



Moon Dialogs

# 2020: Voices of the Community

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## The Final Salon of 2020

The ninth Moon Dialogs Research Salon took place on Monday, December 14th, with the aim for the entire Moon Dialogs community to collectively reflect upon the research salon series. This salon revisited highlights from the past year and shared an end-of-the-year report to summarize policy recommendations surfaced during the course of the salons. Further, it gave the community an opportunity to share their personal highlights and insights from the first eight salons. Next to our convenors, many former panelists and regular attendants from all disciplines joined together in collaboratively defining what the Moon Dialogs is, what it represents, and what it should become.

## What did we set out to accomplish? Voices of Conveners

"Lunar policy and lunar activity is real. So as I got to know folks from the Open Lunar Foundation we realized that we do need to have these dialogues and open discussions. Open Lunar happened to know all these other organizations and we all got together."

- **Chris Johnson**

"How do we host a group of people who maybe disagree with each other or maybe occupy very different ends of the spectrum, coming together over a long period of time to have that continuity of conversation over the course of multiple topics, and then to be able to collectively assemble different viewpoints into propositions that could become workable proposals."

- **Chelsea Robinson**

"At MIT Media Lab we call ourselves anti-disciplinarians. We like to think about alternative ways of thinking about really old problems. I was really enticed by that vision of thinking collaboratively and openly using models and frameworks that have worked in other avenues and applying them to space."

- **Mehak Sarang**

"This really turned into a community and I think it is really important because in these times of COVID we have all witnessed a lot of physical community suffer and it has been really special to see this community grow."

- **Michelle Hanlon**



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## Views from the Community

### WHAT IS MOON DIALOGS TO YOU?

Moon Dialogs is discussion between very different opinions, positions, and views. It is disagreement. These challenges in conversation are parallel to the challenges of interacting in space. Space governance is not just about technology, it is just as much about values and relationships. The Moon is a mirror that reflects back at us our own intentions, shortcomings, potential, and our ideologies. Moon Dialogs tries to open up the challenge of space governance, bringing together different disciplines. The community working on space and space governance is substantial. If we all come out of our own silos we can come together and solve institutional gridlock. The collaboration of this community is greater than the sum of its parts.

### 2020 SALONS: A JOURNEY

Governance and policy making needs to take technical realities of space environment into account. The discussions throughout the Moon Dialogs series have displayed and encouraged leadership on multidisciplinary, thought leadership, and views from all perspectives. The setting of a learning experience rather than a teaching experience fosters mutual learning throughout levels of participation.

### WHAT WE WANT TO SEE IN 2021

#### **Diversity:**

It is one of the most recurring desires of participants and conveners alike that Moon Dialogs keeps increasing its reach to even more views such as more commercial viewpoints of space investors, more artistic and cultural sets of viewpoints as well as greater representation of international communities, especially from Asia.

#### **Direction:**

The Moon Dialogs community agrees that 2020 was an incredibly productive year of community formation, groundwork, and direction setting. In 2021 Moon Dialogs should continue while gaining more directionality. A roadmap of connected and interrelated topics will help to focus the community's knowledge and experience into a more functional policy-making and advisory body. Continued efforts on conclusions and recommendations to the specific sessions will only increase the community's position to positively contribute to future space governance in a transdisciplinary and polycentric fashion.



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