



SERIES OF LECTURES ON

UNIFIED EUROPEAN PATENT LAW

After almost 50 years of preparation, the new European Uniform Patent Law is not only in force – it has been for some years – but actually applicable. On June 1st, 2023 the Unified Patent Court will open its doors and accept the first cases on patent infringement and nullity.

Genuine private law disputes will be decided by a truly European civil court following European civil procedure rules.

While the patent community has been eagerly awaiting the new system and has closely followed the choice of venues of the court (e.g. Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Mannheim, Munich) and the appointment of judges, this endeavor went almost unnoticed by lawyers and academics working in the field of European private law. But infringement claims, of course, essentially are tort law, nullity proceedings often include issues of entitlement and ownership, contractual assignment and vindication. Most likely IP-law – again – is paving the way for European harmonization. The system, court and rules therefore may be of interest for anyone interested in European private law.

On this occasion, the Faculty of Law will host a series of lectures by practicing IP-lawyers sharing insights into the new system as well as career opportunities. The lecture series is open to all interested law students, doctoral candidates, academic staff and international guests. The lectures will be in English, questions in German are welcome.

Monday, 4–6 p.m. - European Legal Studies Institute, Room 44/E04

- 22.5.2023 Introduction: The Unified Patent Court
Prof. Dr. Mary-Rose McGuire, Osnabrück University
- 5.6.2023 Validating Unitary Patents – Opt-Out
Dr. Nora Wessendorf, Taylor Wessing
- 12.6.2023 Contractual Exploitation of Unitary Patents/FRAND
Dr. Eva Thörner, WILDANGER
- 19.6.2023 Remedies for Infringement
Dr. Antje Brambrink, Finnegan
- 26.6.2023 Jurisdiction for Infringement
Hetti Hilge, LL.M., rospatt osten pross
- 3.7.2023 Patent Validity and Nullity Proceedings
Miriam Kiefer LL.M., KATHER • AUGENSTEIN
- 10.7.2023 Interim Measures in the UPC System
Miriam Gundt, LL.M., Hogan Lovells
- 14.7.2023 Panel Discussion · Career Choices in IP-law:
Friday, 5.p.m. Roles and Qualifications of Judges and Lawyers
Dr. Berenice Thom and others, Osnabrück University