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## Opening Keynotes, Welcome Remarks, and Organizers



### **Hasan KLEIB, Deputy Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization**

Mr Hasan Kleib has served as Deputy Director General for the Regional and National Development Sector of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) since January 2021. Prior to the role, he was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, the World Trade Organization (WTO), and other international organizations in Geneva from 2017 to 2020. During his tenure, Mr Kleib served as the Chairman of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. From 2012-2017, he was the Deputy Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs of Indonesia after finishing his tenure as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York. Since 1987, he has served in a number of roles in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as Director for International Security and Disarmament, and in Indonesian missions abroad, including as Head of the Political Division at the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and as a political official at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York. Mr Kleib received a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Padjadjaran University in Indonesia and a master's degree in Foreign Affairs and Trade from Monash University in Australia.



### **Johanna HILL, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization**

Johanna Hill is a Deputy Director-General at the World Trade Organization, a position she assumed on 13 November 2023. With over 30 years of experience in international trade, Ms Hill, a native of El Salvador, has collaborated with governments and businesses to foster economic development through international policy and trade negotiations. Before joining the WTO, Ms Hill advised firms and SMEs on trade regulations, foreign direct investment strategies, and market access. She has also held senior roles in financial institutions and has leadership experience in telecommunications regulation. Additionally, she served as the Vice Minister of Economy for El Salvador, where she oversaw trade policy formulation and negotiated both bilateral and multilateral trade agreements. In her role as Deputy Director-General, Ms Hill leads the WTO's work on economic research and

statistics, digital trade, intellectual property, government procurement, competition, trade in services and investment, and documentation and information management. She holds a bachelor's degree from Tufts University and a master's degree from Columbia University and serves on the board of TradeExperettes.



**Altaye TEDLA, WIPO Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization**

Altaye leads the IP eLearning and Internal Training Program of the WIPO Academy, which is a global educational institution within the framework of the United Nations. Through IP training, the WIPO Academy offers courses in over 55 innovation and intellectual property subject areas and at least 10 languages. It grew from a few participants in 1998, to 1.2 million participants in 2024. The WIPO Academy's learner-centered and increasing role-based teaching and content development approaches support national IP human resource capacities to bridge existing technological gaps among Member States. Altaye followed international law graduate studies in Geneva; distance education at Wisconsin and holds a Master's in IP Law from the University of Turin and an Agricultural Sciences Bachelor from Cornell University. She is passionate about IP teaching related to trade and development and the use of digital technologies to create access to innovation and IP knowledge. She is a mother of two and loves to travel and read.



**Roger KAMPF, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, World Trade Organization**

Roger Kampf is from Hamburg, Germany. He joined the World Trade Organization in May 2004 and works as Counsellor in the Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division. Mr Kampf is responsible for the Secretariat's work in TRIPS and public health and IP enforcement. He also oversees the Division's technical assistance activities in relation to intellectual property. From 2016 to 2018, Mr Kampf was the Secretary of the Council for TRIPS. From 1998 to 2004, Mr Kampf worked for the European Commission at its headquarters in Brussels and at its Permanent Representation in Geneva, where he was responsible for intellectual property issues in the WTO and the WIPO as well as for government procurement. Prior to this, he was involved in negotiations on financial services under the GATS Agreement, and also worked as an assistant in

public law and European Communities law at the University of Hamburg. Mr Kampf holds a law degree from the University of Hamburg and a degree in Public Administration from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris. He has published on various aspects of EC and WTO law.



