

# EXAMINING THE INTERPLAY OF SOVEREIGNTY AND SUPRANATIONALIST IDEAS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

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#### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** The complex relationship between sovereignty and supranationalist conceptions is investigated in the context of international law. Since they coexist, intricate relationships have developed, which impact the global legal order. In an increasingly interconnected and transnationally challenging world, this research emphasizes the need of grasping this dynamic. The potential of this research to resolve the conflict between national sovereignty and cooperation on global issues gives it great significance. The research sheds light on how to tackle global issues like climate change, human rights breaches, and cross-border economic conflicts by examining the theoretical limits and practical ramifications of supranationalist initiatives.

**Method:** This paper proposes a multidisciplinary method for analysing Jurisprudential Discourse Network Analysis (JDNA) of International Agreements. This method offers a holistic comprehension of the diverse character of sovereignty and supranationalism by integrating legal analysis, political theory, and international relations. This research has wide-ranging practical implications, which are not limited to the development of international treaties and accords and the reform of global institutions. Finding areas of agreement and common interests aids in diplomatic negotiations and promotes global collaboration.

**Result:** This analysis uses modern facilities computer models to simulate a number of situations that illustrate the relationship between sovereignty and supranationalism in concrete settings.

**Conclusion:** A framework for evaluating the outcomes of the offered methods and extracting useful information from the data is provided by the Node Metrics and Edge Metrics parameters. These settings can be modified and fine-tuned according to the needs of a certain study and the information at hand.

Keywords: interplay of sovereignty, supranationalist ideas, international law, jurisprudential.

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## EXAMINANDO A INTERAÇÃO DE IDEIAS SOBERANAS E SUPRANACIONALISTAS NO DIREITO INTERNACIONAL

### RESUMO

**Objetivo:** A complexa relação entre soberania e concepções supranacionalistas é investigada no contexto do direito internacional. Desde que coexistem, desenvolveram-se relações intrincadas, que impactam a ordem jurídica global. Em um mundo cada vez mais interconectado e transnacionalmente desafiador, esta pesquisa enfatiza a necessidade de compreender essa dinâmica. O potencial desta pesquisa para resolver o conflito entre soberania nacional e cooperação em questões globais dá-lhe grande significado. A pesquisa lança luz sobre como lidar com questões globais como mudanças climáticas, violações de direitos humanos e conflitos econômicos transfronteiriços, examinando os limites teóricos e ramificações práticas de iniciativas supranacionais.

**Método:** Este artigo propõe um método multidisciplinar para analisar a Análise de Rede Discursiva Jurisprudencial (JDNA) de Acordos Internacionais. Este método oferece uma compreensão holística do caráter diverso da soberania e do supranacionalismo, integrando análise jurídica, teoria política e relações internacionais. Essa pesquisa tem amplas implicações práticas, que não se limitam ao desenvolvimento de tratados e acordos internacionais e à reforma de instituições globais. Encontrar áreas de acordo e interesses comuns ajuda nas negociações diplomáticas e promove a colaboração global.

**Resultado:** Esta análise utiliza modelos computacionais de instalações modernas para simular uma série de situações que ilustram a relação entre soberania e supranacionalismo em cenários concretos.

**Conclusão:** Uma estrutura para avaliar os resultados dos métodos oferecidos e extrair informações úteis dos dados é fornecida pelos parâmetros Métricas de Nó e Métricas de Borda. Essas configurações podem ser modificadas e ajustadas de acordo com as necessidades de um determinado estudo e as informações em mãos.

**Palavras-chave:** interação de soberania, ideias supranacionalistas, direito internacional, jurisprudência.

#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

An examination of the complex relationship between national sovereignty and supranationalist concepts in international law is the focus of this research [1]. This issue stems from the conflict between the inherent sovereignty of individual states and the growing influence of supranational organisations that attempt to construct uniform legal systems across national boundaries [2]. The difficulty occurs because of the tension between state sovereignty and membership in international organizations. Furthermore, different understandings of sovereignty might create obstacles in harmonizing legal concepts, which can have an effect on international collaboration [3]. The purpose of this study is to investigate the effect of these dynamics on international relations, legal systems, and the search for a middle ground between national identity and shared global obligations [4]. It seeks, through case studies and theoretical discussions, to illuminate



the difficulties of balancing sovereignty with the requirements of an increasingly interconnected world [5].

