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EMPLOYMENT

- ▶ 2021 Jul- present- Assistant Professor, Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), CUSAT
- ▶ 2018 Jul- 2021 Jul- Research Officer, Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), CUSAT

Subjects Taught at Post Graduate/Ph.D. Level

- ▶ Foundation I on IPR: Intellectual Property– General Principles, Nature & Content (4 credit course)
- ▶ Foundation II on IPR: Intellectual Property Rights – The Social Relevance (4 credits)
- ▶ Copyright and the Entertainment Industry (4 credits)
- ▶ Patent Law and TRIPS Agreement (4 credits)
- ▶ WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism (4 credits)
- ▶ Protection of Traditional Knowledge (4 credits)
- ▶ IP and Development (4 credits)
- ▶ Two Seminar Course (4 credits each)
- ▶ Ten Course Work on IPR (8 credits each, supervising)
- ▶ Seminar on Dissertation (supervising)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- ▶ Ph.D. in Intellectual Property Rights under the guidance of Prof. Dr. T. G. Agitha
IUCIPRS, Cochin University of Science and Technology, 2020
- ▶ LL.M. (Intellectual Property Rights) First Rank
IUCIPRS, Cochin University of Science and Technology, 2015
- ▶ LL.B. (Honours) First Class,
School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, 2012

Research Areas/ Areas of Specialization

- ▶ Intellectual Property Law
- ▶ Constitutional Law
- ▶ International Trade Law
- ▶ Competition Law
- ▶ Contract Law
- ▶ Criminal Law

Personal Information

DATE OF BIRTH: 19-07-1989

OFFICIAL ADDRESS

Assistant Professor
Inter University Centre for IPR Studies,
CUSAT, Cochin-22 India

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Devi Vihar, Elamakkara P.O.,
Punnackal, Cochin-26 India

RESEARCH AWARDS/ HONORS

- ▶ Gold Medal for the '**Best Research Paper on IPR**' instituted by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, CUSAT in 2016
- ▶ Part of '**Group of Like-minded IP Teachers**' headed by Prof. (Dr.) N.S. Gopalakrishnan proposing a Copyright Reform Agenda (2020-2021) to The Registrar of Copyright, India
- ▶ Recognised as Research Supervisor by Cochin University of Science and Technology in 2021

ACADEMIC PRESENTATION/ CONFERENCE PAPERS/ PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- ▶ Dr. Vishnu Sankar P., ***IPR and Medicines***, One- day training on Various Acts and Rules in Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Medicine Manufacturing Sector for Ayurveda Manufactures and Technical Staff organized by State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB), Ayush, Government of Kerala in association with Office of the Deputy Drugs Controller (Ayurveda), Trissur, 2022, July
- ▶ Dr. Vishnu Sankar P., ***IPR and Medicines***, Three-day Workshop on Acts and Rules related to Ayurveda Industry for Drug Inspectors and Officials of Drug Department organized by State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB), Kerala in association with Drug Controller (Ayurveda) and Connecting Governed Governing Governance (CG3), Thiruvananthapuram, 2022, June.
- ▶ Dr. Vishnu Sankar P., ***IPR and Medicines***, One-day Workshop on various Acts and Rules in Ayurveda Medicine Manufacturing Sector organized by State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB), Kerala in association with Drug Controller (Ayurveda) and Connecting Governed Governing Governance (CG3), Thiruvananthapuram, 2022, June.
- ▶ Vishnu Sankar P., ***Role of IPR in Sports Innovation***, National Seminar on The New Dimensions of Sports Law and Physical Education in the Globalised Era, Centre for Sports Law at the National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, 2019, October
- ▶ Vishnu Sankar P., ***WTO Principles on Free Trade and concept of International Exhaustion with special reference to the National Treatment Principles***, The International Conference on Intellectual Property Rights, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, SCC Online, EBC and Lawctopus, 2018, August.
- ▶ Panellist at the Two-day Workshop on Declaration on Patent Protection: Regulatory Sovereignty under TRIPs organized by Max Planck Society, IUCIPRS and JNU at the ISID, Delhi, 2016, July
- ▶ Vishnu Sankar P, "***Access to Protected Works: Limits of Parallel Imports***", First Annual National Workshop for Law Students on Re- Thinking Intellectual Property Rights- Indian Copyright Law; A Social Perspective, Inter University Centre for IPR Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT, 2011, March.
- ▶ Vishnu Sankar P, ***Wetland and Paddy Conservation: Role of Local Authorities and Public Participation***, National Seminar on Conservation of Paddy Lands and Wetlands in Kerala: The Socio-Legal Perspectives, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, 2009, December

TEACHING AND PEDAGOGY

- ▶ Resource Person for the session '**Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights**' in the 4-day Workshop on *Intellectual Property Rights in Academics and Research* organised by Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University, Mannuthy, March, 2022
- ▶ Resource Person for the sessions '**An Overview of Patent System in India and its Impact on Research and Development**' and '**Access to Copyrighted Works with Special Reference to Educational Needs**' in the One Day National Seminar on *An Overview of IPR: A Developmental*

