

Presenter Biographies – TACIP 2025

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- **Janne Salminen**, Professor of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Turku, and Dean of the Faculty. Additionally, Janne Salminen is an Adjunct Professor (Title of Docent) at both the University of Helsinki and Åbo Akademi University in Turku.
- **Ruth L. Okediji**, Jeremiah Smith, Jr, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and Co-Director of the Berkman Klein Center. A renowned scholar in international intellectual property (IP) law and a foremost authority on the role of intellectual property in social and economic development, Prof. Okediji has advised inter-governmental organizations, regional economic communities, and national governments on a range of matters related to technology, innovation policy, and development.
- **P. Sean Morris**, Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki.
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- **Kow Abekah-Wonkyi**, PhD Candidate at the University of Ottawa.
- **Phillip Johnson**, Professor of Law at King’s College London. He is the author of numerous books and articles, and he is the editor of the Intellectual Property Quarterly. He also sits as an Appointed Person hearing trademark and design appeals from the UK Intellectual Property Office
- **Janewa Osei-Tutu**, Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law, teaches Trademark Law, Fashion & Cultural Heritage, and Contract Law. She has published extensively on intellectual property law and topics at the intersection of intellectual property, human development, and human rights.
- **Lydia Lundstedt**, Associate Professor (Docent) and Senior Lecturer in private international law at Stockholm University and a senior lecturer in intellectual property law at Linköping University.
- **Susan Isiko Štrba**, Senior Research Fellow and Policy Advisor at the International Lawyers and Economists for Development (ILaED.Org). She combines teaching and research with providing policy, legislative advice and technical training to governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society, focusing mainly on

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- **Lokesh Vyas**, PhD Candidate at Sciences Po, Paris.
- **Juliet Ogbodo**, Doctoral Candidate at the School of Law, University of Eastern Finland.
- **Véronique Pouillard**, Professor of International History at the University of Oslo, Institute for Archeology, Conservation and History. She was a recipient of the grant ERC CoG 818523 for her project Creative IPR: The history of intellectual property in the creative industries (2019-2025). Her work has been published in journals including Business History, The Business History Review, and New Global Studies.
- **Katja Weckström**, Professor of Commercial Law, University of Eastern Finland. Her research focuses on emerging markets and the evolving regulatory framework for commerce. She concentrates on the role of law and trade in shaping the global economy, which directly impacts national and regional economies.
- **Gururaj Devarhubli**, Assistant Professor of Law, Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (India).
- **Taruna Jakhar**, Assistant Professor of Law, Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (India).
- **Nkem Itanyi**, Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law, University of East Anglia, and University of Nigeria. Nkem is interested in substantive law on copyright and related rights, and in using empirical research to address questions pertaining to copyright law and policy, and in exploring connections between Intellectual Property law and culture through the lens of creators and users, which are often affected by cultural, psychological, social and technological variables.
- **Isaac Rutenberg**, Associate Professor of ICT Policy and Innovation at Strathmore University, Nairobi. He is also an Associate Member at the Center for Law, Technology, and Society at the University of Ottawa. Prof. Rutenberg's research centers on innovation ecosystems and their ability to serve innovators, particularly in Africa. He is widely published on law, policy, and practice as they pertain to intellectual property, Artificial Intelligence, climate change, and agriculture.
- **Peter K. Yu**, University Distinguished Professor, Regents Professor of Law and Communication, and Director, Center for Law and Intellectual Property. He previously held the Kern Family Chair in Intellectual Property Law at Drake University Law School and was Wenlan Scholar Chair Professor at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan, China.

- **Edward Kwakwa**, Assistant Director General, Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. He served as General Counsel at WIPO from 2004 until September 2016. Kwakwa holds an LL.B. degree from the University of Ghana, an LL.M. from Queen's University in Canada, and an LL.M. and a J.S.D. from Yale Law School in the U.S.A.
- **Ulla-Maija Mylly**, Associate Professor of Commercial Law at Hanken School of Economics. She is currently an Academy Research Fellow, working on her Academy of Finland-funded research project on trade secrets and the data-driven economy. She was a TIAS postdoctoral collegium researcher at the Turku Institute of Advanced Studies from 2017 to 2019.
- **Victoria C. Onyeagbako**, Hershel Smith Doctoral Researcher at Queen Mary University of London.
- **Olufunmilayo B. Arewa**, Professor, George Mason University School of Law. Prof. Arewa's research focuses on technology, the creative industries, business law, accounting, entrepreneurship, comparative law, and Africana studies. Prior to becoming a law professor, she practised law in the technology startup arena in Silicon Valley, New York, and Boston. She was a Visiting Lecturer at the Center for Afro-American and African Studies (CAAS) at the University of Michigan and a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State.
- **Chidi Oguamanam**, Professor, Research Chair in Sustainable Bio-Innovation, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Global Knowledge Governance, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa. He is also a Full Professor affiliated with the three centres of excellence: the Centre for Law, Technology and Society; Centre for Environment and Global Sustainability; and Centre for Health Law, Policy, and Ethics.
- **Mika Viljanen**, Professor of Private Law and Vice Dean – Research, of the Faculty of Law, University of Turku. His research concentrates on studying law, artificial intelligence, and regulatory theory.
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- **Tshirelesto Modikawa**, Creative and Cultural Development Manager, National Arts Council, Botswana. Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expression in the Era of Digital Technology
- **Felipe de Andrade**, PhD Candidate in Law at the University of Antwerp and KU Leuven.

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- **Emmanuel Kolawole Oke**, Senior Lecturer in International Intellectual Property Law, Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh. His research interests include international and comparative aspects of intellectual property law. Specifically, his research explores the interface between intellectual property and other branches of international law, such as international trade law, international investment law, and international human rights law.

- **Carlos Correa**, Executive Director of the South Centre. He began his term as South Centre Executive Director on 1 July 2018. Prior to this, he was the Special Advisor on Trade and Intellectual Property of the South Centre.

- **Justin Hughes**, Hon. William Matthew Byrne, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law, Loyola Law School. Prior to joining Loyola in 2013, Professor Justin Hughes taught at Cardozo Law School where he served as director of Cardozo's Intellectual Property Program, 2004 through 2008, and founded the law school's Indie Film Clinic, the first of its kind.

- **Tuomas Mylly**, Professor and Chair of Commercial Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Turku. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor of European Law at the same university. Besides his academic career, he has worked as a lawyer and legal counsel at a law firm and a major mobile communications company in Finland. Prof. Mylly's research concentrates on global and European intellectual property law, competition law in the digital society, and European constitutional law related to information regulation.

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