

IFIM (Law Faculty, Stockholm University) participates in the 2026 EIPIN Annual Conference and PhD Workshop

On 16 and 17 April 2026, Luiss Guido Carli University hosted the 2026 EIPIN Annual Conference and PhD Workshop, organized by the Innovation Law and Ethics Observatory (ILEO) in collaboration with the Luiss Department of Business and Economics Law and the Luiss School of Law (Master in Competition and Innovation Law).

The event brought together leading international scholars, researchers, and PhD candidates to discuss the evolving role of Intellectual Property (IP) in the context of global crises, geopolitical tensions, sustainability challenges, and disruptive technologies such as Artificial Intelligence.

The PhD Workshop, provided early-stage, mid-stage, and advanced PhD candidates with the opportunity to present their ongoing research and receive tailored feedback from internationally renowned experts in the field. Topics addressed included AI and patent law, genome editing patents, copyright fairness, digital replicas, sustainable development, and the relationship between IP and the circular economy.

Among the PhD candidates, Måns Svennem Lundberg of Stockholm University presented his research entitled *"Enforcing Fairness"* during the afternoon panel of the workshop. His presentation contributed to the broader discussion on fairness and enforcement challenges within contemporary intellectual property law and received comments from Prof. Josef Drexl of the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition.

The Annual Conference, entitled *"IP in Times of Crisis and Geopolitical Tensions"*, focused on three major themes: patents and trade secrets in times of crisis, sustainability and IP, and disruptive technologies and AI regulation. Discussions explored how intellectual property systems are adapting to geopolitical instability, health crises, sustainability imperatives, and emerging technological developments. Among the speakers was Professor Frantzeska Papadopoulou Skarp of Stockholm University, who actively contributed to the event both as a chair and as a speaker. During the conference, she delivered a presentation entitled *"Inventorship Under a New Light in a Time of Geopolitical Tensions: When Innovation Meets National Security"*, addressing the relationship between innovation, inventorship, and national security concerns in the current geopolitical landscape.

Additional discussions throughout the conference addressed innovation and national security, access to medicines and patent law, the politicisation of trade secret protection, sustainability-oriented IP policies, geographical indications and overproduction, and the ethical implications of AI-driven copyright frameworks.

The conference featured contributions from distinguished academics and experts from institutions across Europe, including Maastricht University, Stockholm University, Hanken School of Economics, Queen Mary University of London, the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, the University of Alicante, and Jagiellonian University, among others.

A warm thank you to ILEO and Luiss University for the very well-organized conference and the warm welcome to Rome.