Information Sovereignty
Data Privacy, Sovereign Powers and the Rule of Law

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This thought-provoking work elaborates on the assumption that information privacy is, in its essence, comparable to information sovereignty. This seemingly rudimentary observation serves as the basis for an analysis of various information instruments in domestic and international law. It also provides for the method to resolve situations where informational domains of individuals and/or states collide. Information Sovereignty combines a philosophical and methodological analysis of the phenomena of information, sovereignty and privacy. It also encompasses more practical discussions of cybersecurity and cross-border processing of personal data, including in the context of cross-border discovery of digital evidence.

‘A provocative, well-argued and entertaining critique of jurisdictional dogmas. With pragmatism and creative flair, and with an eye to the informational realities of our age, the authors show why and how legal regulatory policy must be decoupled from its obsession with territoriality as the primary basis for asserting jurisdiction.’
– Lee Andrew Bygrave, University of Oslo, Norway

‘This book deals with a crucial question not only for information law, but for law in general, namely how the concept of sovereignty should apply to flows of digital information in a globalized world. The authors have re-thought questions of jurisdiction and applicable law for the Internet age in a way that is at the same time learned, imaginative, entertaining, and illuminating.’
– Christopher Kuner, VUB Brussel, Belgium and editor-in-chief, International Data Privacy Law