Intellectual Property Protection for "Soft" Technologies

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ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE INVITED

Abstract: This seminar will present the main issues related to the intellectual property protection of technologies that are embodied in constructs such as algorithms and data structures rather than physical devices and processes. The main features of copyright and patent protection will be outlined, with particular emphasis on the recent Supreme Court decision in *Mayo v. Prometheus Labs* and its impact on patentability of software.

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