**Jacques de WERRA, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva**

Jacques de Werra is a Professor and the Director of the Digital Law Center at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. From 2015 until 2019, he was also a Vice-Rector in charge of leading, among other missions, the University's digital strategy. He authored a doctoral thesis in Swiss and comparative copyright law, which he completed as a visiting scholar at the Max-Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law in Munich in 1996. He practiced law in Switzerland and, before this, obtained an LLM degree from Columbia Law School in New York City in 2001 and was admitted to the New York bar in 2002. He was a Faculty Fellow (2012-2013) and a Faculty Associate at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society (2013-2014) and has held visiting professor positions at Harvard Law School (as Charles Hieken Visiting Professor in Patent Law, Winter term 2022), Stanford Law School, Nagoya University, and City University of Hong Kong. Jacques researches, publishes, and speaks on intellectual property law, contract law and Internet, IT, and technology law. He has developed a particular expertise in IP commercial law, including transfer of technology, licensing and franchising, as well as in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms for IP and technology disputes (specifically arbitration). He is widely published in leading law reviews and has authored and edited various books of reference, including *Research Handbook on Intellectual Property Licensing* (2013) and (in co-edition with Irene Calboli) *The Law and Practice of Trademark Transactions* (2016). He is the coordinator for the WIPO-University of Geneva Summer School on Intellectual Property and the University of Geneva Summer School on Digital Law.



**Irene CALBOLI, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva; Texas A&M University School of Law**

Irene Calboli is a well-known authority in International Intellectual Property Law. She is the Chair of the IPRE Conference and Academic Fellow at the University of Geneva, and Regents Professor

of Law at Texas A&M University. She additionally holds several honorary and visiting appointments, including at SciencesPo Paris, the University of Melbourne, Singapore University of Social Sciences, National Law School Delhi, Bocconi University, the Royal University of Law and Economics of Cambodia, and Stanford University. A past Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics and a Fulbright Specialist Scholar in Cambodia, Irene has published 12 books and more than 100 articles, book chapters, and policy reports. Her scholarship and advisory activity have helped shape international, regional, and national legislative reforms. She regularly advises national governments and IP Offices and serves as an Expert for the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Trade Organization, the UN International Trade Center, and the European Union. In this capacity, she has managed projects and conducted extensive technical assistance for the public and private sectors, developed and facilitated the implementation of national IP strategies, and supervised the design of IP curricula and programs for academic, professional, and executive training. Irene is the Executive Director and the Founder of the IP & Innovation Researcher of Asia (IPIRA) Network and serves in leadership capacities in several professional organizations, including the American Branch of the International Law Association, the European Policy for Intellectual Property Law Association, the International Trademark Association, and the Association of American Law Schools. She is an elected member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, the American Law Institute, and the European Law Institute, where she is the co-chair of the IP special interest group with Professor de Werra. She is a graduate of the University of Bologna, Queen Mary University of London, and the London School of Economics.



**Maria-Stella Ntamark, WIPO Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization**

Maria-Stella Ntamark is a dynamic Program Officer at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy, with over 25 years of transformative experience advancing WIPO's mission. Renowned for her exceptional planning, organization, and communication skills, she has successfully launched and managed Summer School programs that enhance global understanding of intellectual property. She excels at fostering impactful partnerships with a diverse array of stakeholders, including academic institutions and IP institutions worldwide. With an MBA, a BBA, and a Diploma in English Law, Maria-Stella combines her robust educational background with her extensive professional expertise, positioning her as a pivotal force in intellectual property education. Her dedication to collaboration and innovation continues to expand WIPO's influence and reach on a global scale.

## Presenters (Plenaries and Parallel Sessions) and Chairs

In Alphabetical Order by Surname (in Capital Letters)



**Nouf Ali S ALGAZLAN, The City Law School, City St. George's, University of London**

Nouf completed her LLM in Intellectual Property Law at University College London and her LLB at City, University of London where she ranked 14th out of 416 students and received the Hart Publishing Prize for Best Dissertation for her research on fictional characters in UK and US copyright law. She specialises in Intellectual Property Law, particularly copyright law, and is currently in the third year of her PhD at City, University of London, where she explores the concept of ‘work’ (subject matter) in copyright law while funded by a full scholarship. Alongside her research, she teaches Intellectual Property Law and Land Law to LLB and LLM students at City, University of London, and at the University of Hertfordshire. Throughout her academic career she has won multiple awards, including Best Conference Poster (UCL Institute of Brand & Innovation Law, 2024), Best PhD Presentation (City, University of London, 2024), and Best External Presentation (University of Bradford, 2022).



