A lot is known about the history of patent law. Much less is known about the history of patent administration. In this seminar, Professor Peter Drahos will look at the emergence of modern patent administration in Europe and the US. He will ask whether this regulatory history contains lessons for how developing countries today might approach patent administration. Professor Bhupinder Chimni will offer a response.

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