



Industrial Property Course – Patents, 2023 Edition
 Corso di Proprietà Industriale – Brevetti, edizione 2023
 Politecnico di Milano

| Module | Date | Time | Topic | lecturers |
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| | | | A general introduction into law, including main aspects of European Union law | |
| 1 | 23 Jan. 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | a) General introduction into continental law and common law legal system; b) Hierarchy of sources of law in both of aforesaid legal systems including presentation of bodies authorised to create the law as well as its legal and factual position and role in legislative procedure (among others: separation of powers, the importance of parliament sovereignty rule, role of president/king and judges, existence of written constitution, precedents); c) EU legal system including mainly: sources of Union Law and legislative procedure. d) The place of the EU's sources of law in hierarchy of national law of Member States. | Giulio Sironi Stefania Bergia |
| | | | Basic knowledge of private law, including contract law, company law and tort law in both common and continental law and EU law – part A | |
| 2 | 23 Jan. 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | a) General introduction into private law as the branch of the legal system and features distinguishing from others, mainly: the limited intervention of the states into the private law, corporate/natural persons, legal capacity, the range of private law. b) Contract law <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. general introduction into the contract law ii. main differences between the contract law principles in both continental and common law legal systems (mainly: the importance of statutory law in contract law in continental law legal system vs. the concept of contract law in common law legal system, <i>parol evidence rule</i>, privity of contract, basic elements of binding contract, other terms in contract, liability for breaching of the terms of contract); iii. license agreement for IP rights; | Giulio Sironi Stefania Bergia |
| | | | Basic knowledge of private law, including contract law, company law and tort law in both common and continental law and EU law – part B | |



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| 3 | 30 Jan. 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | <p>c) Company law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. general introduction into the concept of company and partnership, ii. the difference between the companies incorporated under the continental law vs common law legal system, the internal regulations of companies and the importance of official commercial register as well as annual report. iii. international capital groups (holdings) in connection with the idea of IP rights as the subject to the transaction between related entities (on the international level) as the mechanism of obtaining tax benefits for the owners. <p>d) Tort law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. general introduction into the concept tort law ii. basic differences between the concept of tortious liability for negligence in both continental and common law legal system, including the presentation the possible responsibility of person from whom the special knowledge is required (e.g. patent attorneys) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The idea of Trusts in common law legal system – short introduction into the concept of equity and trust law under the common law legal system | Luigi Mansani |
| | | | Basic knowledge of international civil and commercial law – part A | |
| 4 | 30 Jan. 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sources of international law b) Jurisdiction: Regulation (EU) 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (Brussels Regulation) and its amendments by the Regulation (EU) 542/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 as regards to the rules to be applied with respect to the Unified Patent Court and the Benelux Court of Justice | Benedetta Ubertazzi |
| | | | Basic knowledge of international civil and commercial law – part B | |
| 5 | 06 Feb. 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | <p>c) Applicable law</p> <p>Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) and Regulation (EC) No 864/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on</p> | Benedetta Ubertazzi |



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| | | | <p>the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II) for international transactions;</p> <p>d) Recognition and enforcement of judgements: Regulation (EU) 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil and commercial matters (Brussels Regulation)</p> | |
| 6 | 06 Feb. 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | <p>e) Arbitration: Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of foreign Arbitral Awards (the New York convention 1958)</p> <p>f) Disputes resolutions procedures under the aforesaid Regulations: arbitration, mediation, transaction.</p> | Joachim Feldges |
| | | | Substantive law on Patents as resulting from the substantial rules contained in the Agreement on the Unified Patent Court and the patent-related case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, including case law on supplementary protection certificates | |
| 7 | 13 Feb. 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | <p>a) Patentable inventions</p> <p>b) Requirements of validity</p> <p>c) Scope of Protection and limitations thereof</p> <p>d) Supplementary Protection Certificates</p> <p>Review of the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union in patent-related and supplementary protection certificates matters;</p> | Micaela Modiano |
| | | | General framework of the IP rights | |
| 8 | 13 Feb. 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | <p>a) IP rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU IP rights - The relevance of IP rights regulation in contract, company and tort law (mainly the IP rights as the subject to contract and company law) <p>b) Substantive rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International conventions, EU regulations and directives <p>c) Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International conventions, EU regulations and directives <p>d) Transfer and licensing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vertical agreement regulation - Tech Transfer Regulation (316/2014) and the law/jurisdiction rules | Giovanni Casucci |
| | | | The role and organisation of the Court of Justice of the European Union | |
| 9 | 20 Feb. 23 | 09:30 - 12:45 | a) The Court of Justice of the European Union in the legal framework of the EU | Jacopo Alberti |



