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Does One Size Fit All? Accommodating Innovation in the Patent System

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Abstract:

Patent law is typically justified as a legal incentive to encourage technological innovation. Economic models predict, and empirical studies confirm, that diverse industries from pharmaceuticals to software to semiconductors, innovate very differently. Yet all these different industries are governed by the same patent system. How can a uniform statutory scheme provide the right incentives to diverse industries, especially when the needs of one industrial sector may be incompatible with the needs of others? Professor Burk will discuss how tools already present in the patent system can address this paradox, allowing tailored solutions to suit the needs of diverse forms of innovation

Bio:

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