



Annex to Chapter 1 on the international development of copyright law

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Reading task

Please read the following article accessible via the attached link, and answer/discuss the questions/notes below.

Péter Mezei: The Role of Technology and Consumers' Needs in the Evolution of Copyright Law – From Gutenberg to the Filesharers. In: Éva Jakab (Ed.): Geistiges Eigentum und Urheberrecht aus der historischen Perspektive, Lectiones Iuridicae 10, Pólay Elemér Alapítvány, Szeged, 2014, p. 71-79.

<https://ssrn.com/abstract=2199352>

Please pay close attention to the social, economic and legal phenomena that have all contributed to the development of copyright law in the last five centuries.

Questions to the reading

1. What were the social, economic and legal prerequisites of copyright protection?
2. How does the development of technology affect copyright law?

Further questions/tasks to the chapter's content

1. What are the main advantages of disadvantages of
 - a. reciprocity;
 - b. national treatment;
 - c. most favoured nation treatment? (For the latter concept, please read Article 4 of the TRIPS Agreement; see here: https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/27-trips_03_e.htm)
2. What are the dangers of including intellectual property (including copyright) law into regional free trade agreements?

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List of relevant definitions/concepts

Please think these definitions/concepts over again, as they are crucial in understanding copyright law in the EU.

reciprocity, national treatment, most favoured nation treatment, Berne Convention, WIPO, WTO, WCT, TRIPS Agreement, FTAs (free trade agreements), territoriality

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