There are a number of tools at fingertips that are crucial to the investigation of the complex interplay between sovereignty and supranationalist concepts in international law [6]. To better understand how different levels of sovereignty are handled within the context of international accords, it is helpful to conduct a comparative analysis that pits the legal systems of various nations against one another and their relations with supranational institutions [7]. To better understand the tensions and potential for cooperation between national sovereignty and supranational initiatives, it is helpful to look at actual cases. Insight into the negotiation and implementation of sovereigntyrelated issues can be gained by examining legal texts such as international treaties and accords [8]. The theoretical frameworks provide conceptual lenses to grasp the underlying philosophical, political, and legal dynamics, while historical analyses chart the development of supranationalist conceptions [9]. However, there are difficulties in using these methods. Inconsistencies arise between supranational initiatives and national legal systems due to divergent understandings of state sovereignty. It can be challenging to ensure that supranational rulings are effectively implemented within the legal frameworks of sovereign states because of differences in national practices and compliance. Conflicts may arise and pre-existing legal frameworks may need to be modified as a result of efforts to harmonize supranational judgements with national legislation [10]. The validity of democratic processes is called into doubt, along with the responsiveness and compatibility of international bodies. Conflicts between national interests and supranational goals may arise when states prioritize their own interests over those of the international community as a whole. Furthermore, there is a fine line to walk between cultural and legal pluralism and the pursuit of harmonization, which affects the legitimacy of supranational decisions. Successfully negotiating these obstacles within the context of studying sovereignty and supranationalism calls for an all-encompassing strategy that takes into account both theoretical insights and practical ramifications in the dynamic field of international law. The objective of the paper is included as:

• The investigation examines the complex relationship between sovereignty and supranationalist notions in international law. The research tries to understand how these notions combine to reveal the complex relationships that shape the global legal order.



• In an increasingly interconnected world with transnational difficulties, the research seeks to illuminate how sovereignty and supranationalism might help resolve the contradiction between national autonomy and global collaboration. It examines how these ideas can handle global concerns like climate change, human rights abuses, and cross-border commercial disputes.

• The research introduces Jurisprudential Discourse Network Analysis (JDNA) of International Agreements. This method integrates legal analysis, political philosophy, and international relations to explain the complex link between sovereignty and supranationalism. The goal is to provide a comprehensive framework to examine these concepts' theoretical and practical significance in international law.

The remainder of the paper is followed as, the section 2 provides background reading for the innovation proposal by summarizing relevant scholarly literature. During the section 3 of the research, "Collaborative Innovation-driven Adaptive Regulatory Legal Design" (ARLD-CI) is presented as an innovative technique. The report then moves on to Section 4, where it explores the ARLD-CI framework's potential implications for social enterprises. In Section 5, the paper concludes by projecting its findings into potential future outcomes.

## **2 THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

The influence of supranationalist ideas and the conflict between state sovereignty and international law are fundamental issues in international relations. As the world becomes more interconnected, it is crucial to learn how individual countries handle this balancing act. This research examines the nuances of this relationship by probing the processes through which governments internalize, interpret, and apply international law. It takes into account a wide variety of examples and points of view in order to provide an in-depth examination.

To determine the extent to which each country is influenced by international law, Kim, J., et al. created Implementation of International Law (IIL) [11]. Examining the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as an example of international law, the article delves into China and India as state players. The paper draws a line between the domestic and international legal actions of rising powers in the Indo-Pacific region and suggests that a state actor's internalization, interpretation, and implementation of



international law significantly indicate how international law impacts a state's behavior in the international security arena.

The multiperspectival approach (MA) [12] developed by de la Rasilla categorizes the many ways international law scholars have traditionally classified international law's historical periods into six distinct groups. In the second section, this paper looks at how the new critical historiographical wave that followed the recent "historical turn" in international law has made the question of periodization problematic due to the perceived homogenizing effects and "teleology of progress" that periodization is interpreted to contribute to in the study of international legal history. A multiperspectival approach to the study of periodization in the history of international law is discussed in greater depth in the endpoint.

