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IP *in* Transition

Comparative Perspectives on Emerging Challenges, Reform and Global Governance

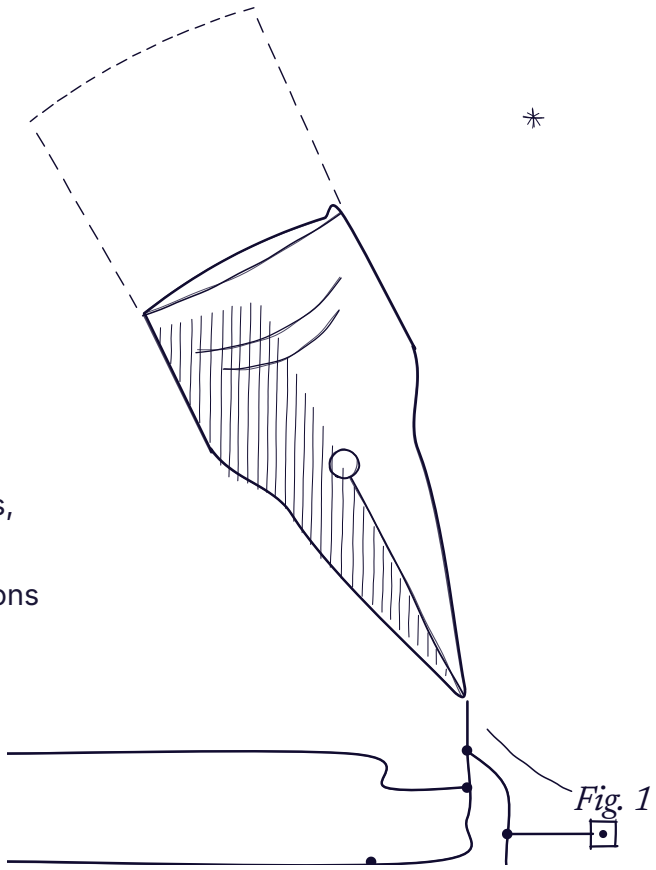


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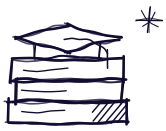
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A conference at the centre, with an IP practicum around it: papers, case and legislative comments, client counselling, Model-WIPO, hands-on workshops, a free IP clinic, and open conversations with the bench, the bar and industry.

01	02	03	04
Conference	**Competitions**	**Workshops**	**IP Clinic**

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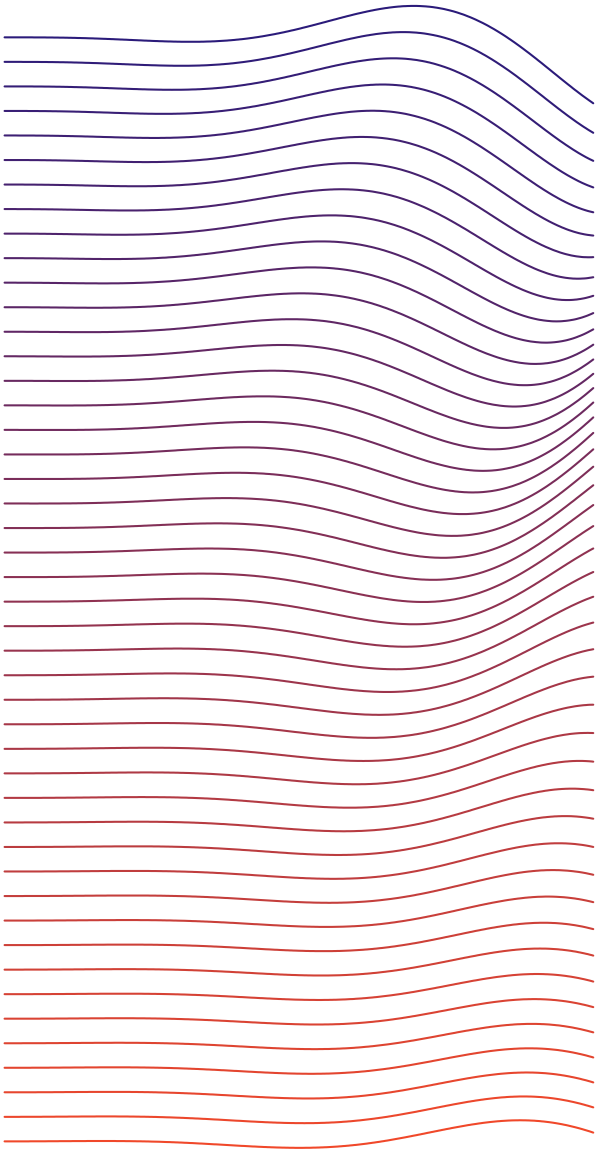
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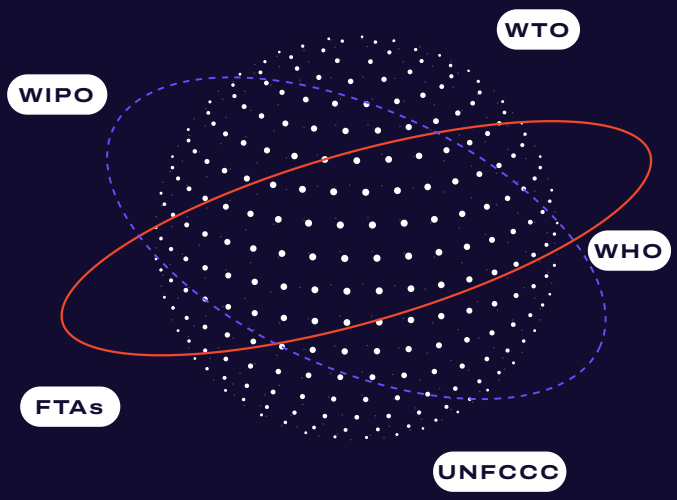
READING THE CODES

