

The installation in the United States of a new Regime of Intellectual Property Rights

Origins, Content, Problems

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The purpose of the paper is twofold i) describe the dramatic changes that have occurred in the United States in the system of IPR's since the 1980's, ii) to question its meaning and its long-term sustainability

The paper first presents the continued extension of the domain of patentability to living entities, computer programs and business models. He insists on the concomitant changes which affected jurisprudence on the relaxation of the criteria patentability and on the hardening of penalties pronouncements against the imitators.

On this basis the main features of the new regime which settled down in the USA are presented. Finally, in light of recent evolutions, the paper wonders on the long-term sustainability of such a regime.