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Creators and Internet: What Evolutions for Copyright Law at the International Level?

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Abstract:

Les créateurs partagent-ils les intérêts des éditeurs, producteurs et autres exploitants? On tient généralement pour acquis que la réponse à cette question est positive, mais les bouleversements des modèles d'affaires et des systèmes de diffusion des œuvres et les difficultés de plus en plus grandes à interdire les utilisations d'œuvres en ligne pourraient changer la donne. Or, une réponse négative à la question entraine pour plusieurs types de créations, dont la musique, un changement de paradigme et une évolution probable vers la gestion collective, mais peut-être par de nouveaux acteurs.

Bio:

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