As on a patent's front page, each section carries an INID code in the margin.

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(51) CONFERENCE THEME

IP is being asked questions it was *never built to answer.*



Countries answer the hardest questions in intellectual property differently. MCIP 7.0 is about those differences: what we can learn from them, and where the law should go next.

(52) EIGHT THEMES AT A GLANCE

01 **Same Question, Different Answers**
Comparative IP

02 **Machines, Makers & What Comes Next**
New Frontiers

03 **Who Writes the Rules?**
Treaties, Forums & Global Governance

04 **Rights Stop at the Border. Infringement Doesn't.**
Crime, Courts & Customs

05 **Law in the Making**
Reform, Remedies & Institutions

06 **IP for the Public Good**
Access, Competition & Rights

07 **Knowledge That Lives in Communities**
Traditional Knowledge & Heritage

08 **From Lab to Market**
Innovation That Travels

Sub-themes follow on the next pages. They are a starting point, not a boundary: papers comparing two or more jurisdictions are especially welcome.

pick one, or mix them →

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01

THEME 01 · COMPARATIVE IP

Same Question, Different Answers



Why does one problem get such different answers in Delhi, Brussels, Washington or Tokyo? How culture, ground realities and economic policy shape the way IP law is framed, interpreted and enforced, and what happens when rules are borrowed from elsewhere.

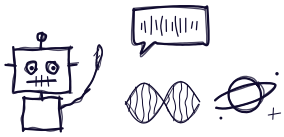
- Culture and ground realities in the framing of IP
- Policy interpretation, including economic policy, in courts and legislatures
- Legal transplants and their local consequences
- Comparative judicial and legislative approaches
- Harmonisation, divergence and territoriality

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02

THEME 02 · NEW FRONTIERS

Machines, Makers & What Comes Next



Can an algorithm be a joint author or joint inventor alongside a human, and how much human input is enough? Beyond AI, other frontiers are pressing on IP law too.

AI AND CREATIVITY

- Can an algorithm be a joint author or joint inventor, and how much human contribution is enough?
- AI and moral rights in copyright: attribution and integrity
- AI training data, text-and-data mining and copyright
- Personality and publicity rights in AI-generated media

FRONTIER TECHNOLOGIES

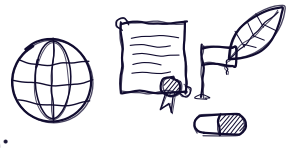
- Biotechnology and gene technologies
- Quantum computing and information: protecting and disclosing inventions
- IP and outer-space activities

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03

THEME 03 · TREATIES, FORUMS & GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Who Writes the Rules?



