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# **International Legal Theory in the Era of Digitalization After Abstraction: Intellectual Thought in International Law**

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## Outline

### **First Claim: Digitalization as Meta-Process**

In the context of law, digitalization is a meta-process characterized by datafication, automation and virtualization.

### **Second Claim: Rise of Digital International Law (DIL)**

Datafication, automation and virtualization in areas governed by international law give rise to digital international law.

### **Third Claim: International legal theory in the digital era**

The major problems of a theory of digital international law concern the concept and normativity of law, the facts/law-relationship and the problem of disciplinary identity.