

# Module I

# Innovation and Intellectual Property Protection: Foundations and Challenges

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**ECTS**: 3

**Lecturers**: Thomas Cottier, Jayashree Watal, Mattias Käch, Kamran Houshang Pour, Erik Thevenod Mottet, Martin Girsberger, Julie Poupinet and Lucas von Wattenwyl.

**Location:** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and following the guidelines established by the University of Bern, all courses of the 2020 WTI Summer Academy will only be held online. This course will have live sessions on <u>Zoom</u>.

**Dates**: 29 June – 3 July (4 July take-home assessment).

# Audience:

- Government officials; Embassy staff; people working for international organisations and NGOs
- Master of Advanced Studies of International Law and Economics (MILE) Students
- Joint LL.M. / Diploma of Advanced Studies Trade and Investment Law (TRAIL+)
   Students World Trade Institute / Faculty of Law, Unibe
- Certificate of Advanced Studies / Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics (CAS ILE & DAS ILE) Students - World Trade Institute, Unibe
- Students from different universities across Switzerland

# **Course Description:**

Intellectual property rights play an increasing role in international trade and the process of globalization and regionalization. Global value chains and division of labour strongly depends upon intellectual property protection which in turn also influences trade flows. The module expounds the fundamental principles of IP protection in the multilateral



trading system of the WTO and preferential trade agreements. It offers and introduction to different forms of rights, scope of rights, and students are exposed to leading WTO case law. The module particularly focuses in a case study on the implications of patents on public health and pharmaceuticals in the developing world. The module offers an introduction into trademarks and geographical indications and explains the different modes of registration of intellectual property rights and research tools for patent and trademark landscaping. The introduction is taught by academics, former trade negotiators and experienced practioners.

#### **Exams and Grades:**

24 hours take home assignment to be released on Thursday after class. It will consist of...

#### Schedule

Topic	Lecturer	Time	Day	Date	Class
Foundations	Thomas Cottier	09:00-12:00	Monday	29 June	1
Legal Principles of IPR	Thomas Cottier	14:00-16:00			
Main Forms Scope of IPR	Thomas Cottier	09:00-12:00	Tuesday	30 June	2
Nature of IPRs 8 relation to HF	Thomas Cottier	14:00-16:00			
Economics o IPR	Jayashree Watal	09:00-12:00	Wednesday	1 July	3
Patent Protection & Public Health	Lucas von Wattenwyl	14:00-16:00			
IGE Trademarl Protectior	Mattias Käch	09:00-12:00	Thursday	2 July	4
Geographical Indication & the Protection of The	Erik Thevenod Mottet & Martin Girsberger	14:00-16:00			
IGE Registration of Patent & Trademark	Kamran Houshang Pour & Matthias Käch	09:00-12:00	Friday	3 July	5
Patent & Trademarl Landscaping	Kamran Houshang Pour & Julie Poupinet	14:00-16:00			
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# Biography of the Lecturers:

#### **Thomas Cottier**

Prof.em. Thomas Cottier, former Managing Director of the World Trade Institute, is Professor Emeritus of European and International Economic Law at the University of Bern. He published widely in the field of international economic law, with a particular focus on constitutional theory and intellectual property. He directed the national research programme on trade law and policy (NCCR International Trade Regulation: From Fragmentation to Coherence) located at the WTI from 2006-2014. He is an associate editor of several journals. He was a visiting professor at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, the Paris I Sorbonne, University of Barcelona, and regularly teaches at the Europa Institut Saarbrücken, Germany, at Wuhan University, China, at the University of Torino and more recently at the University of Ottawa, Canada. He was a member of the Swiss National Research Council from 1997-2004 and served on the board of the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) Rome during the same period. He served the Baker & McKenzie law firm as Of Counsel from 1998 to 2005. He held several positions in the Swiss External Economic Affairs Department and was the Deputy-Director General of the Swiss Intellectual Property Office. Prof. Cottier has a long-standing involvement in GATT / WTO activities. He served on the Swiss negotiating team of the Uruguay Round from 1986 to 1993, first as Chief negotiator on dispute settlement and subsidies for Switzerland and subsequently as Chief negotiator on TRIPs. He has served as a member or chair of several GATT and WTO panels and currently serves on a high level panel reviewing the International Health Regulations of the World Health Organization.

