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Associate Professor Le Thi Thu Ha has 20 years of experience in researching, teaching and consulting on challenges of enterprises to support improving the competitiveness of startups, companies and products through creating intellectual property, encouraging innovation, and branding. As the current Director of FTU Innovation and Incubation Space, Prof Le has led the key activities of FTU in innovation, such as developing a new curriculum in E&I, inspiring innovative and entrepreneurial spirit in the Vietnamese young generation, and managing Intellectual Property-focused projects with innovative, community-oriented and sustainable solutions in the last few years. FTU has become the pioneer university in the national innovation ecosystem, organized by VCCI, Vietnam and the most impactful institution in the global innovation competition “Social Business Creation”, initiated by HEC, Canada (Haute Etudes de Montréal) in 2021 and 2022. As the first chairwomen of the Vietnam Network of Higher Education E&I Center (VNEI), Ms Le Ha plays an important role in promoting the innovation activities in universities and colleges, creating new initiatives influencing the widespread network and laying a solid foundation for new policies in innovation being practically applied in academic life. As the leader of the Innovation and Intellectual Property Research Team at FTU, Prof. Le has followed the impact trend in transdisciplinary research and received research funding from international organizations and enterprises, such as WIPO, UNwomen, WTI, and Mitsubishi Corporation. Besides, she participated as an independent consultant in many projects funded by NGOs, international organizations and the Vietnamese Government. Prof Le is a pioneer in raising awareness of intellectual property and innovation among young people, start-ups, the business community, and policymakers.

DISTINGUISHED DISCUSSANTS AND COMMENTATORS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)



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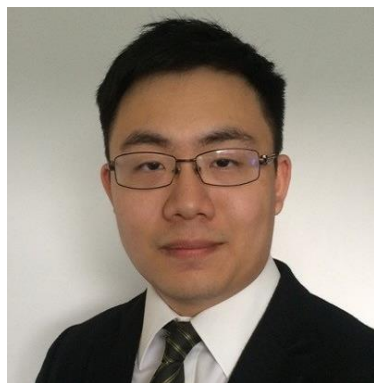
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