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Throughout the book, the author accompanies legal reasoning with vibrant insights on the state-of-the-art of space law and policy at the international, regional and national levels. From this perspective, its ambition is to rise an ever-increasing interest of University students in the law of outer space activities.

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