#### Jayashree Watal

Ms. Watal is Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law and Honorary Professor at the National Law University, Delhi. She was Counsellor in the Intellectual Property Division of the World Trade Organization from February 2001 to July 2019, where she has dealt with negotiations on TRIPS and public health. She has more than twenty two years of experience in government in India, of which ten years was devoted to policy, diplomacy, research and administration on intellectual property rights, including representing India in the TRIPS negotiations. She has researched and published on issues related to intellectual property rights, including a book Intellectual Property Rights in the WTO and Developing Countries (Oxford University Press, India and Kluwer Law International, 2001). She was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for International Development at Harvard University (2000) and at the Institute for International Economics, Washington DC (Oct. 1998-August 2000) and at the George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C. (1997-2000). She worked in the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce as Director, Trade Policy Division, New Delhi (1995-1998). She



has a post-master's degree in trade law (DESS) from the University of Paris-V; M.A. in Economics from Gokhale Institute for Politics and Economics, Pune, India; and a B.A. from Fergusson College, Pune, India.

#### Mattias Käch

Matthias Käch served as Head of Training at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IGE) for seven years. He started working for the Trade Mark Division of the IGE twenty-two years ago as trade mark examiner. After receiving a DAS in Intellectual Property Rights at the University of Bern in 2004 he worked as a member of the trade mark opposition section as well. In 2009 he started lecturing as an IP-Trainer regarding all fields of intellectual property with the main emphasis on trade mark law. In 2010 he received a MAS in Brand- and Marketing Management at the University of Applied Science in Luzern. Since 2011 he was Head of Training and offers today lectures as Senior IP-Trainer.

#### Kamran Houshang Pour

Dr. Kamran Houshang Pour is patent expert and IP trainer at Swiss Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) in Bern. After obtaining a PhD in physics at the EPF Lausanne he worked as product manager at Nortel Networks in Zurich, where he conducted yield improvement projects for the existing products, qualified new products and introduced them into the market. He later cofounded a consulting entity providing technical supports specially for young startups by the quality management as well as by the technical questions. After a master in statistics at the Université de Neuchâtel he returned as Post Doc to EPFL (TRANSP-OR) conducting an externally financed project on modeling customer behavior. Since 2008, he is working at IPI, where as patent expert he conducts different type of patent searches, such as validity or freedom-to-operate searches, and examines patent applications in his field of knowledge. As IP trainer, he gives lectures on divers intellectual property subjects at the universities and in the companies.

#### **Erik Thévenod-Mottet**

Erik Thévenod-Mottet is advisor at the Swiss Institute of Intellectual Property for national and international affairs on geographical indications (Gls) and indications of source, since 20009. He previously worked as a researcher within European scientific projects, as well as in a certification body or for interprofessional organisations, always in relation to Gls.

#### Martin Girsberger

Martin Girsberger is Head of the unit 'Sustainable Development & International Cooperation' at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI), where he has been working since 1998. He is responsible for the intellectual property-related aspects of sustainable development, including biodiversity, environment, and food and agriculture. He has been a member of the Swiss delegations to the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of the World Intellectual Property Organization; the TRIPS Council; and the Convention on Biological Diversity. Additionally, he is responsible for the international cooperation activities of the IPI, which aim at improving the economic situation in countries through reforms in the field of intellectual property. Martin Girsberger holds an Attorney at Law, a Dr. iur. (University of Berne), and an LL.M.-degree (Duke Law School). He is the author of several publications covering the issues of traditional knowledge,



Farmers' Rights, access and benefit sharing, and intellectual property.

#### **Julie Poupinet**

Julie Poupinet is head of a examination team and of the trademark search team at the Swiss Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) and responsible for the implementation of the Madrid System at IPI as a designated country. In this capacity she represents Switzerland at the Working Group on the legal development of the Madrid System at WIPO. Previously she occupied several positions in the trademark division giving her a broad overview of the practices at IPI.

