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### Report on LLM Dissertation Camping for Innovation Science Technology Law Specialization by Avv. Claudia Del Re, Ph.D-LL.M, Senior Lecturer of “International Fashion Law” at Polimoda International Institute of Fashion Design & Marketing, and University Professor Scholar in Residence at Symbiosis Law School, Pune

On **23rd January 2025**, the LLM students specializing in **Innovation Science Technology Law** had the privilege of attending a **Dissertation Camping** session guided by **Avv. Claudia Del Re**, a prominent academic in **International Fashion Law** and **Intellectual Property**. Avv. Claudia Del Re’s extensive expertise, coupled with her experience in both academia and industry, provided invaluable insights for students working on diverse dissertation topics at the intersection of law, technology, and innovation.

The session aimed to provide personalized guidance and constructive feedback on the research topics presented by the students, helping them refine their dissertation ideas and enhance their research methodology. Below is an overview of the key topics discussed during the session:

#### 1. Patent Term Extension

One student presented a topic on **Patent Term Extension (PTE)**, which focuses on extending the period of protection for patents to compensate for delays in regulatory approval. Avv. Claudia Del Re emphasized the **public policy considerations** surrounding PTE, comparing its application in different jurisdictions like the **EU** and the **United States**. She discussed balancing the interests of **innovation incentives** with ensuring **public access** to essential technologies.

#### 2. Fanfiction Works and Copyright Protection: A Critical Analysis

The issue of **fanfiction works** and their treatment under **copyright law** sparked a lively discussion. Avv. Claudia Del Re discussed the challenges of determining whether fanfiction constitutes **fair use** or infringes upon the rights of original creators. She highlighted the need for **evolving copyright frameworks** that can address the unique nature of fan-generated content, especially in the digital age.

#### 3. Challenges in Heritage Protection Through Geographical Indications (GIs): A Study with Special Reference to Assam

This topic explored the use of **Geographical Indications (GIs)** to protect heritage products. Avv. Claudia Del Re discussed the challenges of protecting traditional knowledge through GIs, using **Assam’s products** as a case study. She emphasized the importance of aligning **cultural rights** with **global trade laws** to preserve **local heritage** and ensure fair market access for indigenous products.

#### 4. Abuse of Dominance in the Biotechnology Sector: Exploring the Interplay Between Patent and Competition Law in India and Germany

A student's dissertation topic on the **intersection of patent law** and **competition law** in the **biotechnology sector** was discussed. Avv. Claudia Del Re provided a comparative analysis of the regulatory frameworks in **India** and **Germany**, emphasizing the need to balance **innovation incentives** with **fair market competition**.

## 5. Beyond Pixels: Reforming Copyright Law for Video Games in India

The session also covered the issue of **copyright law** reform in relation to **video games**. Avv. Claudia Del Re emphasized the evolving nature of **interactive media** and the difficulties in applying traditional copyright principles to video games. She discussed how India's **IPR laws** may need to adapt to the specific needs of digital entertainment.

## 6. Law Relating to Cyber Squatting in India and USA: A Critical Analysis

The issue of **cybersquatting** was discussed in the context of both **India** and the **USA**. Avv. Claudia Del Re examined the differences in **legal protections** for **domain names** and **trademark** infringement between the two countries, providing insights into the **effectiveness** of current laws and the need for stronger enforcement mechanisms in India.

## 7. Analysis and Framework of IPR Taxation in India

One student's research topic on the **taxation of intellectual property** in India was reviewed. Avv. Claudia Del Re discussed the complexities of **taxing IP-related income** and suggested potential reforms to align India's taxation framework with **global standards**, promoting innovation while addressing concerns about **tax avoidance**.

## 8. Navigating Dispute Resolution in Trademark and Patent Law: Litigation vs. ADR

The debate between **litigation** and **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** for resolving **IP disputes** was explored. Avv. Claudia Del Re provided valuable insights into the pros and cons of both approaches, emphasizing the **efficiency and cost-effectiveness** of **ADR** in resolving trademark and patent disputes, especially in cross-border contexts.

## 9. Olfactory Marks

A fascinating discussion took place on the concept of **olfactory marks—smell-based trademarks—**and the challenges in **registering** and **protecting** such marks under existing **IP law**. Avv. Claudia Del Re highlighted how emerging industries, such as **scent marketing** and **cosmetics**, require more flexible legal frameworks to address the unique nature of olfactory branding.

## 10. Legal Implications of Blockchain in Intellectual Property Law

Avv. Claudia Del Re discussed the transformative potential of **blockchain technology** in enhancing **IP protection**. She explored how **smart contracts** and **blockchain-based registries** could streamline **IP transactions**, improve **transparency**, and reduce **counterfeiting**. However, she also pointed out the regulatory challenges of integrating blockchain with existing IP systems.

## 11. Copyright Infringement and AI-Generated Music

The session concluded with a discussion on the issue of **copyright infringement** in the context of **AI-generated music**. Avv. Claudia Del Re explored the difficulties of assigning **copyright ownership** to music created by AI and the potential implications for creators and the music industry.

The **LLM Dissertation Camping** session provided an enriching platform for students to receive expert feedback on their research topics in the field of **Innovation Science Technology Law**. Avv. Claudia Del Re's guidance helped students refine their dissertation ideas, expand their perspectives on emerging legal issues, and develop stronger research methodologies. By the end of the session, students had a clearer understanding of how to approach their dissertations and contribute meaningfully to the evolving landscape of **intellectual property law** in the context of innovation and technology.





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