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FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS AND NEW PERSPECTIVES

A global patent system ?

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Abstract:

The globalization of economic activity has led to a constant increase in the degree of internationalization of patent applications: companies in the most advanced and the fastest growing economies increasingly file their patent abroad, leading to a severe increase in patent applications in major regional patent offices. To solve this so-called “backlog” issue patent offices are under pressure to collaborate further in order to process patent applications faster and exploit the benefits of a mutual recognition process. The conference will illustrate recent tendencies and important issues at stake, especially for the US patent system and the European Patent system. The two systems actually suffer from different types of challenges, which have implication both for policy makers and for the users of patent systems.

Bio:

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