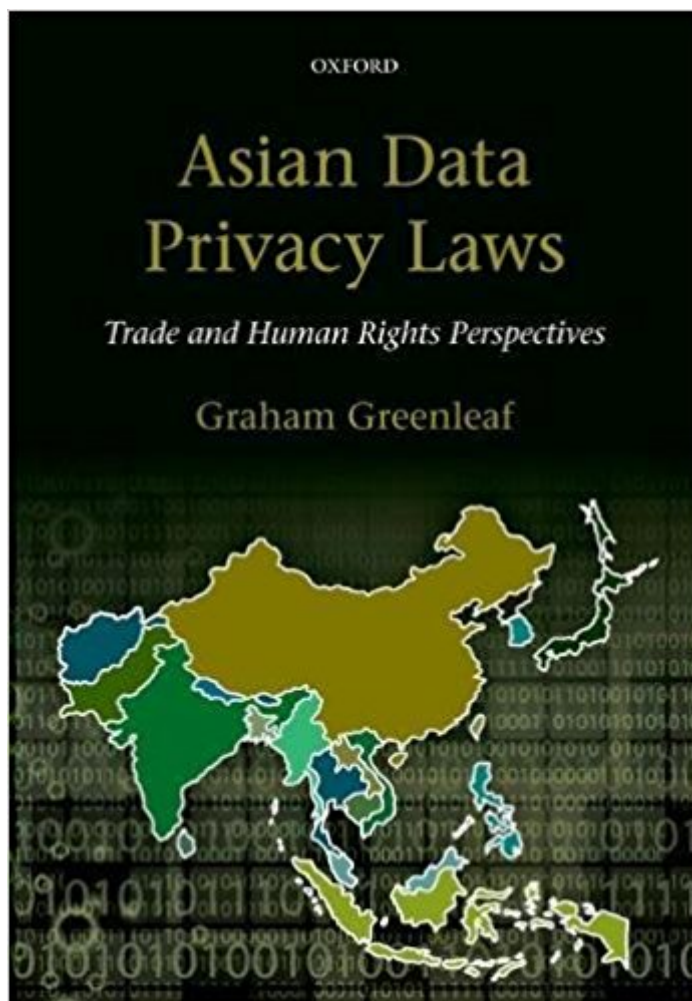


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# Asian Data Privacy Laws: Trade & Human Rights Perspectives



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