**Bitá AMANI, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University**

Professor Bitá Amani is a Full Professor of Law at Queen’s University, co-Director of Feminist Legal Studies Queen’s, and affiliated faculty with the Cultural Studies Graduate Program. She is currently a Visiting Scholar at Oxford University. Professor Amani teaches courses in intellectual property, information privacy, and feminist legal studies (workshops). Her research extends to a number of issues related to food law and governance, intellectual property, algorithmic errors, and privacy law. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts (with Distinction) from York University in Sociology, her Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School, and her Doctor of Juridical Science from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, as well as doctoral fellowships from SSHRC and the Centre for Innovation Law and Policy.



**Mary Catherine AMERINE, George Washington University Law School**

Prior to joining GW Law, she litigated copyright infringement cases in the entertainment, music, and comedy fields, as well as federal false advertising cases in the pharmaceutical and medical devices industries. A graduate of William & Mary Law School, Professor Amerine has won multiple writing awards and was a 2022-2023 Edison Fellow at the Center for Intellectual Property x Innovation Law (C-IP2) at George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School. Her current research explores the ways in which public art, professional art forgers and authenticators, and the replication of style and genre by AI platforms illuminate core questions of copyright such as authorship, substantial similarity, look and feel, and derivative works.



**David ANGENENDT, School of Management, Technical University of Munich**

David Angenendt is a Lecturer and Research Associate at the TUM School of Management, Technical University of Munich and a Research Associate at the Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge. He obtained a PhD in Economics from the University of Bologna in 2019. His research focuses on innovation economics, particularly the economics of intellectual property rights, as well as industrial organization. His work examines issues such as patent policy, information disclosure, innovation measurement, and university-industry engagement.



**Rokshana Shirin ASA, The City Law School, City St. George's University of London**

Rokshana Shirin Asa is an academic and PhD researcher specializing in intellectual property law. She began her teaching career as a law lecturer, dedicating over a decade to legal education and scholarship. Before commencing her PhD, she served as an assistant professor, fostering academic

excellence and mentoring aspiring legal professionals. In addition to her academic pursuits, Rokshana is a practicing lawyer in Bangladesh, a role that has uniquely equipped her to integrate practical insights with theoretical expertise. Her dual experience as an educator and practitioner significantly enhances her contributions to the legal field. As a prolific researcher, Rokshana has made substantial contributions to peer-reviewed academic literature. Her work spans diverse topics, including intellectual property law, halal certification frameworks, and Sharia-compliant hospitality services, with a particular focus on certification processes and the misuse of logos. The Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education has supported her research, demonstrating her commitment to tackling urgent legal issues globally. Rokshana holds an LLM, with Distinction, from Bangladesh and a research MA from IIUM Malaysia. In 2023, she completed a second LLM in Intellectual Property Law with Professional Skills at the University of Aberdeen, UK. She is now pursuing a PhD in Copyright Law at City St George's, University of London, focusing on resolving pivotal challenges in the field—solidifying her role as a respected voice in international intellectual property law.



**David BAHIGE, Africa University**

David Bahige Mutume is a skilled legal professional with over five years of experience in Intellectual Property, Data Protection and Privacy, and Technology Law. David serves as an Associate at Trust Law Chambers in Kigali, Rwanda. He bears a unique perspective, having previously worked at Kampala Associated Advocates, one of Uganda's oldest and leading law firms. His expertise extends to regulatory compliance, corporate governance, innovative legal problem-solving, and policy development. David's passion for the intersection of law and technology led him to conduct research on blockchain (specifically on Non-Fungible Tokens) and copyright law in Kigali, which earned him a place on the Dean's List while he pursued his Master's in Intellectual Property Law (MIP) in 2022-2023 at Africa University, Mutare-Zimbabwe. This later sparked his transition from Uganda to Rwanda, as he was motivated by a desire to immerse himself in the local culture and legal landscape. Currently, David is working to enhance his legal practice skills in Rwanda. His dual-jurisdiction expertise positions him well to contribute effectively to the broader legal community in the East African Region as well as to the whole of Africa.



