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Lawyers as Constructive Ideologists

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Software has become the oxygen of the world economy, powering the digitalisation that has transformed business activities and social life. The forms this has taken have been moulded by lawyers, battling over intellectual property rights in computer programs, enshrined in the TRIPS agreement, as well as the international tax avoidance strategies that have helped propel the giant digitalised transnational corporations to global dominance. These contests have taken place through processes of formulation and interpretation of the legal concepts that both reflect and shape the social struggles over both economic and political power, mediated by law, in contemporary corporate capitalism.

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