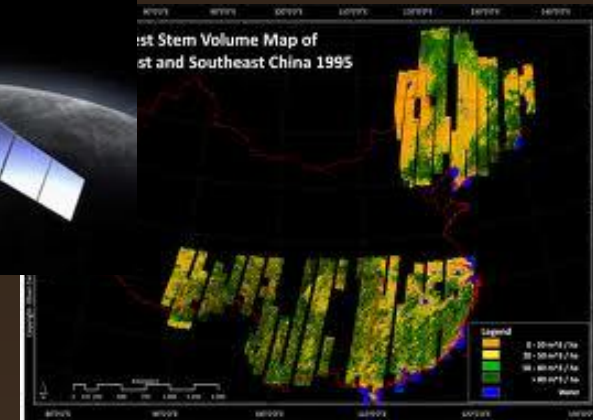
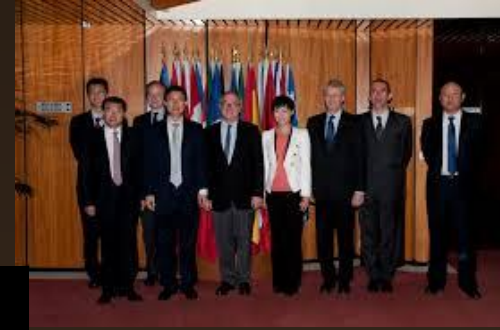




+ Multilateral Context

# Europe - China

- 1980
- Space Science and Earth Observation
- 2012- 2013 Bilateral meetings on training of astronauts



*Strategy of «Cherry Picking»*



# US - China

- ◉ Non-cooperation (ITAR)
- ◉ Need to overcome rivalry in the name of science
- ◉ Division between Pro-China and Anti-China



# Canada - China

- ◉ Canadian links to US, ESA and ISS
- ◉ China as possible partner in technology development
- ◉ Canada role of Facilitator



# Asia (Japan & India) - China

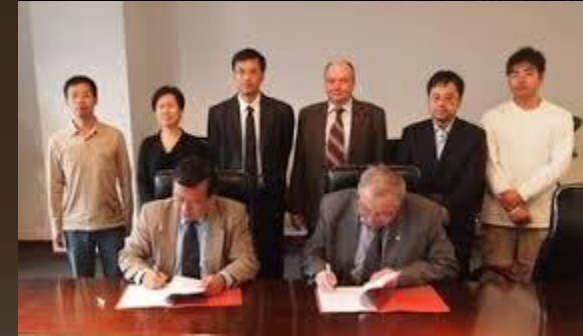
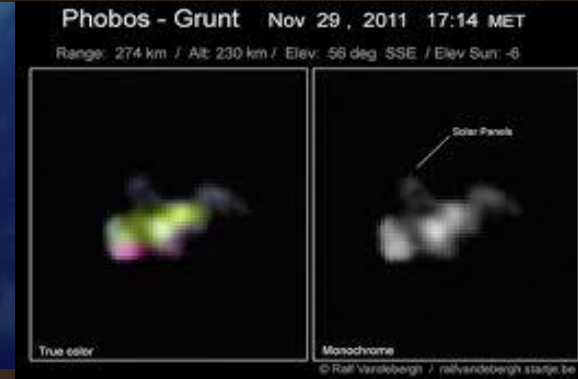
○ APSCO vs APRSAF



○ Indian antagonism towards China

# Russia - China

- ◉ 1989
- ◉ Joint subcommittee and representation offices
- ◉ Both Countries are unwilling to talk openly on their space cooperation





# Multilateral Context

- Space Exploration Coordination Group (ISECG)
- UN- COPUOS



# Conclusions:

Chinese Space Station: open possibilities:

China as leading Country of an INTRA-ASIAN  
SPACE COOPERATION through APSCO partners,  
with a total different cooperation model respect  
to the ISS one

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Visible and relevant role in multilateral space fora

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Bilateral talks for a gradual scientific approach on  
common projects and experiments

**Thank you!**

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