MCIP 2021

Masters' Conference on Intellectual Property

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In proud solidarity with the Traditional Knowledge of the land!

ABOUT MCIP

ABOUT RGSOIPL

Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law (RGSOIPL) is the first (and only) law school within the IIT eco-system. With a legacy of over fourteen years, it has continuously been ranked among the top law schools of India.

WHY MCIP

With most of the research conferences and gatherings aimed at either undergraduates or research scholars, there is a dearth of research platforms for students at masters' level. MCIP aims at being the first of its kind to provide a platform for sharing research dedicated solely to masters' students.

ABOUT MCIP

In a globalised information economy, the significance of Intellectual Property Rights and the associated policy questions cannot be overstated. While IP policy definitely bears significant relevance for corporations and MNCs, it also has other significant roles which are often underemphasised. The role of IP policy in promoting socio-economic equality, protecting indigenous culture and tradition, incentivising identity et cetera often go unnoticed by IP researchers. MCIP aims at being the platform which brings forth these issues to the discussion forum. We, at RGSOIPL, believe in thinking global and acting local, and MCIP is the embodiment of this particular belief!

LAW & POLICY STUDIES AT RGSOIPL

IIT Kharagpur has 19 academic departments, eight multi-disciplinary schools, 13 Schools of Excellence, and over twenty-five central research and development units. As a law school in such a multi-disciplinary ecosystem, the curriculum and activities at RGSOIPL are highly multi-disciplinary and policy-centric. A large number of faculties, research scholars, and students of RGSOIPL regularly collaborate with other departments of IIT Kharagpur to undertake cutting-edge techno-legal research. Against such a backdrop, RGSOIPL aims to make MCIP the one-stop platform for policy discussions related to Intellectual Property.

MCIP '21: A GLANCE

THEME FOR MCIP '21

IP for Society

ILLUSTRATIVE SUBTHEMES (FOR PAPER PRESENTATION)

- *IP policy, Public Health, and Pandemics*
- *IP law and policy vis-a-vis Biodiversity, Green Technology, and Traditional Knowledge*
- *IP law and policy in the wake of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence*
- *Role of IP policy in women empowerment, economic inequality, and fundamental human rights*

Note: The subthemes/topics mentioned above are only illustrative in nature. The participants are encouraged to come up with ideas beyond the mentioned subthemes. Such ideas are welcome as long as they adhere to the broad theme of the conference: 'IP for Society'.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

- *Paper presentation*
- *Technical sessions*
- *Panel discussions*
- *Policy bootcamp*
- *Policy hackathon*
- *Cultural and networking evening*

KEY INCENTIVES

- *Green awards for selected best papers (Global Masters' Research Award 2021)*
- *'Policy Hacker' award for the winning team in policy hackathon (Sustainable Policy Award 2021)*
- *Possible publication of top 10 papers with leading publishers*

Note: MCIP supports sustainability. All the awards, honorarium, and incentives at MCIP will be in the form of GI products from various parts of India. MCIP also plans to involve the local traditional knowledge holders in different capacities through the conference.

PAPER PRESENTATION

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- The submission is to be made during registration only.
- Maximum word limit allowed for the abstract is 1500 words.
- The abstract should include the problem statement, research objective, research methodology, and a brief tentative outline of the full paper.
- The abstract should follow the standard formatting guidelines, that being Times New Roman font, 12 font size, 1.5 line spacing. The submission should be in doc/docx format.

PAPER SUBMISSION

- Only shortlisted candidates are required to submit the full paper.
- Maximum word limit allowed for the full paper is 5000 words.
- The paper should follow the standard formatting guidelines, that being Times New Roman font, 12 font size, 1.5 line spacing. The submission should be in doc/docx format.
- All citations are to be made using the Harvard referencing style (author-date). References should be provided only at the end of the paper.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for abstract submission and submission of application: 20 January 2021
- Intimation of provisional offer to selected candidates: 25 January 2021
- Last date for final registration and payment confirmation by the author: 30 January 2021
- Last date for full paper submission: 10 February 2021

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Co-authorship is allowed up to two authors only.
- Registration fee (to be paid only after selection):-
  - Single author: INR 2500 (for Indian nationals)/50 USD (for foreign natinoals)
  - Co-authored papers: INR 3800/75 USD
- Top 3 papers will be awarded with the 'Global Masters' Research Award – 2021'.
- **Top 10 papers may possibly be published** with leading publishers.

POLICY HACKATHON

what is a hackathon

To *hack* means to find a creative solution to a problem. A hackathon is where people come together for an extended period of time to find solution to a pressing issue.

what is a policy hackathon

A policy hackathon is an event/competition where people come together to find solutions to policy issues. In addition to finding brilliant policy solutions, it also works as excellent training ground for team work and networking.

how does a policy hackathon look like?

In a policy hackathon, participants come in teams (of three). The teammates are generally from diverse backgrounds, ensuring multi-disciplinary expertise in each of the teams.

Once the teams have registered, the teams are sent a problem statement involving a policy issue. The problem statement generally shall be involving a detailed description of the problem at hand, and some cost-benefit insights. After receiving the problem statement, the participants have 3/4 days to brainstorm a solution.

On the day of policy pitching, the teams will pitch their solutions before a panel of juries.

Each pitch should include three things:
1. A policy memo
2. A presentation/slide deck
3. A technical tool (can be a cost-benefit analysis, a statistical analysis, an AI-ML algorithm/code etc.)

On the basis of the pitch and the submissions, the best team is adjudicated as the winner of the policy hackathon.

POLICY HACKATHON AT MCIP '21

Registration details

- Participants have to register in teams of 3. Individual participation is not allowed.

- Registration fee: 3600 per team (for Indian teams)/70 USD (for international teams)

- Teams with at least one international member will be treated as an international team.

- Important dates:

  - Last date for applying: 25 January 2021

  - Last date for final registration and payment confirmation: 4 February 2021

  - Problem statement will be sent to the participants: 5 February 2021

  - Policy bootcamp 1: 12 February 2021

  - Policy bootcamp 2: 13 February 2021

  - Submission of policy pitch by email: 13 February 2021, 23:59 PM

  - Policy pitching event: 14 February, 10 AM – 1 PM

- Policy hackathon participants also get an opportunity to attend technical sessions of the conference. Presenting a paper, however, requires separate registration as a presenter.

- The winning and runner up teams will be awarded with the '**Sustainable Policy Award – 2021**'.

Still got doubts?

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PARTICIPATION-ONLY REGISTRATION

Candidates who are neither presenting a paper nor participating in the policy hackathon can also participate in the MCIP as a non-presenting participant.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Last date for registration and payment confirmation: 5 January 2021
- Only limited number of participants will be allowed on first-come first-serve basis.
- Participants will have access to the technical sessions, virtual conference kit, resource library, policy bootcamps, as well as the policy pitching sessions.
- Registration fee per participant: 750 INR (for Indian nationals)/20 USD (foreign nationals)
- Participants shall be entitled to a certificate of participation from IIT Kharagpur.

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APPLICATION AND PAYMENT WALKTHROUGH

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