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Extraterritorial Enforcement of National Laws in Connection with Online Commercial Activity

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- National laws on the internet
- Transnational forces forming national laws
- Enforcement not limited to state enforcement power
- Alternative enforcement in the shadow of state enforcement
- Extraterritorial enforcement
 - Remote and decentralized activity on the internet
- Impact of uncertain enforcement on substantive law debates



- Transnational commercial activity
 - All aspects of online commerce;

not limited to "commercial law" or EU E-Commerce Directive

- No internet infrastructure governance issues
- International, not inter-state commercial activity
- Limits on the ubiquitousness
 - Geoblocking
 - Other targeting
 - Other traditional market-partitioning tools
- Lack of uniformity
 - Tangible v. intangible goods



Prescriptive and Adjudicatory Perspectives

- Point-of-source v. point-of-consumption principle
- Point-of-source principle
 - EU E-Commerce Directive
- Point-of-consumption principle
 - U.K. Gambling (Licensing and Advertising) Act 2014
- Attractiveness of the point-of-source principle
 - Issues of proper localization
 - Enforcement issues
- Benefits of the point-of-consumption principle
- Substantive content as a problematic guideline to the selection of the principle



A Country's Enforcement Power

- Jurisdiction and enforcement power over the defendant
 - Territorially-limited enforcement
- Secondary liability and intermediaries
- Border measures

Enforcement Assistance from Other Countries

- Judgments by courts of general v. specific jurisdiction
- Limitations on application of foreign law and enforcement of foreign judgments

Territorial Scope of Injunctions on the Internet



Supranational Limitations on Extraterritorial Enforcement

- Free movement of goods and services (EU, EEA)
- No barriers to trade (WTO)
- Exceptions

Possibilities for Improvement

- Rogue countries
- Alternative enforcement problems
 - Location of servers; intermediaries
- Enforcement of public law v. private law
- Industry actions



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