



Constructing a Technological Commons through Public Norms and Private Ordering

Public Lecture:

Professor Peter Lee

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This public lecture, which is co-sponsored by Victoria University's Faculty of Law and the Royal Society of New Zealand, will explore how public institutions can leverage their contributions of money, labour, and even biological materials to enhance access to new inventions, thus creating a technological commons that serves research and humanitarian ends. The model presented by Professor Lee challenges the traditional, market-based nature of the patent system. This lecture will explore how governments, universities, and nonprofit organizations are leveraging the tools of market-based quid pro quos, conditioning contributions of money, labor, and biological materials on recipients' agreements to make resulting patented technologies widely available for qualified purposes—while still maintaining patent law's built-in incentives for invention and innovation. In this sense, the emerging technological commons is the product of a compelling combination of public norms and private ordering.

A graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School, Peter Lee is a Professor of Law and Chancellor's Fellow at UC Davis School of Law. An expert in patent law, he has written extensively on patents in biomedical research and university-industry technology transfer. He is a leading voice on the intersection of science and society and the patent system's impact on scientific and technological progress. His scholarship has appeared in leading journals such as *The Yale Law Journal*, *California Law Review*, and *Michigan Law Review*, and has received numerous awards, including the UC Davis Chancellor's Fellowship and the Samsung-Stanford Patent Prize.



The lecture will be chaired by Professor Graeme Austin, Victoria University Faculty of Law, and introduced by Dean Peterson, Manager of Research Funding at the Royal Society of New Zealand.

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Seating is limited, so please RSVP: Anna.Burnett@vuw.ac.nz to reserve a place.

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