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Series: Pathways of Young Material Scientists after Graduation

A whole new world: Working in the field of Intellectual Property

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Abstract

Looking at science from another perspective: Working as a scientist in the field of Intellectual Property (IP), you are protecting research and inventions of your company or clients. In addition, you will become a legal advisor for questions around new developments (are we allowed to enter the market?) and collaborations (who owns the IP?).

A patent attorney needs to have a good understanding of an invention in order to translate it into "patent language". Therefore, it is obligatory to have a scientific background.

This talk will give you an overview of job opportunities in Intellectual Property. What can you expect from a job in this field? How do you become a German/European patent attorney? Which other options do you have if you want to work in this area? How does a job in industry differ from one at a law firm? Which options do you have to make your job compatible with your (family) life?

Speaker

As a PhD student in organic chemistry at the University of Stuttgart, Christine Schröder-Schetelig came in touch with the IP world in a seminar about patent law. After finishing her PhD in 2015, she took the chance to start a job as IP Manager at Sartorius – a supplier of pharmaceutical and laboratory equipment. Parallel to her full-time job, Christine prepared for the European Qualification Examination, which she passed in 2021 to become a European Patent Attorney. Christine took one year off after her first child was born in 2022 and currently works part-time.