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Zurich IP Retreat 2019 – Nationalism vs. Globalization in IP

Friday, 13rd / Saturday, 14th September 2019

Seehof Küsnacht (ZH)







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After focusing on "Patents and Hindsight" (2017) and "Injunctions at a Junction?" (2018), this year's Zurich IP Retreat will again assemble opinion leaders from all over the world, including judges, academics, government officials, litigators, patent attorneys, and in-house counsels, to discuss a central topic of the intellectual property system of our time.

Harmonization of intellectual property systems has been at the core of international IP law for over 130 years. Outside the IP system, the trend towards globalization has faced serious backlash in recent years. The rise of nationalism around the globe, the weakening of international organizations and multilateral systems, the increasing risk of trade wars, and the growing focus on "national champions" will not leave the international IP system unaffected. This year's Zurich IP Retreat assesses the impact these opposing trends will have on the current IP system.

Friday, 13rd September 2019

11h45 Lunch

12h45 Welcome and Introduction

Stefan Bechtold, Tobias Bremi and Michael Ritscher

13h00 The History

Alexander Peukert, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

Tobias Straumann, University of Zurich

14h30 Globalization in IP through International Investment Protection Treaties

Simon Klopschinski, Düsseldorf Peter Yu, Texas A&M University

16h00 Coffee Break

16h30 Globalization in IP through Trade Agreements

Thomas Cottier, University of Berne

Keith Maskus, University of Colorado at Boulder

17h30 Territoriality: Theory and Political Reality

Felix Addor, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property & University of Berne

Jacques de Werra, University of Geneva

Peter Picht, University of Zurich

Clive Thorne, London

19h00 Aperitif and Dinner





Saturday, 14th September 2019

08h30 The Applicable Law: Principles

Richard Arnold, UK High Court of Justice Rochelle Dreyfuss, New York University Christian Heinze, Leibniz University Hannover Mary-Rose McGuire, University of Osnabrück

10h00 The Right of Priority

Lukas Bühler, European Patent Office Richard Arnold, UK High Court of Justice Mary-Rose McGuire, University of Osnabrück Klaus Grabinski, German Federal Court of Justice

11h30 Coffee Break

12h00 Cross-Border Infringements, Injunctions and Taking of Evidence

Vittorio Cerulli Irelli, Milan Klaus Grabinski, German Federal Court of Justice Rik Lambers, Amsterdam Ralf Uhrich, Google

13h30 Closing Remarks

Stefan Bechtold, Tobias Bremi and Michael Ritscher

13h45 Lunch