

Mini-Course: Intellectual Property and Competition Law in the context of Covid-19 Pandemic



Short summary of proposal: Mini-course organized by the South Centre and the Court of Appeal for Specialized Cases, Thailand to: (i) examine with Thai judges, prosecutors, competition authority officials, administrative court officials, and other public servants the utilization of TRIPS flexibilities (including competition law) in the context of the COVID 19 pandemic; (ii) discuss issues of relevance to Thailand and other developing countries at the intersection between intellectual property and competition law; (iii) identify issues for the in-person course planned to be held in Bangkok in May 2022.

Format: 2 hours virtual session through the South Centre's Zoom platform: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QQdMo4YfS7KB1pldc6AHmg.

Interpretation: The event will be conducted in English with Thai simultaneous interpretation.

Date and Time: 24 March 2022, 14h-16h in Bangkok (08h-10h in Geneva)

Programme

14h00-14h10

Opening

Honorable Justice Anocha Chevitsophon, the President of the Court of Appeal for Specialized Cases, Thailand and **Dr. Carlos Correa**, Executive Director, South Centre

15h10-16h00

Panel 1 – Ensuring Competition and Access to Health Technologies in Covid-19 times: Implications of intellectual property

Prof. Irene Calboli, A&M Texas – Parallel imports to promote competition and access to medicines: how does Southeast Asia perform?

Prof. Duncan Matthews, Queen Mary University London – Anticompetitive practices and access to medicines: lessons and shortcomings from the Covid-19 pandemic

Dr. Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre – Using TRIPS flexibilities under the Thai law to overcome IP barriers for Covid-19 health products

Dr. Viviana Muñoz, Coordinator, HIPB, South Centre – IP and access landscape of treatments and vaccines for Covid-19

Dr. Vitor Ido, South Centre, Moderator

Q&A

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**Panel 2 – Competition Law and Intellectual Property in the context of Covid-19
Pandemic: Past, Present and Future**

Prof. Andrea Gideon, University of Liverpool – Competition Law in Covid-19 times: an update of the debate on abusive practices and market concentrations

Ermias Biadgleng, UNCTAD – From the South Africa Hazel Tau case to the EU Astrazeneca case and beyond: some case law in different jurisdictions

Cecilia Oh, UNDP – The use of competition law as a TRIPS flexibility: current status and prognostics for the future

Mr. Nirmalya Syam, Senior Programme Officer, South Centre – The TRIPS Waiver Proposal and implications for its implementation under FTAs and IIAs.

Judge Dr. Benjawan Tangsatapornpan, Moderator

Q&A