

Cybercrime Law and the Regulation of Digital Evidence

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Abstract

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Keywords

cybercrime, digital evidence, cyber law, criminal law, privacy, investigation, international cooperation

1. Introduction

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5. Challenges, Policy Implications and Future Research

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Table 1. Key Legal Dimensions

Legal dimension	Example source	Analytical focus
Substantive law	Constitution, statute, treaty	Rights and obligations
Procedural law	Rules of procedure	Fairness and remedies
Institutions	Courts, agencies, regulators	Implementation
Rights	Privacy, equality, liberty	Legal protection
Enforcement	Judicial and administrative remedies	Effectiveness

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