International Regimes for Information and Communication Technologies: Towards a New Research Agenda

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ABSTRACT

There are a variety of forums used to negotiate international regimes for information and communication technologies (ICTs). While recently, much scholarly attention has been paid to ICANN and WSIS, these two forums are not necessarily the most important or authoritative. The G8 and the OECD, for example, are considerably more important for ICT regime creation and maintenance. The purpose of this paper is to put research on ICT regimes on a sounder footing by surveying the literature and proposing a new agenda for research.

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