

FOREWORD

I am delighted to present the 2025 Special Issue of the *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property in the Asia-Pacific”. This volume features a selection of articles developed through a colloquium convened by the Centre for Digital Law at Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University (“SMU”) spanning three workshops over the period of June 2024 to April 2025.

This Special Issue offers a different perspective from the earlier volume on “Artificial Intelligence and Data Governance” published in 2022. While the 2022 Special Issue offered readers insight into specific artificial intelligence (“AI”) governance issues – covering topics such as algorithmic fairness, human rights, competition and data protection – this collection focuses on how generative AI is transforming intellectual property (“IP”) law. I am confident that this Special Issue will contribute meaningfully to Asia-Pacific perspectives in global AI and IP discourse by demonstrating how jurisdictions are reimagining IP frameworks in response to generative AI.

The Journals Advisory Committee is most grateful to have Assoc Prof Jason Grant Allen, Assoc Prof Saw Cheng Lim and Ms Huijuan Peng as our Guest Editors for this Special Issue. A proper introduction of our Guest Editors is only fitting given their instrumental role in shaping this publication.

Assoc Prof Jason Grant Allen is an Associate Professor of Law at the Yong Pung How School of Law, SMU where he also serves as Director of the Centre for Digital Law. Assoc Prof Allen’s work bridges law, economics and emerging technologies. He has published widely and contributed to international legal harmonisation and comparative law initiatives. His thought leadership has supported global organisations, including United Nations bodies, central banks, and government agencies.

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copyright protection, and deepfake technologies. Prior to joining SMU, she taught at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, the University of Otago, and Emlyon Business School.

We are also deeply appreciative of the authors who have invested their time and effort in this issue. The contributors to this Special Issue bring together a rich diversity of expertise across academia, legal practice, and policy. They include academics, researchers, practitioners, and strategists from leading institutions across the Asia-Pacific and beyond. Their combined breadth of experience ensures a well-rounded and forward-looking exploration of AI's impact on IP law.

In alphabetical order, they are: Assoc Prof Jason Grant Allen, Jianfeng Cao, Jiahui Chen, Wenting Cheng, Asst Prof Poomsiri Dumrongvute, Ari Juliano Gema, Assoc Prof WooJung Jon, Huijuan Peng, Sukhprem Sachadecha, Assoc Prof Saw Cheng Lim, Prof David Tan, Joshua Yuvaraj and Georg Zoeller.

I must also express my immense gratitude to the team at Academy Publishing for their editorial support in this publication. I hope this collection of articles inspires further scholarly discourse on the evolving practice of AI and IP law.

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