

WTI Talk to the expert

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EVOLUTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WITHIN THE WTO: THE TRIPS AGREEMENT

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Silva Casa Auditorium, World Trade Institute, Hallerstrasse 6, CH-3012 Bern or online (details below)

Brief Description

Global governance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is addressed by the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the specialised agency of the United Nations, through a number of treaties administered by it. Inclusion of IPR within the WTO regime since 1995 has been a paradigm shift and has added a completely different dimension, often polarising position between industrialised and developing countries.

The lecture will present an overview of the evolution of IPR within the WTO with the TRIPS Agreement becoming a foundational pillar of the WTO regulatory regime. It will discuss cases the key roles played by some of the developing country members of the WTO and how TRIPS impacted public policy making on IPR in the developing countries finally leading to the amendment of the TRIPS Agreement. The lecture help participants understand the historical background and provide a clear perspective on the ongoing IPR issues at the WTO.

Speaker Biography



Dr. Santanu Mukherjee is a legal practitioner and accredited commercial mediator and a member of the Supreme Court Bar in India. He is the founder and Head of Ex Lege Chambers, a boutique law chambers with offices in New Delhi and Kolkata in India. Santanu specialises in IPR, International Trade (WTO) Policy and Technology Laws, extensively practising transactional law matters, including multi-party licensing; policy advisory, dispute resolution and commercial mediation, including deal mediation.

Called to the Bar in India, he started as a litigator at the Calcutta High Court and later worked in various responsibilities spanning a career of 25 years. In diverse roles, he had been extensively engaged in multi-party negotiations at the WTO, WIPO, UNCTAD, ITU & UNFCCC, including in different Climate Change conferences.

Santanu Chairs the Policy Section of the Indian National Bar Association and sits on the Executive Committee (India) of the International Chambers of Commerce and the National Committee on International Trade Policy of the Confederation of Indian Industries. He actively engages in pro bono work, delivers seminars and mentors young professionals. He has a Doctor of Law (Ph.D.) and Master of International Law and Economics (M.I.L.E.) from the World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland. Had obtained his LL.B. from Calcutta University, India and was a British Chevening Scholar reading Corporate – Commercial laws at the University of Law, York, U.K.

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