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| | (Monday) | | constituent treaties (TEU, TFEU); b) The structure of the Court of Justice of the European Union: the General Court, the Court of Justice and its composition; | Filippo Croci |
| 10 | 20 Feb. 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | c) The jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Union: direct actions, preliminary ruling referrals; d) Links between the Court of Justice, the National Courts and the UPC. | Jacopo Alberti Filippo Croci |
| | | | A comparative overview on patent infringement proceedings and revocation of patents in Contracting Member States – part A | |
| 11 | 27 Feb. 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | The British system | Christopher Stothers |
| 12 | 27 Feb. 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | The German system | Carl-Richard Haarmann |
| | | | Enforcement of patents, providing knowledge of Directive 2004/48 (EC) on the enforcement of intellectual property rights and relevant case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union | |
| 13 | 06 March 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | a) Evidence issues: the evaluation of the evidence, the right of information and the preservation of the evidence b) Provisional and precautionary measures: seizure, injunction and alternative measures | Giovanni Casucci |
| 14 | 06 March 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | a) Ordinary proceeding: the trial and the assessment of the validity and the infringement issues b) Measures resulting from a decision on the merit: damage evaluation, legal costs and publication | Giovanni Casucci |
| | | | A comparative overview on patent infringement proceedings and revocation of patents in Contracting Member States – part B | |
| 15 | 13 March 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | The French system | François Pochart |
| 16 | 13 March 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | The Dutch system | <u>Tjibbe Douma</u> |



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| | | | Unitary patent protection, providing advanced knowledge of Regulations 1157/2012 (EU) implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection and 1160/2012 (EU) implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection with regard to the applicable translation arrangements as well as the Rules relating to unitary patent protection | |
| 17 | 20 March 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | a) The birth of the unitary patent protection regulations: the concept of enhanced cooperation in the legal framework of the EU constituent treaties (TEU, TFEU); Art. 118 TFEU: ordinary legislative procedure vs special legislative procedure; | Francis Leyder |
| 18 | 20 March 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | b) The Unitary Patent Regulation c) The Translation Regulation | Francis Leyder |
| | | | The operation of the Unified Patent Court, providing advanced knowledge of the Agreement on the Unified Patent Court and the Unified Patent Court's Statute | |
| 19 | 27 March 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | a) The legal personality of the Unified Patent Court: a court common to contracting EU Member States b) Sources of law | Gualtiero Dragotti |
| 20 | 27 March 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | c) The structure of the Unified Patent Court - The Court of First Instance: Central Division, Local Divisions, Regional Divisions; - The Court of Appeal; | Giuseppe Colucci |
| 21 | 03 Apr. 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | d) Compositions of the panels of UPC judges: multi-nationalism, pool of judges, technical judges; e) Language regime; f) Jurisdiction, distribution of competence; transitional regime: opt-out, jurisdictions of the national courts; | David Holland |
| 22 | 03 Apr. 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | g) Actions before the Unified Patent Court (infringement, revocation, bifurcation); h) First instance proceedings (written proceedings, interim proceedings, oral proceedings) i) Appeal proceedings | Stefan Lieck |



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| | | | Litigation before the Unified Patent Court, providing advanced knowledge of procedures, litigation and advocacy skills, practice and case management before the Unified Patent Court, with special regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Unified Patent Court. | |
| 23 | 17 Apr. 23 (Monday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - litigation and advocacy skills, code of conduct, practice and case management before the Unified Patent Court - The role of protective letters and non-infringement actions | Cesare Galli (to be confirmed) |
| 24 | 17 Apr. 23 (Monday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | Coordination of the various procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination between nullity proceedings and infringement proceedings - Relationship between proceedings pending before Central Division, Local/Regional Divisions and the Court of Appeal - Possible strategies of attack and defence | Michael Kobler |
| | | | PROCEDURES BEFORE THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE | |
| 25 | 27 April 23 (Thursday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | a) Written procedure – first part <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infringement action - Revocation action - Action for declaration of non-infringement | Klaus Grabinski |
| 26 | 27 April 23 (Thursday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | Written procedure – second part <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action within articles 33(5) and (6) of the agreement - Action for compensation for licences on the bases of Art. 8 of Regulation (EU) No. 1257/2012 - Action against decision of the European Patent Office in carrying out the tasks referred to in Art. 9 of Regulation (EU) No. 1257/2012 | Wouter Pors |
| 27 | 04 May 23 (Thursday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | b) Interim procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of the judge rapporteur - Interim conference - Preparation for the oral hearing c) Oral procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of presiding judge - Conduct of the oral hearing - Absence of one or both parties - Decision on the merits - Interim award of damages | Matthias Zigann |
| 28 | 04 May 23 | 14:15 - 17:30 | d) Court fees and procedure for the determination of damages and compensation | Kay Rupprecht |



