



Common Principles of European Intellectual Property Law

International Conference

Bayreuth, 20 and 21 November 2009

Intellectual property law has been harmonised by Community law to a considerable extent. At the same time intellectual property rights have converged. The TRIPS Agreement and the EU Enforcement Directive provide for rules and principles which apply to all intellectual property rights. The academic discussion has not kept pace with this development. European intellectual property law is often seen through the spectacles of national law; pan-European discussions about issues of Community law seem to be the exception rather than the rule. At the same time copyright, trade mark and patent lawyers do not easily find a common language. Thus, intellectual property research lags behind general private law, where the efforts of various study groups have recently resulted in the Draft Common Frame of Reference.

*The participants of this conference will investigate if and to what extent European rules and principles applicable to all intellectual property rights already exist or whether they can be found on the basis of the *acquis communautaire* and comparative law. Experts of intellectual property law from several European countries will discuss the merits and the methodology of this approach before turning to several areas of substantive intellectual property law such as grounds of protection, secondary liability and exceptions, to enforcement and finally to the relationship between intellectual property and neighbouring areas of Community law.*

Friday, 20 November 2009

8:30	Registration
9:00	Welcome Prof. Dr. <i>Rüdiger Bormann</i> , President of the University of Bayreuth Prof. Dr. <i>Diethelm Klippel</i> , Coordinator of the DFG Graduate School „Intellectual Property and the Public Domain“, University of Bayreuth
9:15	Introduction Prof. Dr. <i>Ansgar Ohly</i> , University of Bayreuth

First Session: Starting Points and Methodology

9:30	The Quest for Common Principles of European IP Law: Useful, Futile, Dangerous? Prof. <i>Lionel Bently</i> , University of Cambridge
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	The Working Method of the Acquis Group – A Model? Prof. Dr. <i>Gerhard Dannemann</i> , Centre for British Studies, Berlin

Second Session: Substantive IP Law

12:00	Grounds of Protection: How Far Does the Incentive Paradigm Carry? Prof. Dr. <i>Alberto Musso</i> , University of Bologna
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Two-tier protection: Designs and Databases as Models? Prof. Dr. <i>Annette Kur</i> , Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Munich
15:30	Common Principles of Secondary Liability? Prof. Dr. <i>Matthias Leistner</i> , University of Bonn
16:30	Coffee Break
17:00	Limitations and Exceptions: Towards a European “Fair Use” Doctrine? Prof. Dr. <i>Jean-Luc Piotraut</i> , University of Metz
18:00	Free Movement of Goods and Exhaustion Prof. Dr. <i>Jens Schovsbo</i> , University of Copenhagen

Saturday, 21 November 2009

Third Session: Enforcement and Fundamental Rights

9:00	Enforcement and Data Protection Prof. Dr. <i>Niklas Bruun</i> , University of Helsinki, and Prof. Dr. <i>Marcus Norrgård</i> , Helsinki School of Economics
10:00	Intellectual Property and Fundamental Rights Prof. Dr. <i>Christophe Geiger</i> , University of Strasbourg
11:00	Coffee Break

Fourth Session: Intellectual Property and Competition

11:30	Intellectual Property and Competition Law Prof. <i>Steve Anderman</i> , University of Essex
12:30	Intellectual Property and Unfair Competition Law Prof. Dr. <i>Dirk Visser</i> , University of Leiden
13:30	Closing remarks
14:00	End

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