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Spring 2014 Speaker Series

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Bioenergy Plantations and Biodiversity in India: Impacts and Policy Implications

Monday, February 24, 2014 Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Please arrive promptly (not Berkeley time) Room 250 at Goldman School of Public Policy 1893 Le Roy & Hearst Ave

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to <u>cepp@berkeley.edu</u> by Thursday, February 20, 2014.

<u>About the Seminar</u>: The rise in biofuel production raises concerns about the environmental impact of energy crop plantations. Impacts on ecosystems include changes to biodiversity, release of nitrous oxide emissions, and soil diversity. This study will review these impacts and explore what they mean for biofuel law and policy.

<u>About the Speaker</u>: Dr. M.Padmavati is an associate professor at the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law at the India Institute of Technology (Kharagpur). She has a Ph.D. in plant sciences and a masters degree in IP law. Her research interests include biotechnology, bioenergy commercialization, herbal drug regulation, and IP protection of indigenous knowledge.

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