The fact that Kuner, C.'s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) [13] was invented shows how crucial it is for them to protect sensitive information at all times. Its applicability to them shall be established in accordance with applicable principles of EU law and public international law, and its interpretation should be consistent with the EU's and its Member States' international commitments. For IOs to be able to exercise their privileges and immunities under both EU law and international law, and to avoid conflicts with international law while still maintaining a high degree of data protection in their operations, there has to be better consideration of the other's provisions on both sides.

The proposed Arab Court of Human Rights (ACtHR) [14] by Almutawa et al. has come under fire for a number of reasons, including the fact that it does not guarantee the right of individual petition. It is argued that the motivating pressure on League of Arab States (LAS) member states to ratify the Act and create the court would be insufficient to overcome the pressure from those competing logics because the proposed ACtHR would be only weakly valid. However, it is suggested that cultural relativism should be considered not as a barrier to rather as a driver of creating a supranational human rights court that is both effective and legitimate.

The investigation compares and examines existing methods with the goal to better comprehend the interplay between state sovereignty and supranationalist conceptions. Our suggested approach stands out because it integrates the insights of law, political science, and international relations into a coherent whole. In addition to providing theoretical depth, this approach provides practical insights into the effects of the sovereignty-supranationalism interplay on international contacts and state conduct.



#### **3 METHODOLOGY**

The JDNA technique views different types of legal documents, such as judicial judgments, treaties, and legal opinions as individual nodes within a larger network. These nodes are linked to one another by a number of different connections, including agreements, conflicts, and conceptual commonalities. Through the process of mapping these relationships, JDNA sheds light on the ways in which different legal ideas and conceptions interact, change, and have an effect on one another.

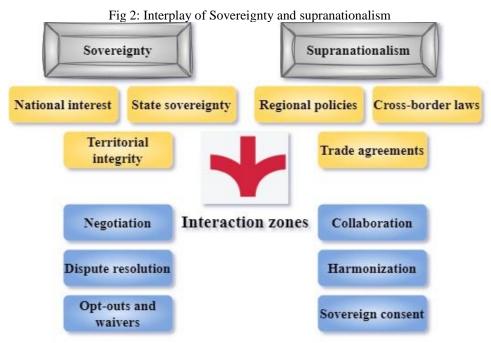


Fig 1 shows the fundamental ideas of sovereignty and supranationalism, in addition to the connection between the two, as they pertain to the realm of international law. A state's exclusive power and autonomy over its territory and the operations of the state are what are referred to as its "sovereignty." It is the capacity of a country to make autonomous choices, manage resources, and set its own laws, and it is the essence of sovereignty. This idea places an emphasis on the significance of their being no interference from outside parties in the internal affairs of a state. These concepts are encapsulated under the sovereignty S is expressed in equation (1),

$$S = \int A(w) + C(y) + E_u(Po) + V$$
(1)

Supranationalism is an ideology that encompasses the concept of shared authority A(w) and collaboration C(y) among nations, often going beyond national borders. It requires the establishment of shared institutions as well as the sharing of sovereign power (Po) in order to successfully solve problems that are shared. This feature is represented by the supranationalism block  $E_u$ , which highlights the fact that nations voluntarily V give up some degree of their sovereignty in order to accomplish common objectives.

There is an advanced interaction going on between these two ideas. When governments fear losing their independence or influence over critically important choices, this may bring sovereignty and supranationalist ideas into conflict with one another. On the other hand, they may work together via common institutions and conventions to address global concerns that cannot be handled by individual nations acting alone. In the area of international law, where striking a healthy balance between the advantages of cooperation and the sovereignty of individual states is one of the most important challenges, the interconnecting arrow denotes the dynamic connection that exists between these two ideas.



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Fig 2 explains the interplay of sovereignty and supranationalism. explores in further depth the dynamic relationship that exists between sovereignty and supranationalism, highlighting the complex relationships that may be found in the field of international law. It discusses particular areas in which these ideas overlap and offers



instances of how they might be seen in action. This diagram highlights the importance of national interests, state sovereignty, and territorial integrity as major components on the side that deals with sovereignty. These features highlight how essential it is to protect a state's boundaries and maintain its distinctive character. These aspects are often given high priority by states for a variety of reasons, including historical, cultural, and political significance.

