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SYMPOSIUM

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND THE KNOWLEDGE COMMONS

Keynote Speaker:
Professor Eva Hemmungs Wirtén
Hosted by Professor Kim Rubenstein
Director, the Centre for International and Public Law, ANU College of Law

Thursday 18 November 2010, 2–5pm
Hedley Bull Lecture Theatre
The Australian National University

There is no registration fee for this event but you do need to let us know you will be attending by emailing: rsvp@law.anu.edu.au by 16 November

This symposium explores the debate over intellectual property and the knowledge commons in the fields of research, culture, and science. The keynote speaker, Professor Eva Hemmungs Wirtén from Uppsala University in Sweden will discuss the development of a cultural commons, looking at the Berne Convention and the 1967 Stockholm Diplomatic Conference. The four panellists will explore a number of further contexts for the debate over intellectual property and the knowledge commons. In particular, the speakers will investigate the water commons; debates over cultural environmentalism and climate change; the development of a scientific commons for the emerging field of synthetic biology; and the place of traditional knowledge in the intellectual commons.

Keynote Speaker: 2–3 pm
Professor Eva Hemmungs Wirtén
Colonial Copyright, Postcolonial Publics: The Berne Convention and the 1967 Stockholm Diplomatic Conference Revisited

Professor Eva Hemmungs Wirtén is a Professor in Library and Information Science, Uppsala University, Sweden. Recent publications include No Trespassing (2004), Terms of Use: Negotiating the Jungle of the Intellectual Commons (2008) and the co-edited Mashing-up Culture: the Rise of User-generated Content (2009).

Panel Speakers: 3.30–5 pm

Ms Elinor Jean  Phd Candidate and Vice-Chancellor’s Scholar, ANU College of Law
What is the Role of the Commons in Australian Water Law

Dr Matthew Rimmer  Senior Lecturer, ANU College of Law

Ms Alison McLennan  Phd Candidate and Vice-Chancellor’s Scholar, ANU College of Law
Building with BioBricks: Constructing a Commons for Synthetic Biology

Dr Miranda Forsyth
Protecting Traditional Knowledge in the Pacific Island Countries

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