

THE EMERGENCE OF A DISCIPLINE: INFORMATION LAW

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Abstract: *This paper aims to emphasize the fact that in the context of information society, regulations and laws governing information and data as well as information systems activities, must be prevalent. In this regard, we believe that at least on the educational and academic level the discipline of information law must be developed in accordance with the new challenges and threats to security, synchronized with the transformed paradigm of national and international security.*

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1. Introduction

Nowadays, all major human activities are influenced by the rapid development of technology, in a more and more interconnected world. We watch news, get medical assistance, and pay bills and taxes online. We live in a society that forty years ago was called by Yoneji Masuda “the information society”, a society in which the major production center is given by the information utility, developed information networks, data bases and data banks¹. Besides its positive issues, the information society develops challenges and threats, a series of social problems: *future shock, terrorism and invasion of privacy*², main forces of social change being *citizens’ movements and litigations*³.

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¹ Yoneji Masuda, *The Information Society as Post-Industrial Society*, World Future Society, Washington D.C., 1981, pp. 30-33.

² *Ibidem*, p.30

³ *Ibidem*