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Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the call for views on AI & IP. I thought I would take the liberty of sharing my article in *International & Comparative Law Quarterly*, published in October 2020 and available on open access through the Cambridge University Press website here:

Simon Chesterman 'Artificial Intelligence and the Limits of Legal Personality', *International & Comparative Law Quarterly* , vol 69(4), pp 819-844 (2020), available on open access at: https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-and-comparative-law-quarterly/article/artificial-intelligence-and-the-limits-of-legal-personality/1859C6E12F75046309C60C150AB31A29

Abstract: As artificial intelligence (AI) systems become more sophisticated and play a larger role in society, arguments that they should have some form of legal personality gain credence. It has been suggested that this will fill an accountability gap created by the speed, autonomy, and opacity of AI. In addition, a growing body of literature considers the possibility of AI systems owning the intellectual property that they create. The arguments are typically framed in instrumental terms, with comparisons to juridical persons such as corporations. Implicit in those arguments, or explicit in their illustrations and examples, is the idea that as AI systems approach the point of indistinguishability from humans they should be entitled to a status comparable to natural persons. This article contends that although most legal systems could create a novel category of legal persons, such arguments are insufficient to show that they should.

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