**Chris BAVITZ, Harvard Law School, Harvard University**

Christopher T. BavitZ is the WilmerHale Clinical Professor of Law and Vice Dean for Experiential and Clinical Education at Harvard Law School. He is also Managing Director of HLS's Cyberlaw

Clinic. And, he is a Faculty Co-Director of the Berkman Klein Center. Chris has taught courses such as Counseling and Legal Strategy in the Digital Age and Music & Digital Media, and he concentrates his practice activities on intellectual property and media law (particularly in the areas of music, entertainment, and technology). He oversees many of the Cyberlaw Clinic's projects relating to copyright, speech, advising of startups, and the use of technology to support access to justice, and he serves as the HLS Dean's Designate to Harvard's Innovation Lab. Chris's research and related work at the Berkman Klein Center addresses intermediary liability and online content takedown regimes as well as regulatory, ethical, and governance issues associated with algorithms, machine learning, and artificial intelligence. Prior to joining the Clinic in 2008, Chris served as Senior Director of Legal Affairs for EMI Music North America. From 1998-2002, Chris was a litigation associate at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal and RubinBaum LLP / Rubin Baum Levin Constant & Friedman, where he focused on copyright and trademark matters.



**Tobias BEDNARZ, Copyright Law Division, World Intellectual Property Organization**

As a Legal Counsellor in WIPO's Copyright Law Division, Tobias Bednarz leads the Organization's efforts in providing its Member States with legislative assistance in copyright and related rights. Between 2018 to 2024, Tobias headed the policy and cooperation activities of WIPO's Building Respect for IP initiative, which he joined in 2014. When he entered WIPO in 2011, he was initially assigned to the Trademark Law Section. Prior to that, Tobias was a Research Associate at the SCRIPT Centre for Studies in Intellectual Property and Technology Law of the University of Edinburgh (UK). Tobias studied law in Germany, France, and the United Kingdom and holds an LLM in Innovation, Technology, and the Law as well as a PhD in Copyright Law from the University of Edinburgh (UK).



**Yaniv BENHAMOU, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva**

Yaniv Benhamou is Professor of Digital, Information and Media Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva and is a board member of the Digital Law Center (DLC). His research focuses mainly on emerging technologies (Web3+AI) and the articulation between legal regimes (intellectual property, data protection, and data law). He also focuses on the cultural and creative sector (e.g., impact of digital on the value chain) and on the collective dimension of data (e.g., digital commons,

open source). Since 2015, he has co-organized the Digital Law Summer School with Prof. Jacques de Werra. Since 2018, he has been mandated as expert by WIPO on Museums and Copyright and by the Swiss authorities on AI regulation. In addition to his academic activities, he practices as an attorney-at-law in a Swiss law firm and is an active member of the Swiss Media Supervisory Authority (AIEP). He is also active in the cultural sector. In particular, he founded Artists Rights, a free legal advisory service for Swiss artists; regularly teaches copyright law to museums as part of AMS (Association des Musées Suisses); and is a practicing musician, which informs his research in the field.