IP rules are written in many rooms and felt everywhere: at WIPO, the WTO and the WHO, in climate negotiations, and in bilateral and regional trade agreements. How do these commitments become domestic law, and how are states held to them?

- WIPO norm-setting and treaty negotiations
- TRIPS, flexibilities, TRIPS-plus and the Global South
- WTO dispute settlement and investor–state claims touching IP
- International commitments and domestic IP law
- PCT, Madrid and Hague systems
- Health and climate negotiations: WHO and UNFCCC processes

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04

THEME 04 · CRIME, COURTS & CUSTOMS

Rights Stop at the Border. Infringement Doesn't.



A product can be sold from one country, hosted in another and shipped to a third. How do territorial rights, courts and customs respond? And when distribution is digital, do "counterfeiting" and "piracy" still mean anything?

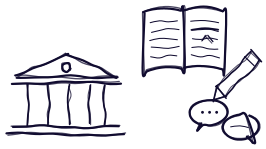
- Territoriality and the reach of national courts
- Foreign judgments and arbitral awards: recognition, its limits, and whether IP needs its own rules
- Do "counterfeiting" and "piracy" still mean anything in digital distribution?
- Online infringement, site-blocking and platform liability
- Customs, border measures and criminal enforcement
- Trade secret misappropriation across borders

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05

THEME 05 · REFORM, REMEDIES & INSTITUTIONS

Law in the Making



How equity shapes relief and checks the conduct of right-holders, how specialised IP divisions are working, and which IP disputes can, and cannot, be settled through mediation.

- Equitable remedies, judicial discretion and proportionality in injunctive relief
- Equity and IP misuse: the conduct of right-holders
- Specialised IP divisions and commercial-court procedure: how they are working
- Mediation and arbitrability in IP: what can be settled, and what cannot
- Recent amendments and law-reform proposals

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06

THEME 06 · ACCESS, COMPETITION & RIGHTS

IP for the Public Good



IP exists to serve society, yet it collides with public health, education, competition and human rights. Where should the line sit, and how should the law treat those who infringe without knowing it?

- Access to medicines and compulsory licensing
- IP and competition law
- Access to knowledge, education and copyright exceptions
- Human rights and IP
- Innocent infringement: knowledge, intention, liability and fairness to defendants

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07

THEME 07 · TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE & HERITAGE

Knowledge That Lives in Communities



How law can protect communities' knowledge without freezing it or letting others take it, and what it takes to make that protection work on the ground.

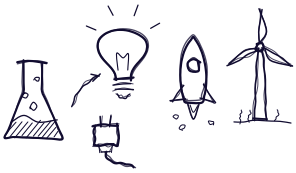
- Traditional knowledge, cultural expressions, community participation and collective rights
- Genetic resources, benefit-sharing and biopiracy
- Geographical indications and farmers' rights
- Implementation on the ground, including the 2024 WIPO Treaty on IP, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

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THEME 08 · INNOVATION THAT TRAVELS

From Lab to Market



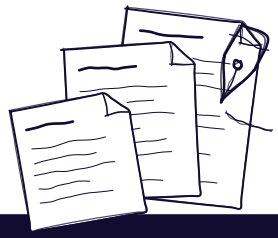
How licensing, partnerships and standards move technology across institutions and borders, what that means for economic development and access, and who is left out.

- IP commercialisation, licensing and technology transfer
- University–industry collaboration and start-up IP strategy
- Patent pools, standards and SEPs/FRAND
- Innovation ecosystems and economic development
- Green and climate technologies: sustainable and inclusive innovation

Sub-themes are a starting point, not a boundary. Papers comparing two or more jurisdictions are especially welcome. *write between them too* ⟶

Bring your *argument.*

We invite original, unpublished papers on any of the eight themes. Selection runs in two stages.



STAGE 1

Abstract

250–300

words

It should cover:

- Problem statement
- Objective
- Methodology (doctrinal, comparative or empirical)
- Tentative outline

Due 30 January 2027

STAGE 2

Full paper

~6,000

words, including footnotes

Authors of selected abstracts hear back by **14 February 2027** and are invited to submit the full paper for presentation.