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| | (Thursday) | | Fees and legal aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Court fees - Legal aid Determination of damages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application for the determination of damages - Request to lay open books Procedure for the cost decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compensation for representation costs - Compensation for costs of experts - Compensation for costs of witnesses - Compensation for costs of interpreters and translators - Appeal against the cost decision Security for costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Security for costs of a party and for the costs of the Court | |
| | | | EVIDENCE | |
| 29 | 11 May 23 (Thursday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | a) Witnesses and experts of the parties b) Court experts c) Order to produce evidence and to communicate information d) Order to preserve evidence and order for inspection e) Other evidence | Kevin Mooney |
| | | | PROVISIONAL MEASURES | |
| 30 | 11 May 23 (Thursday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application for provisional measures - Oral hearing - Order of the Application for provisional measures - Order of provisional measures without hearing the defendant - Revocation of provisional measures | Marianne Schaffner |
| | | | PROCEDURE BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEAL | |
| 31 | 18 May 23 (Thursday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appealable decisions - Application for suspensive effect a) Written procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statement of appeal, statement of grounds of appeal - Statement of response - Reply to a statement of cross appeal - Referral to the full Court | Ferenc Török |
| 32 | 18 May 23 | 14:15 - 17:30 | a) Interim procedure | Manolis Samuelides |



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| | (Thursday) | | <p>Role of the Judge- rapporteur</p> <p>b) Oral procedure</p> <p>c) Decisions and effect of decisions</p> <p>d) Procedure for application of rehearing</p> | |
| | | | GENERAL PROVISIONS | |
| 33 | 25 May 23 (Thursday) | 09:30 - 12:45 | <p>a) General procedural provisions</p> <p>b) Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service within the contracting member States - Service outside the contracting member States - Service by an alternative method - Service of orders, decisions and written pleadings <p>c) Rights and obligations of Representatives</p> <p>d) Stay of proceedings</p> <p>e) Time periods</p> | Andrea Piai |
| 34 | 25 May 23 (Thursday) | 14:15 - 17:30 | <p>f) Parties to proceedings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plurality of parties - Change in parties - Death, demise or insolvency of a party - Transfer of patent - Intervention - Re-establishment of rights <p>g) Miscellaneous provisions on languages</p> <p>h) Case management</p> <p>i) Rules relating to the organization of the Court</p> <p>j) Decisions and orders</p> <p>k) Decision by default</p> <p>l) Actions bound to fail or manifestly inadmissible</p> <p>Settlement</p> | Gram Brunett-Hall |
| 35 | 07 June 23 | 10:00 – 13:15 | Exercises 01 - part A Presentation and discussion of case-studies | Christopher Heath |
| 36 | 07 June 23 | 14:15 - 17:30 | Exercises 01 - part B Presentation and discussion of case-studies | Oliver Schön |
| | | | <p>MOCK TRIAL</p> <p>Andrea Marietti, Benedetta Ubertazzi, Giulio Sironi, Stefania Bergia</p> | |
| 37 | 08 June 23 | 09:30 - 12:45 | Exercises 02 | Case-study proposed by |



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| | | | <i>Mock Litigation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the case- Preliminary proceedings | Andrea Marietti |
| 38 | 08 June 23 | 14:15 - 17:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proceeding with/without bifurcation- Appeal | Case-study proposed by Andrea Marietti |
| | | | MOCK Tech Transfer Negotiation | |
| 39 | 09 June 23 | 09:30 – 13:00 | Exercises 03 <i>Tech-transfer negotiation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of a negotiation case- Formation of two teams and discussion within the teams | Case study proposed by Giovanni Casucci |
| 40 | 09 June 23 | 14:15 - 18:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Confrontation discussion and conclusion <p style="text-align: center;">*** Exam</p> | Giovanni Casucci |

On the third day there will be an exam comprising a written part with multiple-choice questions on each topic of the sections and a written/oral part with an open question.