**Daniel BENOLIEL, Faculty of Law, University of Haifa**

Daniel Benoliel is a law professor at the University of Haifa and is Co-Director of the Haifa Center of Law and Technology (HCLT). His expertise includes intellectual property, law and economics, public international law, and entrepreneurship law. He earned his Doctorate in Law (J.S.D.) from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall), was a John M. Olin Research Fellow at the John M. Olin Center for Law and Economics at Berkeley, and is an alumnus of the Yale Law School Information Society Project (ISP). He held fellowships at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) at the University of Hamburg, and the Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Oxford, University of Bologna, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, University of Lucerne, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Masaryk University, and Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) in São Paulo. Prof. Benoliel has received Israel Science Foundation (ISF) grants, including the Microsoft Research Award, and the Harvard-Stanford Junior Faculty Forum Award. His work appears in *Cambridge University Press*, *California Law Review*, and *Yale Journal of Law & Technology*. He has authored four books, including *Patent Intensity and Economic Growth* (Cambridge University Press), and advises the Zuckerman Institute and high-tech companies.



**Tyrone BERGER, Faculty of Law, Monash University**

Dr Tyrone Berger is a lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Monash University. Tyrone has published widely in the areas of IP and technology law and is the author of *Australian Design Law and Practice*

(Thomson Reuters, 2023). Before arriving at Monash, he was a policy officer at IP Australia, the nation's IP office, advising on emerging IP matters and changes to legislation. Prior to this, Tyrone practised as a Lawyer and Trade Marks Attorney for an Australian law firm.



**Matt BLASZCZYK, University of Michigan Law School**

Matt Blaszczyk is a Research Fellow in Law and Mobility at the University of Michigan Law School and Managing Editor of the *Journal of Law and Mobility*. He is also a Fellow at the University of Milan's Information Society Law Center and an incoming visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich. Matt's scholarship focuses on intellectual property law and law and technology. He has published in flagship and specialty journals in the U.S. and internationally, and his commentary has been featured on prominent legal blogs. Matt's research has been cited by the UK Law Commission, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, and in testimony before the U.S. Congress. Before joining Michigan Law, Matt held positions at the U.S. Copyright Office, where he contributed to the Digital Replicas report, the Federal Trade Commission, the Cato Institute, UNIDROIT, and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. He has been awarded the Thomas Edison Fellowship at the Center for Intellectual Property x Innovation Policy at George Mason University. Matt holds an LLM from the Georgetown University Law Center and an LLB from King's College London, where he was also a postgraduate legal research fellow. He also studied at the Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London. Matt has served on the editorial boards of the *Georgetown Journal of International Law*, the *University of Bologna Law Review*, the *Journal of Law, Market & Innovation*, and the *King's Student Law Review*. He is admitted to practice in New York.



**Nadjiba BOUKEMIDJA, Faculty of Law, University of Algiers**

Nadjiba has been a university professor and lawyer since 2002, is Lecturer at the Algeria Superior School of Magistracy (E.S.M), and is a consultant at the Higher Institute of Management and Planning (I.S.G.P). She is a reviewer of articles issued by national and international scientific journals and is assistant editor-in-chief of two peer-review journals classified as A and B by the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education. She is an expert on startups and on intellectual property policy in

universities. Nadjiba is also an industrial property consultant with the Algerian Ministry of Industry. She is also a master's and PhD mentor and supervisor. Nadjiba participated in the 2023 edition of the WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property Law and Policy in Switzerland. She is also a researcher for AI policy with the Center for AI and Digital Policy in the United States. Her research interests include economic law, economic intelligence, electronic law and artificial intelligence, competition law, intellectual property, specific patents, WIPO treaties, WTO treaties, and women's rights. Nadjiba has published multiple scientific articles that may be found on ResearchGate and Google Scholar. She has presented her publications at national and international conferences. Books: *The Impact of the TRIPS Agreement on Developing Countries*; *Protection of Intellectual Property Rights from Unfair Competition*. Textbooks: *Transactions related to a commercial store* (regarding commercial law); *Industrial Property and Competition Law*; *Contemporary Public Administration*; *Methods of Evidence and Implementation*; and a handbook on intellectual property law.



