KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY TO RICHES. IS THE LAW (OR ANYTHING ELSE) PROTECTING IT ADEQUATELY?

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Summary

Information has brought about a new way of thinking and trading and a new concept of what is really valuable. In the present article the author explores whether efforts to catch up in various areas of law have kept pace with these developments. In the process some nice distinctions have to be made between data, information and intelligence and the various senses in which these terms are being used, depending on the context. In the end, one has to turn to legal philosophy and concepts such as post-modernism and empiricism in order to try to find a satisfying answer.

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