

Intellectual Property: A Cross-Disciplinary Conversation

A “Bring Your Own Idea” Proposal

Proposed By

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Description

This course would bring together a diverse set of experts on the theory, practice, and effects of intellectual property in a wide range of fields, including law, economics, the arts, the physical sciences, architecture, medicine, business, and engineering. The goals for the course are two-fold. First, to teach students how intellectual property law currently works in practice and how it affects various disciplines, including their own. Second, to critically consider how this state of affairs came about and whether, how, and why it could or should be changed.

Importance

The presence or absence of intellectual property rights has had profound effects on almost every discipline studied at the University. Intellectual property may both enable and hinder research, the spread of ideas, and their development into commercial ventures. This course will bring together several of the University’s leading voices in this area to enable a cross-disciplinary conversation about the value and role of intellectual property in society.

Interested Faculty

1. Michele Boldrin, Joseph Gibson Hoyt Distinguished Professor in Arts & Sciences
2. Kevin Emerson Collins, Professor of Law
3. Patrick Crowley, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering
4. James Daily, Lecturer in Law
5. Gerrit De Geest, Vice Dean of Scholarship and Analytics and Charles F. Nagel Professor of International and Comparative Law
6. David Levine, John H. Biggs Distinguished Professor of Economics
7. Joseph Loewenstein, Professor, Department of English and Director of the Humanities Digital Workshop and the Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities
8. Konstantina Kioussis, Lecturer in Business Management
9. S. Joshua Swamidass, Assistant Professor, Department of Immunology and Pathology, School of Medicine

Planned Invitees

1. James Surber, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Associate General Counsel
2. Lisa M. Wood, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Associate General Counsel