#### Lucas von Wattenwyl

Lucas von Wattenwyl is a senior advisor at the Swiss IP office (IPI), looking after matters in the interdisciplinary field of intellectual property, innovation and public health. In his previous position at the IPI, he negotiated the IP Chapter in free trade negotiations on behalf of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and was part of the Swiss delegation to the WTO/TRIPS Council. Before that, he worked for a multinational IT company in the UK looking after company secretarial matters, and prior to that as a lawyer in Switzerland.

# **Learning Objectives:**

- To understand the rationale and motivation, sources, basic underlying principles, rights and obligations of different forms of the international intellectual property protection, with particular focus on the TRIPs Agreement and its operation within the WTO and PTAs.
- To appreciate the key economic trade-offs associated with the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights.
- To understand the interpretation of the TRIPs Agreement and familiarise with main TRIPs-related jurisprudence of the WTO on national treatment in IPRs and interpretation of the TRIPs Agreement.
- To understand to role of Preferential Trade Agreements in the field of IPRs.
- To understand the main forms of intellectual property rights (IPRs), in particular the protection of inventions, how to get and how to enforce or invalidate them.
- To discuss the main interconnection between intellectual property rights, innovation and global health.
- To deepen knowledge and assess the linkages of trademark protection, unfair competition, technical barriers to trade and health in a WTO case study
- To understand the interface of and to differentiate between the legal, economic and policy dimension of international disputes.
- To get to know some of IPI's tasks and services.



- To get to know the different patent application procedures.
- To understand the legal delays with patents.
- To understand the necessity of patent researches

# Monday, June 29, 2020

**Lecturer:** Thomas Cottier

Subject: Foundations & Legal Principles of IPRs

**Topics:** Introduction to Intellectual Property

- The Legal Concept and Functions of Intellectual Property
- o A Brief History of Intellectual Property Protection
- The Genesis of the TRIPS Agreement
- Common Features and Basic Principles of the International IPR System
  - National Treatment and Reciprocity
  - Most Favored Nation Treatment
  - Territoriality
  - o Promotion of Creativity, Invention and Competition
  - Ubiquity and Exhaustion of Rights
  - Right of Priority
  - Duration of Intellectual Property Rights
    - 1. TRIPS Agreement Norms on Duration
    - 2. Berne Convention Norms on Duration

# **Compulsory Reading Material**

- Cottier, T., Principles, Sources and Interpretation of International Intellectual Property Law, Berne: Unpublished Teaching Materials, 2017 p. 1-20.
- Thomas Cottier, The TRIPs Agreement (2005) Thomas Cottier, Dannie Jost, Michelle Schupp, The Prospects of TRIPs plus Protection in Future Mega Regional Agreements (2017)
- Abbott, Fred / Cottier Thomas / Gurry Francis: The International Intellectual Property System, The Hague et al. 1999, pp. 128-130, 185-187



# **Optional Materials**

- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (included in the WTO Legal Texts)
- Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, pp.1-20.
- Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, pp. 1-29.
- WIPO, Intellectual Property Handbook: Policy, Law and Use, Geneva: WIPO Publications, 2004.
  - Available at: http://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/iprm/index.html
- WIPO, Intellectual Property Handbook: Policy, Law and Use, Geneva: WIPO
  Publications, 2004. Chapter 5: International Treaties and Conventions on
  Intellectual Property,

Available at: http://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/iprm/index.html

- Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations
- Geneva Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonogram
- WIPO Copyright Treaty
- WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty

# Tuesday, June 30, 2020

**Lecturer:** Thomas Cottier

Subject: Main Forms Scope of IPRs & the Nature of IPRs & relation to HR

## **Topics:**

- Unfair Competition Law and Survey of Different Forms of IP including Unfair Competition Law
  - The Protection of Unfair Competition
  - Copyright and Neighbouring Rights
  - o Trademarks and Geographical Indications
  - Patents
  - Industrial Designs and Integrated Circuits
  - o Trade Secrets and Undisclosed Information
- The Scope of Intellectual Property Rights
  - o Rights
  - o B. Exceptions



- o C. Voluntary Licensing
- o D. Compulsory Licensing
- E. Relationship to Anti-trust and Competition Law