On the supranationalism side of the Fig, the focus is placed on laws that span international borders, regional policies, human rights standards, and trade agreements. These components illustrate the way in which states collaborate to develop cross-national laws, regulations, and standards by demonstrating how such collaboration takes place. This collaboration tackles CO(t) problems that impact many governments G, including as concerns about the environment, commercial conflicts C, and abuses of human rights HR is expressed in equation (2),

$$CO(t) = \sqrt{G(HR,C)} * I + SSI$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The "Interaction Zones" *I* region provides a visual representation of the myriad of ways that sovereignty and supranationalism interact *SSI* with one another. The procedures of negotiation, dispute settlement, opt-outs, and exemptions are the means by which nations manage the conflict that exists between their individual sovereignty and the collaborative efforts of other states. The concepts of collaboration and harmonization represent situations in which nations locate areas of agreement and cooperate with one another to accomplish mutual objectives. The fact that states often retain the opportunity to participate in or withdraw from supranational arrangements is what gives "sovereign consent" its ability to emphasize the voluntary character of supranational commitments. Fig 2 depicts the complexity of international relations, which requires governments to strike a balance between maintaining their sovereign rights and taking advantage of the benefits that come from collective action and working together to solve global concerns.



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Fig 3 examines the larger impact that the interaction between sovereignty and supranationalism has had on the formation and application of international law. Traditional ideas of state sovereignty have been adapted to the reality of a globalized society, and the way legal frameworks are evolving is a reflection of this adaptation. The increased participation of nations in supranational projects has resulted in the development of legal frameworks that are able to handle joint decision-making and shared obligations.

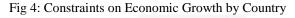
The difficulty in combining the desire for autonomy with the realization of global interconnectedness is highlighted by the problem of striking a balance between state rights and global concerns. The goal of international law is to find a middle ground between the need to safeguard national interests and the need to confront problems that cut over state boundaries, such as global warming, terrorism, and transnational crime. Legal pluralism and overlapping jurisdictions are two concepts that recognise the fact that the presence of many legal systems (national, regional, and international) may make interpretation and enforcement of the law more difficult. Equation (3) expressed dynamic D(I) is often the outcome of national laws, regional treaties, and international accords intersecting with one another.

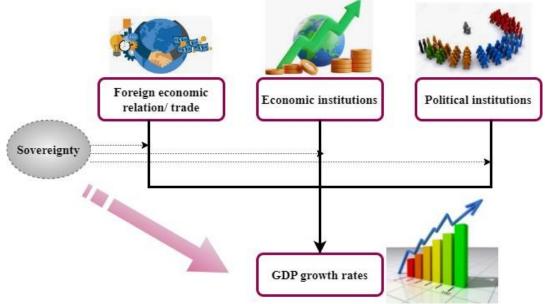
$$D(I) = \sqrt{SS} \partial \left(\frac{I-m}{2n}\right) - \sum_{L=1}^{M} \partial(t) dx$$
(3)

The interaction of sovereignty and supranationalism SS has resulted in significant advancements in the protection of m individual rights on a worldwide scale t, which may be seen by the 2n strengthening of human rights and international justice. When it



comes to guaranteeing accountability and m addressing abuses of human rights that may otherwise go undetected, M supranational organizations and L international tribunals play an extremely important role dx. The overriding influence may be summed up as the addressing of global concerns via cooperative efforts. The dynamic relationship between sovereignty and supranationalism makes it possible for governments to work together to address difficult issues that cut beyond national boundaries. This collaboration is a reflection of the awareness that successful solutions often need concerted action, and it ranges from climate accords to economic partnership agreements.





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Fig 4 describes the interplay and impact of a nation's economic performance's external economic ties, domestic economic institutions, political institutions, and GDP growth rates through the lens of sovereignty. The term "sovereignty" is used to describe a nation's unchallenged right to rule itself and its internal affairs. Probing the legal and jurisprudential components of a country's laws, rules, and court judgments that affect economic growth is what Jurisprudential Discourse Network Analysis (JDNA) is all about. To learn how a certain area of law is shaped by the interplay of many notions, principles, and frameworks, JDNA blends legal analysis with network analysis. Economic development is a situation in which JDNA may be used to provide light on the complex interconnections between legislative frameworks, economic policies, and results.

