

Patents on Life:

Through the Lenses of Law, Religious Faith and Social Justice

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Day one | Friday 4th September

8:30-9:00 – Arrival and Registration, Buckingham House, Murray Edwards College

9:00-9:15 – 1.1 Welcome and Introduction

- **The Hon. Matthew Bullock**, Master of St. Edmund's College
- **Professor John Loughlin**, Director of the Von Hügel Institute
- **Professor Tom Berg**, James L. Oberstar Professor of Law and Public Policy, University of St. Thomas
- **Dr Roman Cholij**, Von Hügel Institute Research Associate and Head of Religion and Law

9:15-10:40 – 1.2 Religious Perspectives on Intellectual Property

- Chair: **The Rt Rev John Sherrington**, *Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, Department of Christian Responsibility, The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales'*

“The contribution of the Holy See to the Intellectual Property debate at the multilateral level”

– **H.E. Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi**, *Apostolic Nuncio: Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN Office in Geneva & WTO*

“IP rights and the fundamental right to the commons in the light of Catholic Social Teaching”

– **Mons. Osvaldo Neves de Almeida**, *Holy See Secretariat of State, with responsibility for TRIPs (WTO), UNCTAD and formerly for WIPO*

“Patents, Life and Social Justice: Musings of a Mosaic Maven”

– **Dr Michael Factor**, *leading Israeli patent attorney and IP blogger*

Discussion and Q&A

10:40-11:10 – refreshments

11:10-12:35 – 1.3 Intellectual Property exclusions – who decides and how?

- Chair: tbc

“Trademarks which are contrary to public policy or accepted principles of morality”

– **The Hon. Mr Justice Richard Arnold**, *Judge of the High Court of England and Wales*

“Immorality and patents: the exclusion of inventions contrary to *ordre public* and morality”

– **Dr Kathleen Liddell**, *Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge and Director, Centre for Law, Medicine and Life Sciences*

“Religious, moral, and philosophical origins of the exclusions from patents for science, nature, and abstract ideas, how they should be applied, and why it matters”

– Professor Joshua D. Sarnoff, *Professor of Law, DePaul University*

Discussion and Q&A

12:35-13:35 – buffet lunch

13:35-14:35 – 1.4 Patents on seeds – are they justified or are they immoral?

- Chair: tbc

“Patents for life: Towards an ethical use of patents on plant innovations”

– Dr Michael Kock, *Global Head of IP, Syngenta*

“One nation under Pfizer (or maybe Monsanto)”

– Professor Paul Heald, *Richard W. and Marie L. Corman Professor of Law, University of Illinois*

Discussion and Q&A

14:35-15:05 – refreshments

15:05-16:30 – 1.5 Life patents, genetic resources, human development and social justice

- Chair: Claire Foster-Gilbert, *Director of the Westminster Abbey Institute*

“‘Thou shalt not steal’: Morality and misappropriation in life sciences patenting”

– Professor Margo A. Bagley, *Hardy Cross Dillard Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law*

“Am I my brother’s keeper? Stewardship and the emerging international framework for the protection of genetic resources and Traditional Knowledge”

– Professor Ruth Okediji, *William L. Prosser Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School*

“Intellectual Property, indigenous customary law, and the benefit-sharing debate: Can it ever be resolved?”

– Professor Graham Dutfield, *Professor of International Governance, University of Leeds School of Law, Member of the International Scholars Networks of Intellectual Property in the Biosciences*

Discussion and Q&A

17:00-19:30 – free time

19:30-20:00 – pre-dinner drinks, Garden Room, St. Edmund's College

20:00-21:30 – Gala Dinner, Main Hall, St. Edmund's College

Day two | Saturday 5th September

9:00-9:15 – 2.1 Introduction

- Outline for the day

9:15-10:40 – 2.2 Patents and life forms

- Chair: **Professor Simon Lee**, *Fellow of St Edmund's College, Cambridge and executive director of the Cambridge Theological Federation*

“Patenting on life forms/judgments of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office”
– **Christopher Rennie-Smith**, *Former Chair of the Biotech Board of Appeal and former Member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal at the European Patent Office*

“Legal and ethical aspects of the patenting of human body materials”
– **Dr Julian Cockbain**, *European Patent Lawyer, author, consultant and bioethics expert*

“Patents and the moral limits of markets: The case of germ line interventions”
– **Dr Katerina Sideri**, *Intellectual Property advisor, Agricultural University of Athens; Member of the International Scholars Network of Intellectual Property in the Biosciences*

Discussion and Q&A

10:40-11:10 – refreshments

11:10-12:35– 2.3 Patents, human rights, and politics

- Chair: tbc

“Patent governance, ethics, and democracy”
– **Professor Ingrid Schneider**, *Department of Political Sciences, University of Hamburg, Research Centre for Biotechnology, Society and the Environment*

“Human Rights and life patents: Lessons from the Church's Social Teaching and engagement”
– **Dr Stephen Colecchi**, *Director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

[Paper title TBC]

– **Dr Justin Turner QC**, *Barrister at Three New Square chambers, Lincoln's Inn; Director of UKAD (the United Kingdom anti-doping agency); former member of the Gene Therapy Advisory Committee (GTAC)*

Discussion and Q&A

12:35-13:35 – buffet lunch

13:35–15:00 – 2.4 Ethics and human genome patenting

- Chair: tbc

“Public trust doctrine applied to gene patents”

– **Professor Brian Scarnecchia**, *Ave Maria School of Law, Franciscan University of Steubenville*

“The theological case against privatising the human genome”

– **Professor David Albert Jones**, *Director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford*

“Human genome and copyright – an ethical alternative to patents?”

– **Mark Engelman**, *Barrister and Head of IP at Hardwicke Chambers, Lincoln's Inn; Master of the Bench, Gray's Inn; Von Hügel Institute Research Associate*

Discussion and Q&A

15:00-15:15 – refreshments

15:15–16:45 – 2.5 Roundtable: The future of life form patenting

- Chair: tbc

Contributors:

Dr Calum MacKellar, *Director of Research at the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics*

Professor Geoff Hunt, *Director, Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies, St Mary's University, Twickenham* – reflecting on the ethics of nano bio-medicine patenting

Martin Gouldstone, *Head of Lifesciences Advisory, BDO* – reflecting on industry concerns over gene patenting

Dr Carlo Marengi, *IP & Trade Attaché: Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the UN Office in Geneva & WTO* – reflecting on future challenges of IP from the perspective of the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations

Panel discussion (contributions from delegates welcomed)

16:45–17:00 – 2.6 Concluding remarks and close

- Reflections from The Rt Rev John Sherrington and Professor Tom Berg
- Thanks – representatives of the Von Hügel Institute and the Murphy Institute

17:00-18:00 – drinks reception

Departure

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