

Intellectual Property Law Seminar Series / KGRI Lecture Series

Patent Systems and Patent Offices – Tasks and Incentives

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Keio University welcomes Prof. Ann, one of the leading German law researchers of patent and trade secrets to our campus again this year to speak to audiences in Tokyo.

This seminar aims to address economic mechanisms influencing patent quality at (almost) all significant Patent and Trademark Offices (PTOs) worldwide. PTOs on the one hand are key players in all of the world's patent systems. By the same token they also are cash cows, contributing (up to) hundreds of millions of USD to their countries' fiscal budgets. Both aspects together have led Prof. Ann to investigate which parameters control patent quality and how PTOs incentivise their examiners; in some countries also where PTO profits go.

By finding out more about how PTOs work, we may be able to help them avoid sacrificing patent quality in favour of profits – a problem that in Europe has led key applicants to form an Industry Patent Quality Charter that is demanding better patent quality from the EPO.

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