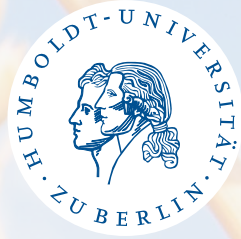


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The patentability of innovate plants became subject of a controversial public debate.

While biotechnology and agricultural chemistry companies wish for their investments to be protected as extensively as possible, farmers, environmental protection associations and other non-governmental organizations push for a limitation of the monopolization of plants.

Traditional plant breeders take an intermediate position, still rely on plant variety rights but view patents on plants with skepticism.

The conference allows for a discourse between experts from different jurisdictions and with different backgrounds.

### Admission:

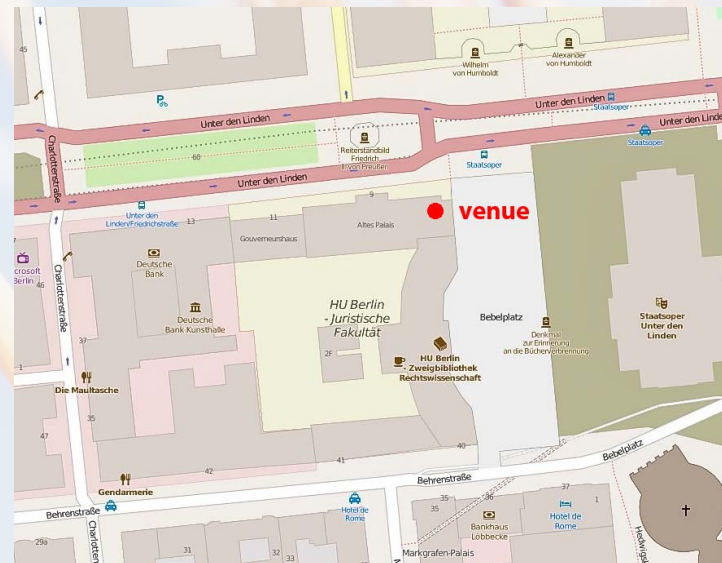
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### Venue:

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
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Unter den Linden 9  
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Room 213



**09:30 – 09:45 a.m.**

*Introduction*

**Axel Metzger**

Faculty of Law  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

**9:45 – 10:30 a.m.**

*The Object of Protection of Plant Variety Rights –  
Description of Characteristics or Genotype?*

**Gert Würtenberger**

Attorney at Law, München  
President of GRUR

**10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

Coffee Break

**11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**

*Utility Patents on Plants in the US*

**Mark D. Janis**

Maurer School of Law  
Indiana University (US)

**11:45 – 12:30 a.m.**

*Innovation in Plant Production and Breeding*

**Bernhard Grimm**

Institute of Biology  
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

**12:30 – 1:45 p.m.**

Lunch

**1:45 – 2:30 p.m.**

*Repercussions of the Nagoya Protocol on  
IP Rights on Plants*

**Herbert Zech**

Faculty of Law  
Universität Basel (CH)

**2:30 – 3:15 p.m.**

*Innovation in Agriculture and „Open IP“*

**Geertrui Van Overwalle**

Centre for Law and Innovation  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (BE)

**3:15 – 3:45 p.m.**

Coffee Break

**3:45 – 4:30 p.m.**

*Alternative License Models for Innovation in Plants*

**Catharina Maracke**

International Center for the Internet and Society  
Keio University Tokio (JP)

**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

*Patentability of Plants Under the EPC After  
Broccoli II / Tomatoe II*

**Panel Discussion**

Michael Koch  
Head of Intellectual Property,  
Syngenta, Basel (CH)

Christoph Then  
no-patents-on-seeds.org

**5:30 p.m.**

*Concluding Remarks*

**Axel Metzger**

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