



Global Intellectual Property Law

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This book reflects on intellectual property as it stands at the crossroads of these values. It considers the challenges presented by such developments as the commodification of persona, the commons, and life itself. Most significantly perhaps, the book examines the impact of intellectual property on the international stage, especially in respect of trade, development, economics and biological and cultural diversity.

'The writing is very clear and lucid and avoids some of the almost evangelical rhetoric that informs some overview works of this type. The book is balanced, and the pros and cons of various rights are explored. It is a thought-provoking work, and the clarity of argument rises above the swirl of often intemperate special pleading by one group or another. In short, this is a book that repays reading before a student plunges into the detail of a specific regime and – as can be the case with some IP teaching – it is taken for granted that IP is a good thing.'

– Howard Johnson, Communication Law

'... the book is enlightening for practitioners who are often required to take into account global considerations when advising clients. . . . It would be of particular interest to policy-makers in the intellectual property field.'

– Australian Intellectual Property Law Bulletin

'Dutfield and Suthersanen have skillfully captured in one concise volume all the important things you need to know about international intellectual property law. The materials are accessible, timely, methodically presented and at times critical. The book's detailed, in-depth and comparative analyses provide helpful insights into the increasingly complex international intellectual property system. Global Intellectual Property Law is not only an effective textbook for students interested in the subject, but a desktop companion for policymakers and professionals who need a quick and up-to-date overview of global intellectual property issues.'

– Peter K. Yu, Drake University, US and Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China

'Today global intellectual property rules affect everything from poor people's access to essential medicines to farmers' rights in seeds to access to knowledge on the Internet. But at the same time that pundits declare that intellectual property has come of age, this body of law is more contested than ever, with critics asking whether intellectual property is even necessary to stimulate innovation, and whether and how intellectual property ought to be tailored to address the health and developmental needs of the global South. Dutfield and Suthersanen's Global Intellectual Property Law is a timely and lucid contribution to the field. This tome covers every hot button area of international intellectual property law and policy, from debates over the affect of intellectual property on development, to controversy over biotechnology and property rights in life, to claims by indigenous people and developing countries for new property rights in traditional knowledge. Dutfield and Suthersanen describe the current terrain, comparing North American, European, and developing world approaches; much to their credit, they do not shy away from describing points of tension among global actors. Global Intellectual Property Law is a must have for scholars and practitioners in the field for whom, I anticipate, the book will become a trusted and oft-used reference on their bookshelf. The book is clearly written and engaging enough to be perfect for students or laypersons interested in acquiring a comprehensive and critical appraisal of the field.'

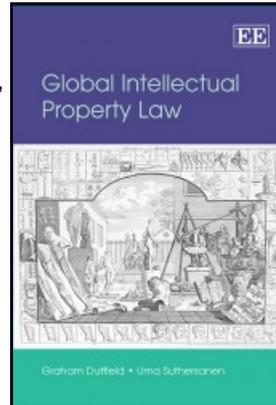
– Madhavi Sunder, University of California, Davis, US

'Dutfield and Suthersanen have succeeded in writing an engaging treatise that offers a truly modern perspective on intellectual property today. With examples from every continent, from every level of jurisdiction (national, regional, international), their study covers all the traditional fundamentals of intellectual property law as well as the current critical interrogations that their development raises. It is a book with character.'

– Ysolde Gendreau, Université de Montréal, Canada

'Global Intellectual Property Law by Dutfield and Suthersanen provides a broad overview of the issues at stake concerning fair and effective ways to organize the information resources upon which the well-being of us all depends. The book highlights international and comparative perspectives on IP law and policy. Although primarily targeted at postgraduate level students, the book is enlightening also for practitioners, and a must-read for all policy makers and opinion leaders in the IP field.'

– Thomas Dreier, University of Karlsruhe, Germany



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