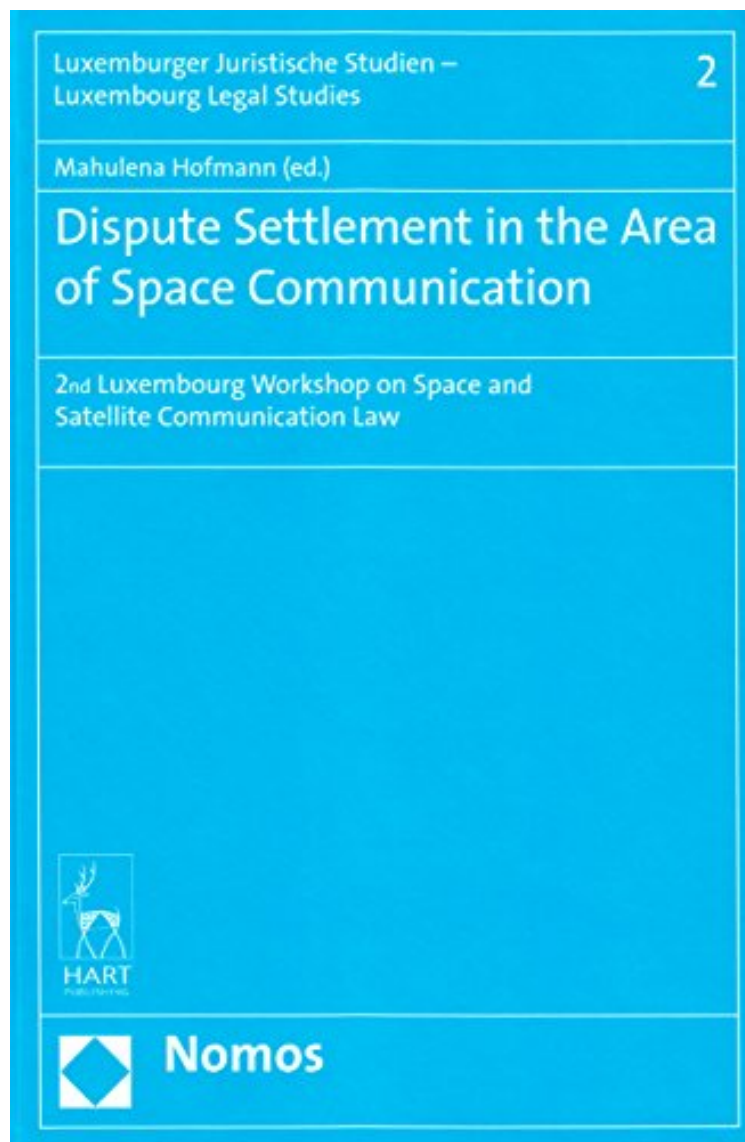


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[W]e would certainly recommend this work to those involved in dispute settlement and telecommunications law. The book contains many useful insights for practitioners, and is food for thought for academics who would like to further elaborate on the topic. (Piergiuseppe Pusceddu *Transnational Dispute Management*) About the Author Mahulena Hofmann is SES Chair in Satellite Communications and Media Law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Luxembourg.