

In Honour of [National Indigenous History Month](#) & [Pride Month](#)

This June, we celebrate Indigenous, queer, and gender-diverse creators and innovators who strive for a better tomorrow despite centuries of suppression. We recently featured news about [an Anishinabe artist's work to engage with his heritage](#) and a [gay rapper's success in music and fashion](#). The IP Innovation Clinic seeks to empower underrepresented communities. We hope to continue to help innovators who make Canada's IP landscape as vibrant as Canada itself.

-Prof Pina D'Agostino

FEATURE POSTS

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Nintendo v Bowser: Hacking and Piracy in Video Games

June 4, 2021 by Natalie Bravo

Like its predecessors, the 2017 Nintendo Switch is not immune to hacking and piracy. The modification of video game consoles typically enables the unauthorized use of illegally obtained game cartridge data (stored in ROMs) or fan-made 'homebrew' content. Some modifications allow [pornographic content to be published within Nintendo games](#). Hacking and piracy in the video game industry has even sparked [international concerns, with hacks appearing on open marketplaces such as Amazon](#).

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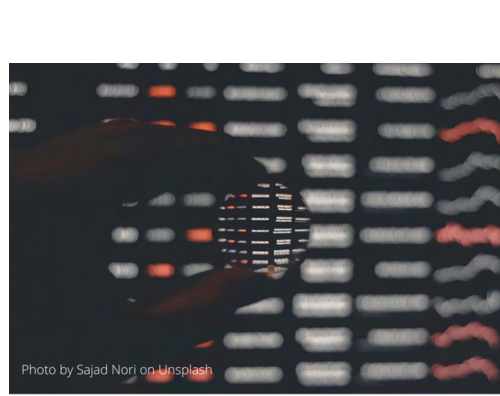
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LATEST POSTS



Fedcoin?: Digital Currency and Privacy

May 31, 2021 by Tiffany Wang

The near ubiquity of Alipay in China and the Bank of Canada's (BoC) [announcement](#) of a Central Bank Digital Loonie (CDBL) foreshadow a future of digital currency. The U.S. dollar is also a form of digital currency

managed by the Federal Reserve Bank. As of December 2019, [almost ninety percent of US dollars were purely digital. Only eight percent of the world's currency exists as cash](#). The United States Congress has already begun to contemplate "Digital Dollar" proposals to protect the financial wellbeing of hardworking Americans.

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What to do when Anything is Possible: A Brief Note on the Problems Surrounding the Regulation of Deepfakes

June 3, 2021 by Ali Mesbahian

Thanks to deepfakes, it is becoming increasingly difficult to tell whether a video is real or not. Deepfakes are machine learning processes that [synthesize](#) video and audio recordings using the images and sounds belonging to individuals not present in the original recordings in order to produce [realistic impersonations](#). As the technology behind deepfakes further develops, it becomes [more accessible](#). What results is the widespread use of deepfakes for nefarious purposes, such as pornography ([96 percent](#) of its use according to a 2019 inquiry), and influencing elections. The rapid development of deepfakes also threatens to influence our understanding of the world.



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IP OSGOODE NEWS

[ALT TEX secures \\$1.5M pre-seed financing led by Amplify Capital and Garage Capital](#)

We are so proud of [ALT TEX](#), a Canadian grassroots company and IP Innovation Clinic client, on their pre-seed financing success. Congratulations to Co-Founders Myra Arshad and Avneet Ghotra! Read more about their success [here](#).

[Fall 2021 Course "Legal Values: Litigating Intellectual Property Law Cases"](#)

Wednesdays from 10:30-12:30

This fall, Prof David Vaver and the Honourable Justice Roger Hughes will teach students about the Federal Court of Canada's IP litigation process, from advising clients to writing judgements, before students prepare for and participate in a moot. Read more about the course [here](#).

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Canada's IP Writing Challenge

Deadline
Entries must be received by 5 p.m. (ET) on **Thursday, July 1, 2021**

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[Canada's IP Writing Challenge 2021: Founded by the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada \(IPIC\) & IP Osgoode](#)

DEADLINE: 1 July 2021

IPIC and IP Osgoode wish to enhance intellectual property public policy research and discussion among law students, graduate students, and legal and business professionals. Prizes include \$1000 (CAD), publication on the [IPilogue](#), and consideration for publication in the [Canadian Intellectual Property Review](#) and/or the [Intellectual Property Journal](#).

If you are interested, click [here](#) for the full Challenge Rules (ou [ici](#) pour les règles en français).

EVENTS

[IP Osgoode Presents Bracing for Impact: AI's Dirty Footprint](#)

28 June 2021 at 12:00 pm

The third Bracing for Impact Webinar, titled "AI's Dirty Footprint", addresses the environmental implications of artificial intelligence (AI) developments in recent years. AI can be a double-edged sword, and while it can make resources and information more accessible, it also requires more energy to use and, as a result, increases our carbon footprint.

Panelists Audrey Lee (Microsoft), Neetika Sathe (Alectra), and Kapil Singhal (Vyntelligence) will look closely at their impact and discuss with the audience. This webinar is organized by IP Osgoode in collaboration with the [Harry Radzyner Law School](#) at the [IDC Herzliya](#) in Israel, [Microsoft Canada](#), and this time appropriately [Alectra's GRE&T Centre](#).

[Settling the IP Case: Advanced Tips for Settlements that Stick](#)

8 June 2021

This session will talk about best practices for copyright, trademark and patent settlements. Seasoned practitioners will explain advanced tips to ensure that a deal protects the interests of all parties. Register for this event [here](#).

[Lifecycle of a Smart Idea | Prove It! The Use of Expert Evidence in a Global IP Dispute](#)

16 June 2021

This session in [Gowling WLG's](#) webinar series will focus on the use, acquisition and preparation of expert evidence in IP proceedings on a global level. Register for this event [here](#).

IP PICK OF THE WEEK

Is the UK's flagship industrial policy a costly failure?

The [University of Cambridge Centre for Business Research](#) prepared this independent report analyzing the UK's 2013 Patent Box scheme, meant to increase IP commercialization. The report suggests that the government did not address the underlying need to promote new STEM-based companies to replace declining industries. Read the report [here](#).

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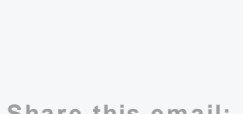
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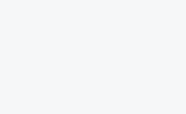
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