**Sergio BRANCO, Institute for Technology and Society of Rio de Janeiro and Sciences Po Paris**

Sérgio Branco is a co-founder and director of the Institute for Technology & Society of Rio de Janeiro (ITS Rio). He holds a PhD and a master's degree in civil law from the Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ) as well as a bachelor's degree in law from the same institution. He is a guest researcher at the Université de Montréal and a senior research fellow and professor at Sciences Po Paris. He has completed extension courses in intellectual property at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) and in documentary filmmaking at Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV). He has written several books on copyright and the internet, including *Memory and Forgetting on the Internet*, *The Public Domain in Brazilian Copyright Law*, and *What Is Creative Commons?*



**Alexis BRIN, Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong**

Alexis BRIN is a PhD candidate at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. His research focuses on international intellectual property law, public international law, and international economic law. The topic of his PhD dissertation is “Technology Transfer as a Market Access Condition: Comparing Regulatory Developments and Prospects amidst Great Power Rivalry”. With this research, Alexis

hopes to develop a better understanding of the concept of “forced” technology transfer and the consequences that may arise from it and to analyse how it affects the development of international law. Alexis worked for a few years as a lawyer in France before starting his doctoral studies in September 2022. He did most of his higher education in France, at Université Panthéon Assas (Bachelor and Master of Laws) and Université Paris Dauphine (Master in Business Law). He also obtained a LLM degree from University College London.



**Benedetta BUZZELLI, Faculty of Law, University of Teramo**

Benedetta Buzzelli is a PhD Student in Commercial Law and IP Law at the University of Teramo; she is also qualified to practice law. Since 2022, Benedetta has been a Junior Researcher in the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Innovation Law and Policy. She is writing her doctoral thesis on patents under the supervision of Prof. Emanuela Arezzo, with a special interest in the sufficiency of disclosure requirements. Her thesis explores the difficulties in describing the issues encountered with technological development, up to the emerging problems with the patenting of AI-Inventions. Her research interests cover competition law and intellectual property. She has published case comments in prestigious Italian law reviews and an essay on Artificial Intelligence and Smart Mobility. During her PhD coursework, Benedetta participated in WIPO’s Joint Master’s Program in IP at the University of Turin as well as its PatentX course in collaboration with Harvard Law School. Lastly, she carried out a 4-month research appointment at the Max Planck for Innovation and Competition in Munich, Germany. She completed her master’s degree in Law and in Law, Economics and Business Strategy at the University of Teramo.



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Bernardo Calabrese graduated with degrees in Law at Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna (Italy) and holds a PhD in European Union Law at Università degli studi di Udine (Italy). He has been a visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich (Germany). He is currently affiliated at Università degli studi di Verona (Italy), Department of Law, as Associate Professor of Commercial Law teaching courses on Intellectual Property Law. He is member of the Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP) and of the European Policy for Intellectual Property (EPIP).



**Rachele Anesu CHAMINUKA, Africa University**

Ms Rachele Anesu Chaminuka is an accomplished legal professional with a dynamic background in law, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property. She holds an Honours Degree in Law from the University of Zimbabwe, a Master's in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and a Master's in Intellectual Property from Africa University. Her multidisciplinary education equips her with a unique perspective at the intersection of law, business, and technology. Rachele is deeply passionate about intellectual property (IP), seeing it as a key driver for fostering creativity, innovation, and sustainable development. She has a strong track record of engaging with international institutions, having participated in prestigious programs like the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer course under the WIPO-SA Summer School in 2024 and the Patent Law and Global Public Health course offered by WIPO and Harvard Law School in 2023. These experiences have honed her expertise in leveraging intellectual property frameworks to address global challenges, including public health and technology transfer. With a keen interest in helping businesses and individuals protect and commercialize their intellectual assets, Rachele is committed to providing tailored legal solutions that empower her clients to thrive in competitive markets. Her dedication to excellence, coupled with her ability to navigate complex IP landscapes, makes her an invaluable asset to her firm. Outside of her professional pursuits, Rachele is an advocate for education, innovation, and equity in intellectual property systems, championing initiatives that promote inclusivity and collaboration. Ms Chaminuka's expertise and unwavering commitment to intellectual property law position her as a forward-thinking professional ready to make impactful contributions to the firm's success and its clients' growth.