Due 6 March 2027

WHO PRESENTS

PG students, academicians and professionals. UG students may co-author.

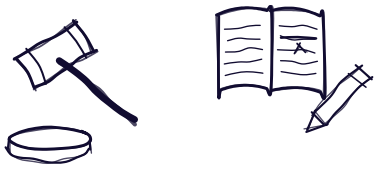
AUTHORS

Up to two per paper. At least one presents in person.

CITATION

The Bluebook (21st edition). Similarity index of 10% or less.

Read the judgment. *Read the Bill.*



Two forums run alongside the paper presentations, for written comments of **1,500–2,500 words**. A comment may address any jurisdiction, or compare several.



FORUM 1

Case Comments

A critical analysis of a judicial decision on IP: the court's reasoning, doctrinal developments, conflicting interpretations and practical implications.



FORUM 2

Legislative Comments

A critical look at IP legislation, Bills, amendments or regulatory developments, their policy consequences, or law-reform proposals.

HOW IT WORKS

01 **Submit**

your comment by 30 January 2027

02 **Hear back**

on selection by 14 February 2027

03 **Present**

and discuss it at the forum

Who can write one? Anyone with a law background.

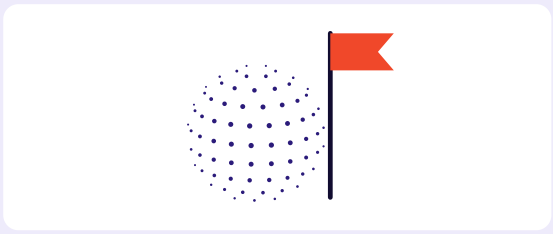
Advise. Negotiate. *Persuade.*



Client Counselling

Meet a client with a real IP problem. Listen, ask the right questions, work through the law, and give clear, professional advice.

Teams of two UG or PG law students



Model-WIPO

Represent a member state in a simulated WIPO assembly. Set out your country's position, negotiate, and work towards a resolution.

Up to two delegates per nation, UG or PG law students

Model-WIPO is a student simulation, not affiliated with or endorsed by WIPO.

IP PRACTICUM · HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

COMPLIMENTARY FOR REGISTRANTS



Legal Research

Research methods, legal databases, case-law research and comparative analysis.



Patent Search & Anatomy

Search strategies, prior art, patent databases, and how a patent is built: specification, claims, abstract, drawings.



Solving Practical IP Problems

Work through real patent questions, such as anticipation: read the prior art, test the claims, reach a reasoned answer.

A free clinic, and *open conversations.*



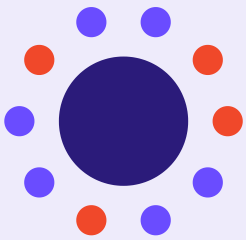


Legal IP Clinic

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

Walk in with a question about a patent, trade mark, design or copyright. Inventors, artists, students, start-ups and small businesses get general guidance from student volunteers working under practising advocates and patent agents. This is general guidance, not legal advice.

walk in, it's free



Bench–Bar–Industry Roundtable

FOR ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

Judges, practitioners and industry leaders on where IP is heading, with questions from the floor.



Careers & Networking Evening

FOR ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

An evening for registered participants to meet law firms, practitioners and in-house IP teams.

Find your *place.*

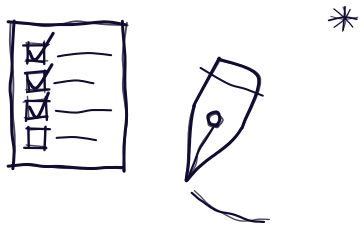


	UG students	PG students	Academicians	Professionals
Paper presentation	*Co-author only*	✓	✓	✓
Case or legislative comment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Client Counselling	✓	✓	—	—
Model-WIPO	✓	✓	—	—
Workshops	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attend only	✓	✓	✓	✓

- **Papers:** at least one author is at PG level or above and presents in person. A paper or comment has at most two authors.
- **Non-law participants** may write and present a paper if their discipline is relevant to the themes (PG level or above). Comments and competitions are for law students and authors with a law background.
- **Attending only** is open to anyone interested. Workshops are complimentary for registered participants.

