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IP in the economy

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There is a lot of heated discussion around intellectual property (IP), and even more polarised opinion as to whether the IP system is ‘brilliant’ or ‘terrible’. At their core IP rights are very simple, but in the 21st century they have become more important as supply chains have globalised brands and production, consumers produce copyright content every day and high-tech products include thousands of patents in world markets. IP rights can incentivise and block innovation, and we need to go beyond the case study approach to see how the system as a whole impacts the economy. This presentation will introduce the economics of IP and look at the issues for Australia, including the significance of human gene patents to the Australian economy, the availability of big data for looking at clean technology in patented inventions and whether we should care whether Apple was awarded $1bn for defending a design right for a rounded edge.

Dr Benjamin Mitra-Kahn has been the Chief Economist at IP Australia since November 2012, previous to which he was the senior economist at the UK Intellectual Property Office. His background includes time as an academic, consultant and company director, participating in a number of expert panels with the OECD and other organisations looking at IP and economics.


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