**Gabriela Costa CHAVES, Global Health Centre, Geneva Graduate institute**

Dr Gabriela Costa Chaves has 20 years of experience working in public health, especially on pharmaceutical policies and barriers to access to medicines in Brazil as well as patent barriers. She is currently a visiting fellow at the Global Health Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute. From 2013 to 2019, she worked as a researcher at the Department of Medicines Policy and Pharmaceutical Services (NAF) at the Sergio Arouca National School of Public Health/Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (ENSP/Fiocruz, Brazil). From July 2023 to July 2024, she was a visiting fellow at the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) in Brazil. She led research projects focusing on the intersections

of intellectual property, local production, medicines procurement, and other health policies. Prior to that, she has worked on access with civil society organisations in Brazil, such as the MSF Access Campaign and the Brazilian Interdisciplinary Aids Association (ABIA). She has been involved in different projects on analysis and access to health technologies for civil society, not-for-profit and international organisations.



**Zachary COOPER, Faculty of Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**

Zachary Cooper is a PhD Candidate whose research focuses on techno-regulatory incoherence when applying copyright to emerging forms of Generative AI-enabled media. His most recent article, “The AI Authorship Distraction”, has been assigned on AI and law syllabi in Europe and in the USA and was deemed “essential reading” and “the best recent perspective on the AI authorship issue” by Robert Brauneis. He was recently invited to be the inaugural Abrams Scholar of the Copyright Society and was nominated for its Seton Award for best writing by a young lawyer. His interdisciplinary research programme has led to dozens of speaking invitations worldwide in a wide array of settings, including the International Conference of Machine Learning, the IPSC in Berkeley, the UNESCO AI & Human Rights Conference, and at an expert summit on AI disinformation in the Hague. He served as Co-Editor of the *European Journal of Law and Technology* and as Editor-In-Chief of the *Amsterdam Law Forum*. He recently completed a 6-month fellowship at the Weizenbaum Institute where he organised an international workshop bringing together leading scholars such as Pamela Samuelson and creative GenAI pioneers such as CJ Carr to bridge gaps in contemporary scholarship with near-future-state technology.



**Carys CRAIG, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University**

Professor Carys Craig is the Associate Dean (Research & Institutional Relations) and a Full Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, in Toronto, Canada. She is also the Director of Osgoode’s Law & Technology Program, IP Osgoode; Academic Director of Osgoode’s Professional LLM Program in Intellectual Property Law; and recently served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*. A recipient of the Institute of International Education Outstanding Service Award and the President’s University-wide Teaching Award, Dr Craig teaches and publishes in the areas of copyright, trademarks, law and technology, and legal theory. Her award-winning scholarship has been cited with approval in several landmark copyright rulings of the Supreme Court of Canada. Dr

Craig holds an LLB (First Class Honours) from the University of Edinburgh, an LLM from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and an S.J.D. from the University of Toronto.



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**Pratap DEVARAPALLI, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland**

Dr Pratap is an internationally renowned Intellectual Property researcher with expertise in dealing with Intellectual Property issues in relation to emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Biotechnology, and Synthetic biology. He is a Research fellow at the School of Law at the University of Queensland, Australia, and an affiliate fellow at several prestigious Australian Research Council (ARC) Centres, such as the ARC Centre of Excellence in Quantum Biotechnology, the ARC Centre of Excellence in Synthetic Biology, and the Centre for Law and Genetics and Centre for Policy Futures. Dr Pratap earned his PhD from the Centre for Law and Genetics at University of Tasmania, Australia. He holds a Master of Law (LLM) in Intellectual Property from Queensland

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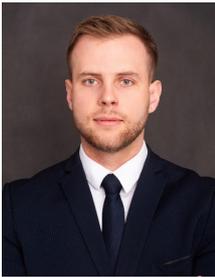
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