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Intellectual Property Rights and the Global Civil Society Reform Project:

WHAT NEXT?

Date: Friday 18 November 2011

Time: 10am – 5pm (followed by drinks)

Venue: Graham Wallace Room (5th Floor, Old Building),
the London School of Economics and Political Science

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The London School of Economics and Political Science will be hosting a one-day workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights and the Global Civil Society Reform Project: What Next?' on Friday 18 November 2011.

While some may contest the idea of there being a global social movement to reform the world's IPR system there is no doubt that reforming initiatives have emanated from a broad range of social and economic concerns. Interest groups have found commonality and joined forces in what some have called a social movement. These groups face many challenges, not only because of sustained and powerful opposition; but also decreasing funding opportunities, and struggles to redefine themselves in an ever-changing environment.

The workshop will aim to identify some of the challenges facing the civil society global IPR reform effort, and what these challenges mean for the future of the global IPR system. It will also look at new and sometimes unlikely alliances with the business community and how they might navigate through changing patterns of alliances. What therefore can we realistically expect given the current climate, and what opportunities can we glean from the challenges facing civil society?

Confirmed speakers include:

Welcome by **Mary Kaldor**, DESTIN

Ahmed Latif, ICTSD

Alan Story, Kent Law School

Ben White, The British Library

Ian Brown, Oxford Internet Institute

Jeremy Silver, Mediaclarity

Peter Bradwell, ORG

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Uma Suthersanen, Queen Mary University

Other speakers TBC

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