Perspective organized by PG Department of Commerce and IQAC, Government College Malappuram, December, 2021

▶ Resource Person in the IQAC Lecture Series '**An Overview of the Indian Copyright Law**' organized by University of Calicut, July, 2021

▶ Resource Person in the Webinar '**Intellectual Property Rights: An Overview of Importance of IPR Protection**' organized by SCMS School of Engineering and Technology (SSET), Karukutty, Ernakulam, June, 2021

▶ Resource Person on the topic '**Introduction to Copyright**' in the Webinar jointly organized by Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres, Institution's Innovation Council, Research Promotion Council & Department of Zoology, St. Xavier's College for Women, Aluva, March, 2021.

▶ Resource Person on the topic '**Introduction to Copyright**' in the 5 day National Webinar Series on Intellectual Property Rights organized by All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram, with IUCIPRS, CUSAT, March, 2021.

▶ Resource Person on the topic '**Intellectual Property Rights**' jointly organized by Adi Shankara Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kalady, Ernakulam, Computer Society of India and Institution's Innovation Council, December, 2020

▶ Resource Person on the topic '**Copyright and Innovation: A Developmental Perspective**' in the Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights: Tuning the Temperament of Innovation organized by IPR Cell, TKM College of Arts & Science, Kollam in association with IUCIPRS, CUSAT, 2020, October.

▶ Resource Person on the topic '**Overview of Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge**' in the National Webinar Series on Intellectual Property Rights organized by PG and Research Department of Microbiology and IQAC, Sree Sankara College, Kalady, 2020, September. (Available at <https://youtu.be/oOdhZ60atMw>)

▶ Resource Person in the **Webinar for Faculty and UG students** on the topic '**Growing Importance of IPR- A Developmental Perspective**' organized by IQAC, KKTU Government College, Pullut, Trissur, 2020, September

▶ Resource Person in the Webinar on '**Intellectual Property Rights**' organized by IQAC, KKTU Government College, Pullut, Trissur, 2020, August

▶ Resource Person at the Two-day National Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights in the Global Economy: Challenges in Balancing Economic Growth and Public Welfare, on the topic '**Copyright Protection in the Digital Era**' Ansar Women's College, Perumpilavu, Trissur, 2020, January

▶ Resource Person at the One-day Seminar on the topic '**Importance of intellectual Property Rights**' jointly organized by IQAC and Department of Zoology, Carmel College Mala, 2019, December.

▶ Resource Person at the 7-day **Refresher Course for Law Teachers** on Developmental Perspectives of IP law- Refresher Course Series V- 'IPRs and Competition-Social Dimensions', Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), CUSAT in 2019, June

▶ Delivered Talk on '**Overview of Copyright System in India**' in the One Day Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights, S. R. V. N. S. S. College, Vazhoor, 2018, December

▶ Resource Person on the topic '**Exhaustion**' at the 7-day **Refresher Course for Law Teachers** on Developmental Perspectives of IP law- Refresher Course Series III- 'Copyright: A Social Justice Perspective', Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), CUSAT in 2017

▶ **Moot Judge** at the A. T. Markose Memorial Moot Court Competition, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, 2017

PUBLICATIONS (in English)

- ▶ Vishnu Sankar P, *Hegalian and Kantian Analysis of the Concept of Exhaustion*, CULR, Vol: 38, No. 1 & 2, 2014
- ▶ Vishnu Sankar P, *Analysis of Concept of Exhaustion under Indian Patent, Semi-Conductors and Plant Varieties*, 2016 (2) Elen. L.R 15-29
- ▶ Vishnu Sankar P, *Concept of Exhaustion under Intellectual Property Rights*, CULR, Vol: 40, No. 1-4, 2016
- ▶ Vishnu Sankar P, *WTO Principles on Free Trade and concept of International Exhaustion with special reference to the National Treatment Principles*, NLUA Law and Policy Review, Vol: 3, No. III, 2018
- ▶ Dr. Vishnu Sankar P, *Role of Intellectual Property Rights in The Sports Innovations with Special Reference to Patents*, White Black Legal (Vol 2 Issue 5) September 2020, ISSN: 2581-8503
- ▶ Dr. Vishnu Sankar P, *Free Movement of Goods and Exhaustion Under Intellectual Property Law*, IJLRA, Vol I Issue IV, September 2020, ISSN: 2582-6433
- ▶ Dr. Vishnu Sankar P (co-author), *Social Dimensions of Copyright Infringement and Enforcement: A Quick Reflection in the Context of Sci-Hub Litigation*, Like-minded IP Teachers' Working Group on IP and Public Interest available at OSF Storage (Germany-Frankfurt), 2021, February