# **Compulsory Reading Material**

- Thomas Cottier, Krista Nadakvularen Schefer (eds), Elgar Encyclopaedia of Public International Law, Cheltenham, Northampton 2017, pp. 516-537.
- Cottier, T., "The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights", in Macroy, P.F.J., Appleton, A.E., Plummer, M.G. (eds.), The World Trade Organization: Legal, Economic and Political Analysis, Springer, Vol. 1, 2005, pp. 1041-1122
- Thomas Cottier, Matthias Oesch, International Trade Regulation: Law and Policy in the WTO, The European Union and Switzerland, Bern London 2005 p. 924-928
- WIPO, Understanding Industrial Property, Geneva 2009, pp. 1-8 & 15-19
- Abbott, Fred / Cottier Thomas / Gurry Francis: The International Intellectual Property System, The Hague et al. 1999, pp. 21-28 & 65-68 & 196-198
- Cottier, T., Lalani, S., Temmerman M., Use It or Lose It: Assessing the Compatibility
  of the Paris Convention and TRIPS Agreement with Respect to Local Working
  Requirements, 17 Journal of International Economic Law 437-471 (2014).

# **Optional Reading Materials**

- Abbott, F. M; Cottier, T., Gurry, F., International Intellectual Property Protection in an integrated World Economy, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Walters Kluwer 2019
- Cottier, T., Embedding Intellectual Property in International Law, in: P.Roffe, X.
   Seuba, Current Alliances in International Intellectual Property Law-Making, 15-44 (ICTSD/CEIPI Geneva 2017)
- Cottier, T., Industrial Property Protection International Protection, Encyclopaedia of Public International Law, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
- Cottier, T. and Oesch, M., International Trade Regulation Law and Policy in the WTO, the European Union and Switzerland, London: Cameron May and Berne: Stämpfli Publishers, 2005, pp. 916-964.
- Cottier, T. and Véron, P. (eds.), Concise International and European IP Law TRIPS, Paris Convention, European Enforcement and Transfer of Technology, Alphen aan den Rijn: Kluwer Law International, 2008.
- Cottier, T., Trade and Intellectual Property Protection in WTO Law: Collected Essays, London: Cameron May, 2005.



# Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Takes place at IPI Bern, Stauffacherstrasse 65/59g (www.ige.ch/en/about-us/contact-and-location/location.html)

# Morning session 09:00 - 12:00

**Lecture**: Jayashree Watal **Subject**: Economics of IPRs

- A. Discussion of your answers on the 20 questions on patents
- B. Basic principles of the protection of inventions by patents: How to get them, what rights do they give you, how to enforce or invalidate them, among other things.
- C. Other forms of protection of inventions: undisclosed information, supplementary protection certificates

# **Background Documents**

Please, bring with you the WTO (1994) TRIPS Agreement, Articles 27-34, 39, 63, 65-66: <a href="http://www.wto.org/english/docs-e/legal-e/27-trips-01-e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/docs-e/legal-e/27-trips-01-e.htm</a>

#### **Compulsory Reading Material**

Test '20 Questions on Patents'

**IMPORTANT**: Before you come to class on Wednesday morning, please take about 45 minutes to answer in writing the 20 questions in the Patent Test which you will get electronically by the teaching assistant.

The test focuses on patent standards and minimum requirements as set out in the TRIPS-Agreement and is designed to demonstrate key points about patents in a contextual framework. For more information: see WIPO, Understanding Industrial Property, Geneva 2009, pp. 1-8 & 15-19

WIPO, Understanding Industrial Property, Geneva 2016, pp. 8-12

#### **Optional Readings Materials** (if interested)

- WIPO Intellectual Property Handbook (WIPO Publication No. 489): Policy, Law and Use (http://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/iprm/), Chapter 2 on Fields of Intellectual Property Protection, pp. 17 – 27 (= chapter numbers 2.1 – 2.82)
- WIPO, Inventing the future An Introduction to Patents for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Geneva 2006
- Bessen J. & Meurer M. J.: What's Wrong with the Patent System? Fuzzy Boundaries and the Patent Tax, excerpt 2007
- Bessen J. & Meurer M.J.: Patent Failure, Princeton 2008



