

Intellectual Property and Environmental Law

Professor Jeremy de Beer

Final Take-Home Examination

6 February 2015

Respond to only 1 (one) of the 4 (four) questions on this exam.

Your response is due **BEFORE 23:59 EST on SATURDAY, 19 MARCH 2016**

Late submissions cannot be accepted.

Your response must begin with this statement, followed by your initials:

I promise to follow the highest ethical, professional and legal standards of academic integrity. The work I have submitted for this examination has not been plagiarized directly or indirectly from any other person; it is solely my own independent work.

Guidelines for Responses

Responses should be roughly 2000 words. They should be an intelligent, substantive, engagement with the specific question posed, the course materials and classroom discussion.

A response can be: a well-argued opinion, a critique or a suggestion for social or legal reform. It can include: relevant references to current events, personal experience or any relevant writings on the topic. A response cannot be: a mere description or summary of the course materials and classroom discussion.

While your response must not merely describe the course materials and discussion, it should still engage with the course materials and discussion. It should not be a response to the question in general or in contexts only tangentially related to course materials and discussion.

Because you have little time and space in which to convey your thoughts on important topics and complex issues, I suggest that you focus your responses. The questions themselves are intentionally broad; this is to empower students to take their responses in any of several specific directions. I strongly encourage you to choose *one* such direction, rather than trying to cover everything that could be said in response. The more specific the issue you address, and the more precisely you address a particular aspect of that question, the better your response is likely to be.

The format of your response is less importance that the substance. For example, you may use any style of referencing and citation that you wish. You should, however, take special care to edit and proofread your response as thoroughly as possible before submitting it. The care you take in completing the assignment can reflect substantially on the seriousness of your effort.

1. What are the biggest challenges and opportunities for framing global intellectual property law and policymaking as an environmental or sustainable development issue?

2. What is the most promising intellectual property related business strategy or public policy for promoting the invention and adoption of clean energy technologies throughout the world?

3. What is the likely practical impact on the most important stakeholders in an international agreement on access and benefit sharing pursuant to the Convention on Biological Diversity?

4. How might scientific innovation in agricultural biotechnologies and intellectual property laws and policies governing plants' genetic resources intersect in the future?