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- ▶ Faculty Co-ordinator for the Refresher Course for Law Teachers on Developmental Perspectives of IP law- Refresher Course Series V- 'IPRs and Competition- Social Dimensions' organized by Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies, CUSAT, 2019, June.
- ▶ Faculty Co-ordinator for the Sixth Annual National Workshop for Law Students on 'Rethinking Intellectual Property Rights' jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & Chair on IPR, CUSAT, 2019, January.
- ▶ One day Workshop on Patent Opposition System and Pharmaceutical Patents jointly organized by Third World Network and Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies, CUSAT, 2018, June.
- ▶ Fourth Annual National Workshop for Law Students on 'Rethinking Intellectual Property Rights- Copyright Issues in the Entertainment Industry' jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & Chair on IPR, CUSAT, 2017, February
- ▶ National Conference on 'Visually Impaired and Copyright Regime' jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT, 2016, March
- ▶ Seven-day Refresher Course for Law Teachers on Developmental Perspectives of IP law- Refresher Course Series II Patent Law and Development, organized by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), and MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT in 2016, June.

LL.M. DISSERTATION SUPERVISED

- ▶ Linta Ann John, *Legality of Text and Data Mining in Copyright Context: A Comparative Analysis of International and Indian Perspectives*, 2021
- ▶ Aswin S., *An Analysis on the Copyrightability of Fictional Characters*, 2021
- ▶ Minnu Cicily Mathew, *The Copyrightability of Graffiti and Street Arts-A Comparative Analysis of US, UK and India*, 2021
- ▶ Arya A.V., *Educational Exceptions in Digital Context-A Comparative Study on India, US and EU (UK, France & Germany)*, 2021
- ▶ Renjana R., *IPR and Competition Law: CCI's Approach in Evaluating the Issue of Unfair Pricing*, IUCIPRS, 2020
- ▶ Krishna Ajay, *Software Patenting in Comparison with 2019 US Guidelines and 2017 Indian Guidelines*, IUCIPRS, 2020
- ▶ Sandra Mary Netto, *Analysis of Concept of Border Measure as a TRIPS Plus Provision Through the Lens of Post- TRIPS Free Trade Agreements*, IUCIPRS, 2020

Online CONTENT

- ▶ Talk on the **Explanation and Important Provisions of the Farmers Laws 2020**, published on 26th October 2020. Available at <https://youtu.be/B4dPHIOIoNo>
- ▶ Talk on the **Concerns Raised Behind the Farmers Laws 2020**, published on 2nd November 2020. Available at <https://youtu.be/yVv2H2p2v2I>
- ▶ Live Talk on the **Overview of Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge**, live streamed on 22nd September 2020. Available at <https://youtu.be/oOdhZ60atMw>

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATED

- ▶ International Conference on **New Frontiers in Sanskrit and Indic Knowledge (4th Edition)**, Working Group III: **Arenas of New Knowledge Production and Indian Public Policy**, Lecture by Prof. Subha Ghosh, (Syracuse University) organized by Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth, 2020, November
- ▶ Webinar on **WTO Appellate Body Crisis and the Possible Ways Out** by Prof. Petros C. Marvoidis, (Columbia Law School, New York) organized by Centre for Trade and Competition Law, Gujarat National Law University, 2020, October
- ▶ Virtual Round Table on Asian Law- **The Impact of COVID- 19 on Heritage Law and Protection** organized by Centre for Asian Legal Studies, National University of Singapore, 2020, October
- ▶ International Model United Nations 24, Online Conference, 2020, September
- ▶ National Webinar on **Constitution, Court and Contempt** organised by Company Law Society, Trivandrum, Kerala and CG3-Connecting Governed Governing and Governance, 2020, September
- ▶ Brainstorming Session on the **Future of Copyright** organized by Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies, CUSAT, 2019, February.
- ▶ The **International Conference on Intellectual Property Rights** organised by National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, SCC Online, EBC and Lawctopus, 2018, August.
- ▶ One day Workshop on **Patent Opposition System and Pharmaceutical Patents** jointly organized by Third World Network and Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies, CUSAT, 2018, June.

- ▶ Seven-day **Refresher Course for Law Teachers** on Developmental Perspectives of IP law- Refresher Course Series IV- **Collective forms of IP**, organized by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), CUSAT in 2018, June.
- ▶ One day Panel Discussion on **Digital Creativity in Entertainment Industry and Intellectual Property Rights** organized by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT, 2016, April
- ▶ National Conference on **Visually Impaired and Copyright Regime** organized by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT, 2016, March
- ▶ Workshop on **Protection of Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources: International and National Initiatives** organized by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT, 2016, January
- ▶ Interdisciplinary Seminar on **Climate Change** organized by the Cochin University Union, 2010 January.
- ▶ National Seminar on **Conservation of Paddy and Wetlands in India: The Socio-legal Perspectives** held at School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, 2009, December
- ▶ Regional Seminar on **Intellectual Property and Innovation Management in Knowledge Era** organised by DRDO and National Research and Development Corporation, 2009, December