- Carvalho, Nuno Pires, The TRIPS Regime of Patent Rights, Chapter 'Introduction' (read pp. 1-8 and 15-22), Kluwer, The Hague, 2002
- The Economist, Europe's unwieldy patent regime Smother of invention, 2009-07-24
- The Economist, Patents as financial assets Trolls demanding tolls, 2009-09-12
- Yamane, Hiroko, Interpreting TRIPS Globalisation of Intellectual Property Rights and Access to Medicines, Chapter 1 'Innovation Incentives (pp 9-28), Oxford/Portland 2011

# Afternoon Session 14:00 – 16:00

**Lecturer:** Lucas von Wattenwyl

**Subject:** Patent Protection & Public Health

#### **Topics**

- A. The access issue: interplay between patent protection and access to medicines
- B. The international policy debate and initiatives at the multilateral level; way forward
- C. Case Study; discussion

# **Background Documents:**

You don't have to read the following documents, but you have to bring them with you to class

- WTO (1994) TRIPS Agreement, Articles 27-34, 39, 63, 65-66:
   <a href="http://www.wto.org/english/docs\_e/legal\_e/27-trips\_01\_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/docs\_e/legal\_e/27-trips\_01\_e.htm</a>
- WTO Website, WTO Ministerial Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, 14 November 2001: https://www.wto.org/english/thewto\_e/minist\_e/min01\_e/mindecl\_trips\_e.htm
- WTO Website, WTO GC Decision on Paragraph 6 of the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, 30 August 2003:
   <a href="http://www.wto.org/english/tratop">http://www.wto.org/english/tratop</a> e/trips e/implem para6 e.htm

#### **Compulsory Reading Material**

• WTO, Fact Sheet: The Paragraph 6 System: Special Export Licenses for Medicines, 2013, pp. 1-6: https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/trips\_e/tripsfacsheet\_e.htm



- WTO, News release: WTO IP rules amended to ease poor countries' access to affordable medicines, 23 January 2017: https://www.wto.org/english/news\_e/news17\_e/trip\_23jan17\_e.htm
- WTO, Fact Sheet TRIPS and pharmaceutical patents, September 2006, <a href="https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/trips\_e/factsheet\_pharm00\_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/trips\_e/factsheet\_pharm00\_e.htm</a>
- The Economist, The drugs industry Battling borderless bugs, 7 January 2012 (2pp.): http://www.economist.com/node/21542410
- Abbott, F. M., The LDC Medicines Extension Question: Contemplating Next Steps (September 24, 2014). Bridges Africa: Trade and Sustainable Development News and Analysis on Africa, Vol. 3, No. 8, pp. 15-17, 2014; Available at SSRN: http://ssrn.com/abstract=2503692
- Krattiger, A., Promoting Access to Medical Innovation, WIPO Magazine, September 2013 (4pp.): <a href="https://www.wipo.int/wipo magazine/en/2013/05/article-0002.html">https://www.wipo.int/wipo magazine/en/2013/05/article-0002.html</a>
- Saez, C., LDC Pharma IP Waiver Until 2033 Approved By WTO TRIPS Council, Intellectual Property Watch, 6 November 2015 (2pp.): <a href="http://www.ip-watch.org/2015/11/06/ldc-pharma-ip-waiver-until-2033-approved-by-wto-trips-council/">http://www.ip-watch.org/2015/11/06/ldc-pharma-ip-waiver-until-2033-approved-by-wto-trips-council/</a>

# Suggested readings:

• <a href="http://documents.epo.org/projects/babylon/eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257">http://documents.epo.org/projects/babylon/eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257</a> <a href="http://documents.epo.org/projects/babylon/eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257">http://documents.eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257</a> <a href="http://documents.eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257">http://documents.eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257</a> <a href="http://documents.eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257">http://documents.eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257</a> <a href="http://documents.eponet.nsf/0/4E8744EB66E8F944C1257">http://documents.eponet.nsf/0/4E874E86E8F944C1257</a> <a href="http://documents.eponet.nsf/