Here is one possible way to tackle the analysis:

When compiling data, be sure to consult relevant official documents, legislation, rules, court judgments, and academic papers on the topic of economic growth in the target nation. Property law, contract enforcement, intellectual property law, employment law, international commerce and investment regulations are all examples.

## 3.1 CONSTRUCTING A NETWORK

• Points of Focus Identify fundamental legal ideas, principles, and frameworks that affect economic growth. Some examples of such ideas include property rights, contracts, labor laws, taxes, and free trade agreements.

• Create links, or edges, between nodes using the citations and relationships detailed in the law. In the event where one statute refers to another statute or one judicial judgment specifies a certain legal concept, an edge is created between the two statutes or decisions.

## 3.2 NETWORK ANALYSIS

• Equation (4) analyze the network to determine which nodes (legal principles) *LP* are the most important. To better understand which legal principles are driving economic development *ED* policy,  $C^k$  centrality measurements (such as degree *k* and betweenness centrality *dt*) may be used.

$$LP(ED) = \sum_{k=\infty}^{\infty} C^k (2 - L^c) dt$$
(4)

• Use a cluster analysis to group similar legal ideas  $L^c$  together. Equation (5) shows the different components of economic growth  $\mu_n$  (such as property rights or commerce) might be clustered together to illustrate their interconnectedness.

$$\mu_n(a) = \min[\mu_A(a), \mu_B(a)] - EC$$
(5)

• The goal of a route analysis a is to identify the precise legal ideas  $\mu_B$  and their interrelationships  $\mu_A$  that lead to a desired *EC* economic conclusion. This can provide light on why some legal structures tend to foster economic growth.



## 3.3 EVALUATION OF INFORMATION

• Analyze the meaning of legal terms by reading the text of relevant documents and thinking about how different people would interpret and argue about those terms. This may provide light on the ways in which these ideas aid or impede economic growth.

• Assess how the use of legal terms and the relationships between them have changed throughout time. This may provide light on how economic policies have changed through time and their effects.

#### **3.4 DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES**

• Connect the links between the highlighted legal ideas and their interrelationships with economic measures like gross domestic product expansion, FDI levels, innovation rates, and employment percentages. This will aid in bridging the gap between legalese and real economic output.

Based on findings, provide policy ideas to improve legal frameworks, resolve contradictions, or fill legal discourse network gaps to boost economic growth. JDNA is an intricate and multifaceted methodology that calls for knowledge of law, network analysis, and economics. Network analysis and visualization tools may be required for the procedure. It is important to consider the larger sociopolitical backdrop of the nation when drawing conclusions from the data.

#### **4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

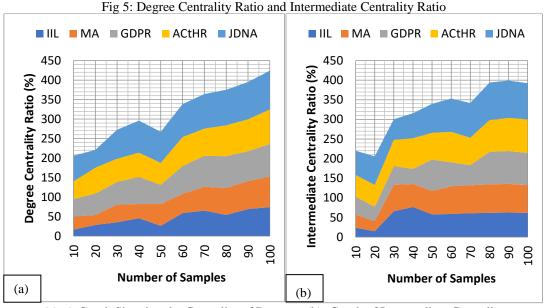
Quantitative methods are necessary in international law if one is to make sense of the complex interplay between national sovereignty and supranationalist ideals. Node metrics provide a helpful analytical tool for investigating this interaction by providing a graphical depiction of networks in which relationships among nodes can be shown. These graphs help to clarify the interconnections between the many entities standing in for various notions of sovereignty and supranationalism.

#### 4.1 NODE METRIC ANALYSIS

When it comes to the interplay of sovereignty and supranationalist principles in international law, node metrics offer a quantitative method of analysis. In order to demonstrate this, it may be helpful to create sets of graphs that graphically depict these



interactions. Graph nodes, or individual entities, express diverse ideas on sovereignty or supranationalism, while edge connections show the relationships between them.



