

Data Privacy and the Protection of Personal Information in the Digital Age

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Abstract

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Keywords

data privacy, personal information, data protection, digital law, privacy rights, cybersecurity, regulation

1. Introduction

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5. Challenges, Policy Implications and Future Research

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6. Conclusion

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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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