

Promoting Reflexivity in Chinese Law and Policy Research: Feasibility Study of Building an Open-Access Research Portal



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Background

Purpose

- Build an **open-access** portal of Chinese Law and Policy Research to promote **'reflexivity'** and **self-awareness**

Significance

- Access to Chinese law and policy resources remains **fragmented and restricted**.
- Open access 2.0** focuses **not on full text** but **on enhancing reflexivity** in the research process by identifying assumptions, values, methodological design, research limitations, and blind spots

Mixed-Methods

Source & Legal Feasibility Analysis

- Define** portal scope and key structure
- Identify** essential research transparency components
- Map** primary legal sources and datasets to assess their accessibility and reliability.
- Review** copyright law & licensing rules

Platform & AI Evaluation (beginning)

- Benchmark** existing academic portals to evaluate their architecture and metadata.
- Test** AI-generated research summaries and **assess** their accuracy, reliability, and validity.

Research Barriers

Main Barriers

- Paywalled Databases
- Incomplete and Fragmented Data
- “Leapfrogging” Problem
- Geopolitical Constraints
- Institutional Barriers

Legal Feasibility Findings

Key Takeaways (based on evolving US copyright law framework)

- Publishing metadata and original human curated summaries is likely to be **transformative** and is aligned with the four-factor fair use analysis
- Publishing AI-generated summaries is more **complex**, depending on data source and quality, human-in-the-loop validation workflow, and appropriate use of the output.

Three Tiers of Licensing Regimes

- Restricted**: Commercial databases (CNKI, Westlaw) impose license terms that may contractually override fair use.
- Conditional**: Publishers (CUP, OUP) reserve rights that may limit fair use.
- Open**: Creative Commons-licensed content permits full-text reposting with attribution.

Portal Design & Mock-Ups

China Law & Policy Portal

ArticlesSearchGitHub

Search Articles

114 results

Keyword / title / author / theory / method / jourm

All years

All authors

All journals

All methods

All datasets

☐ Historical

☐ Comparative

☐ Interdisciplinary

Clear filters

A Case Study Of Chinese Netizens' Opinions On Capital Punishment

Jianhong Liu; Bin Liang · 2019 · Modern China

Empirical studies of Chinese public opinion on capital punishment are very rare. Almost all past studies suffered from questionable survey designs and/or nonrepresentative/nonrandom sampling (e.g., student samples). In this study, to examine the breadth and the depth of public opinion on capital punishment, we turn to Chinese netizens' opinions online on a particular capital case, the Lin Senhao poisoning case. Though our netizen sample has its own limitations, it is innovative and...

Non-law Spreadsheet

Empirical (Mixed)

A Never-Ending U.S.-China Solar Trade War? The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act And International Trade Law

Mandy Meng Fang · 2024 · Minnesota Journal of International Law

The past decade has witnessed a persistent escalation of trade tensions between the United States ("U.S.") and China in the solar photovoltaic ("PV") sector. A recent move by the U.S. was to enact the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act ("UFLPA") to prevent goods, including PV products, produced in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region ("XUAR") of China from entering the U.S. market. Considering Xinjiang's large production capacity in polysilicon—a key raw material for the manufacturing of solar...

Westlaw Spreadsheet

Doctrinal Legal Research

Mock-Up 1 - Figma

China Law & Policy Portal

Open Access Portal for Chinese Legal Research

Search for laws, regulations, cases, and legal documents...

Filters

20 results found

Filters

Document Type

☐ Law

☐ Regulation

☐ Judicial Interpretation

☐ Case Law

☐ Administrative Document

☐ Guideline

Jurisdiction

☐ National

☐ Provincial

☐ Municipal

☐ Supreme People's Court

☐ Local Courts

Topic Area

☐ Civil Law

☐ Criminal Law

☐ Administrative Law

☐ Commercial Law

☐ Intellectual Property

☐ Environmental Law

☐ Labor Law

☐ Contract Law

LawNational

View Document

Civil Code of the People's Republic of China (民法典)

The comprehensive civil code that consolidates and replaces previous civil laws, covering property rights, contracts, torts, marriage and family, inheritance, and other civil matters...

May 27, 2020

Bilingual

National People's Congress

Civil Law

Contract Law

Property Rights

Torts

Judicial InterpretationSupreme People's Court

View Document

Provisions on Several Issues Concerning the Application of Law in the Trial of Cases Involving Private Lending

Judicial interpretation providing guidance on private lending disputes, including interest rate caps, burden of proof, and validity of lending agreements.

August 19, 2020

Chinese

Supreme People's Court

Civil Law

Contract Law

Commercial Law

LawNational

View Document

Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China (Revised)

Comprehensive environmental protection legislation establishing frameworks for pollution prevention, environmental monitoring, and legal liability for environmental violations.

April 23, 2014

Bilingual

National People's Congress

Environmental Law

Administrative Law

Mock-Up 2 - Lovable

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