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### **IP ASPECTS OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION**

An international workshop on 'IP aspects of Free Trade Agreements in the Asia-Pacific region' will be held at the Centre for Comparative Law and Development Studies in Asia and the Pacific (CLDSAP) at the University of Wollongong on 25-26 November 2008. The workshop will be organised in collaboration with the ARC Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation (CCI) and the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law in Munich (MPI). Prof. Christoph Antons, Director of CLDSAP, and Prof. Reto Hilty, Director of the MPI, will be joint conveners of the event.

Eighteen speakers from Australia and abroad will look at the "spaghetti bowl" of Free Trade Agreements in the Asia Pacific region and focus in particular on their intellectual property aspects. The interdisciplinary workshop involving lawyers, economists and political scientists will analyse the legal, economic and socio-political effects of IP chapters and provisions in Free Trade Agreements of leading industrialised economies such as the US, Europe and Japan, industrialised Pacific nations such as Australia and New Zealand and newly industrialised or industrialising nations of East, Southeast and South Asia. Intensive country studies will be preceded by sessions providing perspectives from international and comparative law and from political economy.

#### **Speakers:**

Prof. Christoph Antons, Centre for Comparative Law and Development Studies in Asia and the Pacific (CLDSAP), University of Wollongong

Prof. Christopher Arup, Department of Business Law and Taxation, Monash University

Prof. Ann Fitzgerald, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology

Prof. Reto Hilty, Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Munich

Dr. Thomas Jaeger, Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Munich

Prof. Dae-Hee Lee, Korea University, Seoul

Prof. Lim Heng Gee, Faculty of Law, University of Technology MARA, Shah Alam

Prof. Robert Lutz, School of Law, Southwestern University, Los Angeles

A/Prof. Ng-Loy Wee Loon, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

Prof. John Ravenhill, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra

Prof. Megan Richardson, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne

Mr. Ferdinand Negre, Bengzon, Negre, Untalan, Manila

Ms. Nahoko Ono, AIPPI, Tokyo

Prof. Kamal Puri, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology

Mr. Matthias Schaub, University of St. Gallen in Switzerland

Mr. Gunawan Suryomurcito, Suryomurcito & Co., Jakarta

Ms. Thitapha Wattanapruttipaisan, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta

Prof. Peter Yu, Faculty of Law, Drake University, Des Moines