



## **Evolving Legal Frameworks for Protecting Internet Privacy in China**

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A 12-article Decision on Strengthening Online Information Protection, which has the same legal effect as law, was adopted December 28, 2012 by lawmakers at a session of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, which is China's top legislature. The main purpose of the Decision is to enhance the protection of personal information online and safeguard public interests. The Decision can be regarded as an important milestone in Chinese laws and regulations of protecting Internet privacy. This lecture will trace the historical and cultural background of Internet privacy in China and the evolving legal frameworks for protecting the right to privacy and Internet privacy. This lecture will explore the problems with the existing legal framework and offers suggestions for improvement.

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