## Optional Readings (if interested)

- UNAIDS Technical Brief, Doha+10 TRIPS Flexibilities and Access to Antiretroviral
  Therapy: Lessons from the Past, Opportunities for the Future, 2011:
  <a href="http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2011/JC2260\_DOHA+10TRIPS\_en.pdf">http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2011/JC2260\_DOHA+10TRIPS\_en.pdf</a>
- The United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines Report Promoting Innovation and Access to Health Technologies, September 14, 2016 by UN Secretary-General and Co-Chairs of the High-Level Panel: <a href="http://www.unsgaccessmeds.org/final-report/">http://www.unsgaccessmeds.org/final-report/</a>
- WHO/WIPO/WTO, Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation Intersections between public health, intellectual property and trade, A joint
  study by the World Health Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization
  and World Trade Organization Secretariat, 2012:
  <a href="https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/global\_challenges/628/wipo\_pub\_628">https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/global\_challenges/628/wipo\_pub\_628</a>
  <a href="mailto:pdf">.pdf</a>



- WTO Website, TRIPS and Health: Frequently Asked Questions on compulsory licensing of pharmaceuticals and TRIPS: <a href="http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/trips\_e/public\_health\_faq\_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/trips\_e/public\_health\_faq\_e.htm</a>
- WTO Website, Pharmaceutical Patents and the TRIPS Agreement:
   <a href="http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/trips\_e/pharma\_ato186\_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/trips\_e/pharma\_ato186\_e.htm</a>
- Abbott, F.M., Intellectual Property and Public Health: Meeting the Challenge of Sustainability, Global Health Programme Working Paper No. 7/2011, November 15, 2011, <a href="http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=1965458">http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=1965458</a>
- Abbott, Frederick M., The WTO Medicines Decision: World Pharmaceutical Trade and the Protection of Public Health. American Journal of International Law, Vol. 99, pp. 317-58, 2005. Available at SSRN: <a href="http://ssrn.com/abstract=763224">http://ssrn.com/abstract=763224</a>
- Addor, F., Swiss Initiative Seeks To Dispel « Black-And-White » View of Patents, Intellectual Property Watch, 19 December 2006:
   <a href="https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user-upload/recht/national/e/2006-12-19-IP-Watch\_Swiss\_initiative.pdf">https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user-upload/recht/national/e/2006-12-19-IP-Watch\_Swiss\_initiative.pdf</a>
- Holman C., Minssen T., Solovy E., Patentability Standards for Follow-On Pharmaceutical Innovation, 1 June 2018: <a href="https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/full/10.1089/blr.2018.29073.cmh">https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/full/10.1089/blr.2018.29073.cmh</a>
- Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Swiss health foreign policy and access to therapeutic products: <a href="https://www.ige.ch/en/intellectual-property/ip-and-society/swiss-health-foreign-policy-and-access-to-therapeutic-products.html">https://www.ige.ch/en/intellectual-property/ip-and-society/swiss-health-foreign-policy-and-access-to-therapeutic-products.html</a>

Thursday, July 2, 2020

Morning Session 09:00 - 12:00

Lecture: Mattias Käch

**Subject**: Trademark protection

#### **Topics**

- Absolute grounds of refusal
  - o Descriptive terms
  - Misleading signs
  - Signs contrary to public order or morality

#### Relative grounds of refusal

- Similar trade marks
- Similar goods and services
- Likelihood of confusion
- Comparison to unfair competition



Use of trade marks

# **Compulsory Reading Material**

Absolute Grounds of Trademark Refusal:
 <a href="http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/sct/en/meetings/pdf/wipo\_strad\_inf\_5.p">http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/sct/en/meetings/pdf/wipo\_strad\_inf\_5.p</a>
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#### **Optional Readings** (if interested)

- WIPO: Making a Mark An Introduction to Trademarks for Small and Medium-Sized
   Enterprises. (This practical guide for small and medium-sized enterprises explains
   how to use them strategically to help build and protect your brand)
   http://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4208&plang=EN
- WIPO: In Good Company: Managing Intellectual Property Issues in Franchising.
   (Packed with examples and tips, this practical guide for business people outlines different types of franchise and takes you through the franchising process, identifying the key issues to consider at each stage)
   www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=271&plang=EN

# Afternoon Session 14:00 - 16:00

**Lecturers:** Erik Thevenod Mottet & Martin Girsberger

Subject: Geographical Indications & the Protection of TK

#### **Topics**

#### Geographical Indications:

- Nature and protection of Gls
- International debates
- Gls and innovation

## **Traditional Knowledge:**

- Notions of "genetic resources," "traditional knowledge" and "biopiracy."
- International fora involved.
- Measures available to protect traditional knowledge.

