



### (RE) THINKING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS AND NEW PERSPECTIVES

# Legal transplants, a satisfying approach for Intellectual Property lawmaking at global level?

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#### Abstract:

The public lecture will introduce the transplantation of relevant parts of the IP law of a reduced number of States into the legislation of IP law importing countries. More specifically, attention will be paid to the content of IP chapters contained in free trade agreements, and how are they implemented. By dealing with questions such as the content of the exported norms and the interrelation of those norms with other imported norms, the aim is to shed light on two distinct questions: whether the transplantation is an advisable way to advance the codification of IP law, and whether or not the final outcome offers a satisfactory balance in terms of the rights of users and IP holders.

#### <u>Bio:</u>

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He studied Law in Universidad de Navarra (Pamplona, Spain) and, after completing a master degree and an Advanced Studies Diploma in International Studies at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2003), he received his doctorate in 2008 from this university with the thesis Health protection and the international regulation of pharmaceutical products.

He teaches courses in various European and American universities for graduate and postgraduate students on Public International Law, International Economic Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Human Rights law, and International Health Law.

His areas of technical expertise include pharmaceutical policies and law, intellectual property law and technical standards regulation. In the area of intellectual property law, he predominantly works on issues related to patents and intellectual property enforcement.

Xavier Seuba has advised several national governments on intellectual property and pharmaceuticals legislation, advising them on issues of policy design and in the context of free trade agreements negotiations. He has also been consultant for several international organizations, including the World Health Organization, the Panamerican Health Organization, the European Union (EBTC/ACC1Ó), the Interamerican Development Bank, the Central America Integration System, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development.

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