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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 601.19 Lec 01 – Seminar in Selected Problems: “Contemporary Trends in International Property Law”

Fall Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: T/R 6:00-8:30 in SA 125

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Course Description

This is an upper level course in the philosophy of law, with a focus on intellectual property in the Canadian legal context. We will cover theoretical issues of the moral grounds for IP protections, as well as more technical issues in the application of IP protections in Canadian law. We will consider a variety of contemporary issues, including patents and copyrights in current bio-technologies, copyright and fair use in academic settings and the IP protections for novel things like RNA code, artificial life and other technological and scientific phenomena.

Required Text

There is no required textbook for the class – the readings will consist of a series of articles available online through the University’s library site.

Assignments and Dates

The final grade will be determined on the basis of participation in class discussions, ten short (1-2 page) summaries of the weekly readings; a term paper (12-15 pp), with a short (1-2 page) paper proposal due one month before and a 20 minute presentation of the paper to the class. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. There will NOT be a Registrar-scheduled final exam. The important course dates and assignment values are as follows:

10 short summaries, due before the end of term	30%
Paper proposal, due Thursday, November 5	5%
Paper presentation, due lat two weeks of term	15%
Final paper, due Tuesday, December 8	40%
Participation in class discussion	10%

Late Policy

Late work will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, although usually subject to some penalty.

Marking Scheme

I will use letter grades, from D to A+, on all assignments. The final grade will be assessed by using the GPA equivalents, with the following distribution:

A+=4.3, A=4.0, A-=3.7, B+=3.3, B=3.0, B-=2.7, C+=2.3, C=2.0, C-=1.7, D+=1.3, D=1.0, F=0

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offence, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf

D2L Help

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Protection of Privacy

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