# **Reading Materials:**



You need to have with you for the exercise in class:

- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (included in the WTO Legal Texts), in particular Art. 17 & 22 to 24;
- The Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Articles 10, 10bis and 10ter.

#### **Compulsory Reading**

Geographical Indications:

- TRIPS: Geographical Indications. Background and the current situation
- Geographical Indications: an Introduction (WIPO)

# Traditional Knowledge:

- WIPO, Background Brief No. 1, Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property.
- If you require more information on specific terminology, please consult the <u>Glossary of Key Terms</u> listed below in "Suggested readings".

# **Optional Reading Materials**

Geographical Indications

- <u>Guide to Geographical Indications. Linking Products and their Origins.</u> International Trade Center, 2009.
- Hughes, Justin, Champagne, Feta, and Bourbon the Spirited Debate About Geographical Indications. Hastings Law Journal, Vol. 58, p. 299, 2006; Cardozo Legal Studies Research Paper No. 168. Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=936362
- Why Geographical Indications for Least Developed Countries? UNCTAD, 2016.
- WIPO Case Studies on Geographical Indications and Appellations of Origin.

#### Traditional Knowledge:

- WIPO, <u>Glossary of Key Terms Related to IP and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions.</u>
- WIPO, <u>Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions</u>, 2015, WIPO Publication No. 933E.
- Additional optional readings can be found on the WIPO website:
  - o "Publications, Studies and Documents," and



o "Frequently Asked Questions".

# Friday, July 3, 2020

Morning session: 09:00 - 12:00

Lecture: Kamran Houshang Pour & Matthias Käch

**Subject:** IGE Registration of Patents & Trademarks

#### **Topics**

- The Madrid System
- EUIPO trade mark
- European Patent Application system at EPO
- PCT Application

# **Compulsory Reading**

- WIPO: <a href="http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fags/fags.html">http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fags/fags.html</a>
- http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/faq
- WIPO: The International Trademark Registration Process <u>www.wipo.int/madrid/en/how\_madrid\_works.html</u>
- WIPO: About the Nice Classification: www.wipo.int/classifications/nice/en/preface.html
- WIPO: <a href="http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fags/fags.html">http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fags/fags.html</a>
- http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/faq/
- https://www.epo.org/service-support/fag/own-file.html

## **Optional Reading Materials**

 WIPO: Guide to the International Registration of Marks under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol (2018). (The guide leads through the various steps of the international registration procedure and explains the essential provisions of the Madrid Agreement, the Madrid Protocol and the Common Regulations)

www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4440&plang=EN



- WIPO: Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks; Regulations; Administrative Instructions; Schedule of Fees. www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4484&plang=EN
- WIPO: Madrid Yearly Review 2019 Executive Summary; International Registrations of Marks (This executive brief identifies key trends in the use of the WIPO-administered Madrid System) <a href="https://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4427&plang=EN">www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4427&plang=EN</a>
- Espacenet Assistant, an e-learning module, <a href="https://www.epo.org/searching-for-patents/technical/espacenet.html#tab1">https://www.epo.org/searching-for-patents/technical/espacenet.html#tab1</a>
- http://documents.epo.org/projects/babylon/eponet.nsf/0/8C12F50E07515DBEC125
   81B00050BFDA/\$File/espacenet-pocket-guide\_en.pdf

Afternoon session: 14:00 - 16:00

**Lecture**: Julie Poupinet & Kamran Houshang Pour

**Subject**: Patent & Trademark Landscaping

# **Topics**

# <u>Trademark landscaping:</u>

- The importance of searching
- Do-it-yourself search vs. professional search

## **Compulsory Reading**

#### Trademark landscaping

No additional reading required

#### **Optional Reading Materials**

 WIPO Guidelines for Preparing Patent Landscape Reports https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo\_pub\_946.pdf