

***Historical perspective on
international air transport regimes
and power relations***

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Security / Commercial concerns opportunity

**State
governments**

airlines

ICAO

IATA



Early efforts state practice vs. analogy

- **Institute of International Law
1880, 1906**
- **1910 Paris conference
world's first international aviation
conference**



- **1909 first *international* flight (Louis Blériot)**
- **1910 first *commercial* air service**
- **DELAG first scheduled air *passenger* service 1910-14**



Freedom of the air vs. state sovereignty

Freedom of the sea (Grotius)

cf. territorial waters

***Freedom of passage right or
concession?***



After World War I

- **Paris Convention of 1919**
- **Interallied Aviation Committee → Aeronautical Commission**
- ***”complete and exclusive sovereignty”***
- **bilateral government negotiations (reciprocity)**



After World War II

- **November 1944 Chicago conference**
International Air Services Transit Agreement
ICAO
- **1946 US-British Bermuda agreement**
IATA



Power

- **US-British wartime understanding
transport aircraft / fighters, bombers**
- **Geographical assets +
state of technology**



Deregulation, liberalization

1977 US international aviation policy

- ◆ denunciation, renegotiation of bilateral agreements

- ◆ Show Cause Order

1990s EU



New challenges

- **9/11
security, safety**
- **Global warming
technological development**
- **Public-private partnership**

