

LLM. IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & LAW

Module on Artificial Intelligence & Intellectual Property

Lecturers:

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Course description:

Artificial intelligence has taken centre stage in contemporary societies. Among many other areas of law, artificial intelligence has had a significant impact on intellectual property. Is artificial intelligence-generated content eligible for protection by intellectual property rights? Do artificial intelligence systems qualify as authors or inventors? And are such systems, or their owners, liable to infringe those rights? Or are uses of works by artificial intelligence systems covered by current exceptions to copyright? How should trademark misuse by artificial intelligence systems be dealt with, particularly when it leads to consumer confusion? And how can trade secrets be protected, if at all, from dissemination by artificial intelligence systems?

These and other highly topical issues will be addressed in this course by renown experts in the field. More than seeking definitive answers to them, the course faculty will endeavor to introduce students to the foundations of the national, European and international intellectual property regimes, and to situate those issues in the broader context of the rules and principles that govern the contemporary intellectual property system, stimulating students' interest in undertaking their own research on the topics addressed.

The course will comprise a total of 48 teaching hours, of which 20 will be lecture-based and 28 consist of tutorials aimed at guiding students in their individual research work.

Program (the lecturers of each topic and the dates and times of the lectures are indicated between brackets):

1. **Introduction: Fundamentals of Intellectual Property and the Challenges Posed by AI** (Dário Moura Vicente – 28.3.2025, 18:00-20:00).
2. **AI, Copyright and Neighbouring Rights** (Thomas Hoeren – 29.3.2025, 9:30-11:15).
3. **AI and Patents** (João de Oliveira Geraldès – 29.3.2025, 11:30-13:30).
4. **AI and Trademarks** (Vítor Palmela Fidalgo – 4.4.2025, 18:00-20:00).
5. **AI and Unfair Competition** (Thomas Hoeren – 5.4.2025, 9:30-11:15).
6. **AI and Trade Secrets** (João de Oliveira Geraldès – 5.4.2025, 11:30-13:30).
7. **IP Licensing and AI** (Manuel Lopes Rocha – 11.4.2025, 18:00-20:00).
8. **The Enforcement of IP Rights and AI** (Vítor Palmela Fidalgo – 12.4.2025, 9:30-11:20).
9. **Corporate AI Policies and IP** (Dário Moura Vicente – 12.4.2025, 11:30-12:20).
10. **AI Regulation and IP** (Manuel Lopes Rocha – 12.4.2025, 12:30-13:30).