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**IPR and global warming: should patents
help cool the planet?**

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français et en anglais.



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Very few will now dispute that global warming, which is mainly caused by the increase of greenhouse gases (GHG) such as CO₂ and methane in the earth's atmosphere, is the result of human activity. But human activity is far from new. What is new is a certain type of human activity - that linked to industrial development. The question then arises: could intellectual property rights (IPRs) be the cause of global warming? After all, the industrial revolution has brought with it IPRs, among the most relevant of which is patent law which encourages and protects new products and processes.

The seminar concentrates on how the existing international IP instruments and EU law already provide safeguards to limit the levels of GHG in the atmosphere. It then envisages how intellectual property rights could be improved to further reduce the levels of GHG. The solutions developed may also inspire other countries, as they are based on international instruments and universal arguments that can apply in any country. The seminar focuses on patents.

Le Dr. Derclaye présentera en anglais mais répondra aux questions en français et en anglais.

Estelle Derclaye holds degrees in law from the University of Liege, The George Washington University (LLM) and London (PhD). Prior to joining the University of Nottingham in 2006, Estelle practiced intellectual property in an international law firm in Brussels and was previously a lecturer at the Universities of Leicester and London (Queen Mary). She also spent time as a scholar at the Max-Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law (Munich) in 2002 and 2004. Her main interests are in intellectual property law, in particular copyright and designs law. In 2008, she was appointed as a member of the Copyright Expert Panel of the Strategic Advisory Board for Intellectual Property Policy, which advises the UK Intellectual Property Office.