(a): A Graph Showing the Centrality of Degrees. (b): Graph of Intermediate Centrality Source: Prepared by Authors (2023)

The ideas of sovereignty and supranationalism are represented in the above Fig 5(a) by nodes, which are broken down into their component parts. The size of each node is proportional to the degree of centrality it possesses, which can be understood by looking at the number of connections it has with other nodes. Concepts that are more interrelated are represented by larger nodes, which hints at the relevance of these ideas in the dynamic relationship between sovereignty and supranationalism.

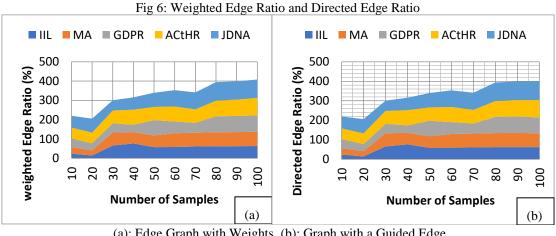
The betweenness and centrality of the nodes are represented in the above Fig 5(b). It is important to highlight the nodes that play a crucial role in facilitating interactions between the notions of sovereignty and supranationalism since these nodes operate as bridges between the two aforementioned themes. The betweenness centrality of a node can be measured by its size; larger nodes have a greater betweenness centrality, which highlights the importance they have in bridging the gap between national autonomy and global collaboration.

These graphics make it easy to grasp how various node metrics reveal varied facets of the sovereignty-supranationalism connection. The complex interplay between sovereign power and supranationalist notions in international law can be better



understood by analysing these graphs with the goal to identify influential, bridging, and pervasive nodes.

## 4.2 EDGE METRIC ANALYSIS



(a): Edge Graph with Weights. (b): Graph with a Guided Edge Source: Prepared by Authors (2023)

For the purpose of evaluating the significance of the connections between various notions of sovereignty and supranationalist conceptions in international law, edge metrics offer a visual and quantitative method. To better understand these connections, let's look at how they might be represented graphically.

A link between two nodes is shown by an edge in the above Fig 6(a), and the strength of that connection is represented by the thickness or blackness of that edge. Stronger connections are represented by thicker or darker edges, whereas less substantial ones are shown by thinner or lighter ones. Insights regarding the extent to which the notions of sovereignty and supranationalism are interwoven can be gleaned from a detailed examination of this graph.

Here, the orientation of edges represents the direction of influence or interaction between nodes. Directional arrows highlight the mutual impact of these ideas by highlighting their interdependence in the above Fig 6(b). This network diagram clarifies more than the presence of ties, additionally the nature of those ties, showing us which nodes are more instrumental in influencing the interplay between sovereignty and supranationalist beliefs.

The visual representations of edge metrics provide a means of investigating and interpreting the nature, direction, and extent of links between ideas associated with

sovereignty and supranationalism. These graphs provide illuminating information about the complex relationship between two cornerstones of international law.

The use of node metrics as an analytical tool within the framework of sovereignty and supranationalist concepts in international law is becoming increasingly important. These metrics shed light on the dynamics between these essential principles by graphically depicting their connections. These node and edge metric studies contribute to a more complex investigation of the fundamental dynamics of international law by providing a greater understanding of the complex relationship between sovereignty and supranationalism.

## **5 CONCLUSION**

The present research has successfully handled the complex interplay between sovereignty and supranationalist concepts in international law. The paper has contributed new knowledge to the state of international law by investigating the effects of the cohabitation of these ideas. Recognizing this dynamic is especially important in today's period of heightened global interdependence and cross-border issues. The importance of this research rests in the fact that it may provide means of overcoming the conflict between national sovereignty and global collaboration, consequently opening up avenues for addressing urgent global problems. The present research has shown, through theoretical investigation and case studies, how difficult it is to reconcile sovereignty with supranationalism in a global environment that is always shifting. While the suggested JDNA approach is holistic, it may still need to be tweaked for use in individual cases. Data availability and the inherent subjectivity of assessing legal and political issues additionally play a role in determining the study's scope. Despite these caveats, this research makes an important contribution to the public's understanding of a developing field of international law and should serve as a springboard for additional investigation and nuanced debate. Beyond the sphere of sovereignty and supranationalism, the suggested JDNA technique provides a flexible instrument for assessing complex legal relationships in a wide range of legal circumstances.



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