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The Unified Patent Court - Due Process and Legitimacy



Program

Monday, 1 December 2025

09:00 - 09:15

Welcome

Prof. Dr. **Michael Grünberger**, LL.M. (NYU), President of Bucerius Law School

09:15 - 10:00

Keynote

Dr. **Klaus Grabinski**, President of the UPC Court of Appeal

Comment

Prof. Dr. **Axel Metzger**, LL.M. (Harvard), Humboldt University Berlin

10:00 - 10:20 Coffee break

10:20 - 12:20

PANEL 1: Establishing Legitimacy in a Competitive Judicial Landscape

Presentation: Prof. Dr. **Stefan Bechtold**, J.S.M. (Stanford), ETH Zurich

The Competitive Judiciary: Supply, Demand and Legitimacy in Patent Law

- **Kai Härmand**, UPC Stockholm Regional Division
- Prof. Dr. **Tilman Müller-Stoy**, Bardehle Pagenberg
- **Philipp Rastemborski**, LL.M. (Edinburgh), Eisenführ Speiser
- **Ronny Thomas**, UPC Düsseldorf Local Division
- Moderation: Prof. Dr. **Axel Metzger**, LL.M. (Harvard), Humboldt University Berlin

12:20 - 13:20 Joint Lunch break



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13:20 - 14:50

PANEL 2: Effective legal protection and procedural safeguards

Presentation: Prof. Dr. **Christian Heinze**, LL.M. (Cambridge), University of Cologne
Provisional Measures in the UPC: Recent Practice and Perspectives

- Dr. **Marcus Grosch**, LL.M. (Yale), Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
- **Sabine Klepsch**, UPC Hamburg Local Division
- Moderation: Prof. Dr. **Linda Kuschel**, LL.M. (Harvard), Bucerius Law School

14:50 - 15:10 Coffee break

15:10 - 16:40

Panel 3: Transparency and Confidentiality

Presentation: Prof. Dr. **Esther van Zimmeren**, LL.M. (Leuven), University of Antwerp
Building Trust in the UPC: the Importance of Transparency and Confidentiality

- Prof. Dr. **Aloys Hüttermann**, Michalski Hüttermann & Partner
- Dr. **Stefan Schilling**, UPC Hamburg Local Division
- Moderation: Prof. Dr. **Dana Beldiman**, LL.M. (Santa Clara), Bucerius Law School

16:40 - 17:00

Closing remarks

Prof. Dr. **Dana Beldiman**, LL.M. (Santa Clara), Bucerius Law School
Prof. Dr. **Linda Kuschel**, LL.M. (Harvard), Bucerius Law School

17:00 Reception



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