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Keith Maskus is Arts and Sciences Professor of Distinction in Economics at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He was Chief Economist of the US State Department from 2016 to 2017 and a Lead Economist at the World Bank in 2002. He is a Research Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and a consultant for the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization. Maskus received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He has written extensively about various aspects of intellectual property rights, international trade and investment, and technology. His most recent book is *Private Rights and Public Problems: The Global Economics of Intellectual Property in the 21st Century*.

Professor Maskus will discuss the sources and measurement of changes over the last several years in major IP laws around the world. These changes are having significant economic effects, which he will analyze in the areas of trade, international investment, and technology transfer, combining both theoretical approaches and recent empirical evidence. He will also discuss the basic tradeoffs that strengthened IP protection raise in terms of economic development prospects. As part of that discussion he will review recent evidence regarding patents and access to new medicines and green technologies, emphasizing potential policy responses.