UG: a 3-year or 5-year LLB programme. PG: a master's-level programme (in law, an LLM or equivalent). Academicians: PhD or research scholars and faculty. Professionals: industry and individuals.

Ground rules



These apply to every participant and every event. The full text, and the rules for each event, are in the MCIP 7.0 Rules & Guidelines.

1

Register for each activity

Everyone registers individually. Each author pays for each paper or comment by their own category, and each competition team pays one fee. Fees are not refundable.

2

Your own, original work

Original and unpublished only. AI-generated content is not accepted. The similarity index must be 10% or less.

3

Up to two authors

A paper or comment has at most two authors. At least one of them presents in person.

4

On the day

Bring your registration confirmation and a photo ID. Presenters and competitors wear formal dress. Everything runs in English.

5

More than one event

Take part in as many activities as you like, as long as their time slots don't clash. Certificates go to those who attend.

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The final word

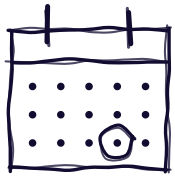
The Organising Committee decides anything the rules don't cover, and its decisions are final. Sessions may not be recorded without permission.

EVENT RULES

Formats, timings, marking and procedure for each event are in the separate **MCIP 7.0 Rules & Guidelines**:

Papers & comments | Workshops | Client Counselling | Model-WIPO

Mark your *calendar.* ADMIT









REGISTRATION & SUBMISSIONS OPEN
10 November 2026
Tuesday

ABSTRACTS & COMMENTS DUE
30 January 2027
Saturday

SELECTION RESULTS
14 February 2027
Sunday

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT CLOSE
21 February 2027
Sunday

FULL PAPERS DUE
6 March 2027
Saturday

MCIP 7.0: CONFERENCE & IP PRACTICUM
13–14 March 2027
Saturday & Sunday

see you in March!

All dates are tentative. Times for the comment forums and each competition will be announced.

Simple fees, *no surprises.*

One fee for each activity. Workshops are complimentary for registered participants.

ADMIT

	FEE
PRESENT A PAPER OR COMMENT per author, for each paper or comment	
Students UG & PG	₹3,000
Academicians PhD or research scholars & faculty	₹4,000
Professionals industry & individuals	₹5,000
COMPETE per team, for each competition	
Client Counselling or Model-WIPO	₹4,500
ATTEND ONLY no presentation or competition	
Students UG & PG	₹2,000
Everyone else	₹3,000
FROM OUTSIDE INDIA any category, per activity	
International participants	US$50

Registration fees are final: once paid, they are **non-refundable**.

Co-authors pay separately, each by their own category. For example, if a PG student and a research scholar present one paper together, they pay ₹3,000 and ₹4,000.

Four steps to *MCIP 7.0.*

1

Register

on the conference portal, 10 November 2026 to 21 February 2027

2

Submit

authors send an abstract or comment by 30 January 2027

3

Hear back

selected authors are told by 14 February 2027

4

Join us

at IIT Kharagpur on 13–14 March 2027

GOOD TO KNOW

What's included

Lunch and refreshments on both days, a delegate kit, both open sessions, and complimentary workshops.

Payment

Online, through the official IIT Kharagpur CEP / conference portal. Scan the QR code to register and pay.

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SCAN TO REGISTER

Accommodation

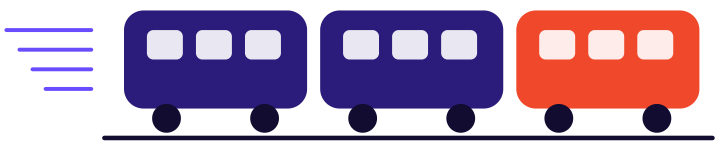
Shared campus hostel or guest-house rooms can be requested while registering: first come, first served, as per Institute norms.

Certificates

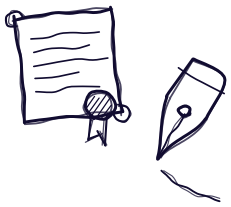
Certificates of presentation, participation and merit go to registered participants who attend.



see you on campus



The people behind *MCIP 7.0.*



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Join us in *March 2027.*

DATES
13–14 March 2027

REGISTRATION
10 November 2026 – 21 February 2027

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