

# Newsletter EIPIN-IS

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## Meet our Early Stage Researchers and Partner Organisations

### Partner organisations



### Research results

- 15 PhD theses, published as monographs
- international peer-reviewed articles
- Presentations at international conferences
- Bi-yearly conferences on the four areas of research
- Training activities on methodology, research and transferrable skills
- Presentations and publications on establishment and management of joint doctoral degree structures

### Early Career Researchers

 Krishnamani Jayaraman Project: ESR1	 Girish Nagraj Project: ESR2
 Niccolò Galli Project: ESR3	 Maurizio Crupi Project: ESR4
 Jared Orsando Project: ESR5	 Francesca Mazzi Project: ESR6
 Vicente Zafra Project: ESR7	 Naina Khanna Project: ESR8
 Clara Ducimetiere Project: ESR9	 Anastasiia Kyrylenko Project: ESR10
 Letizia Tomada Project: ESR11	 Natasha Mangal Project: ESR12
 Gerben Hartman Project: ESR13	 Tamar Khuchua Project: ESR14
 Lucius Klobučnik Project: ESR15	



## **IP Moot Court training in Macao**

*by Natasha Mangal*

From 30 October – 3 November, the EIPIN IS researchers participated in an IP-intensive training course at the IEEM (Institute of European Studies of Macau) in Macau, China. Taught by Anselm Kamperman Sanders and Dr. Christopher Heath, the 5-day course reviewed fundamental aspects of IP law in the EU and provided a basic overview of related IP treaties and conventions. The seminar sessions provided thematic guidance on the content and interpretation of these legal instruments, while highlighting some of the most pressing issues currently dealt with by scholars in each respective field.

As a further aspect of their study, the researchers engaged in some friendly competition by participating in several moot court simulations regarding various aspects of patent, trademark, copyright and trade design, actively applying their skills towards resolving complex legal issues such as navigating the interplay of national law and international treaty obligations. As a prominent training program in the Asia-Pacific region, the participants included IP professionals based in Singapore, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, as well as locally-based IEEM students, giving the researchers a culturally and professionally diverse group of colleagues to share ideas with.

On 6 -7 November, the IEEM also hosted its 17<sup>th</sup> Intellectual Property Seminar titled, "IP Rights: Obstacles or Opportunities to Legitimate Trade." Attendees of the conference included IP scholars such as Matthew Kennedy, Marketa Trimble, Martin Senftleben and Matthias Leistner, each of whom delivered specialized talks on the controversial interplay of IP rights and trade regulation.

The conference gave the EIPIN researchers one of their first opportunities to present their topics to the public, and gave the audience of IP students and professionals a taste of some new scholarship to look forward to in the coming years.



## **EIPIN Congress and training events**

*by Lucius Klobucnik*

In January 2018 EIPIN IS Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) participated in training events at the University of Maastricht. These events were divided into 2 parts.

The first two days, 23 and 24 January, consisted of legal research methodology training. The ESRs did not only familiarize themselves with different legal research methods (such as empirical and normative legal research), but were also provided with useful tools to help them accurately define their research question and narrow down their thesis focus. The training also included one-to-one feedback sessions between an ESR and a lecturer, where ESRs received tailored recommendations on shaping their research questions and methodology.

From 25 to 27 January EIPIN IS ESRs participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> EIPIN Congress, taking place in the main auditorium of the Maastricht University (Statenzaal). The

main aim of the congress was to address legal issues connected with “Innovation and Triple Helix”. This task was taken up by 3 panels during the first days: Panel I – IP as a proxy for innovation – myth or reality, Panel II – Innovation, creation and exploitation – are we over playing the IP card?, Panel III – About IP and innovation – what should students be weary of? (round table discussion). IP luminaries from academia, legal practice, public authorities and international organisations based in Europe and North America shared their views on innovation and intellectual property interplay. Answers were given to particular questions, such as how far can intellectual property rights serve as proxies for innovation, how much IP is needed in order to foster creation and exploitation as well as how innovation is used in legal research.

The second day of the conference hosted Panel IV (Innovation and Public Private Partnerships – a catholic marriage?), Panel V (Getting empirical – can we measure innovation, credibly?) and Panel VI (Innovation and ICT – is monopoly unavoidable and desirable?). Panelists from academia, regional authorities and private companies discussed practical issues of public – private partnership in life, dilemmas faced when measuring the impact of intellectual property on innovation and legal implications for entities controlling big data.

From the second day onwards, posters outlining each ESRs research were displayed outside the auditorium. Conference attendees engaged in vivid discussions with ESRs about their research topics during breaks between panels. Subsequently, each of the 15 ESRs delivered a 2-minute presentation on how is their research topic connected to innovation. Presentations were followed by questions from students. A large audience consisting of students, academics and IP experts from public and private sector included Dieter Stauder, the founding father of the EIPIN project.

The posters can be accessed via the EIPIN-IS [website](#)

More on our past events here

### Upcoming activities

April 25-27, 2018 | **Strasbourg**

EIPIN Congress "Enforcing Intellectual Property in Trade and Investment  
Agreements:  
What Safeguards for its Social Function?"  
and EIPIN Doctoral Seminar



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