Workshop on Private International Law of IP Rights

This call for papers is provided for by Jeanne Huang.

The issue of cross border protection of intellectual property (IP) was very important and explained the use of bilateral and multilateral treaties such as the Berne Convention and the Paris Convention. One of the fundamental principles underlying these treaties was territoriality and the national treatment principle. However, the advent of the 21st century brought digitisation and globalisation, which have significantly impacted upon the territoriality protection. Finding the best way to protect IP within the context of globalisation and digitisation was the most fundamental question that the workshop sought to answer. We invite colleagues working on private international law and IP to submit expressions of interest to present at the workshop, which will be held at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales on Saturday, 18 August 2018, from 9:30 am -5:00 pm. The workshop is designed to allow researchers working in the field of private international law and IP to deliver work-in-progress papers to their peers. We particularly welcome submissions to discuss and debate the draft International Law Association Guidelines of Intellectual Property and Private International Law, available here.

We are keen to receive proposals that focus on private-international-law issues in cross-border IP disputes, such as:

- Jurisdiction,
- Applicable Law,
- Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments,
- Arbitration or
- Private international law issues in smart contracts, blockchain transactions and other digitalized transactions.

For paper proposals, speakers are to submit a title and 150-200 word abstract, along with a one-page CV for potential inclusion in the workshop. Please send your proposal to Jeanne.Huang@unsw.edu.au by 15 April 2018.