



# Foundations of Information Policy

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## Description

### Foreword by Alan S. Inouye; Afterword by Nancy Kranich

This important new text provides a much-needed introduction to the myriad information policy issues that impact information professionals, information institutions, and the users and communities served by those institutions. In this key textbook for LIS students and reference text for practitioners, noted scholars Jaeger and Taylor

- draw from current, authoritative sources to familiarize readers with the history of information policy;
- discuss the broader societal issues shaped by policy, including access to infrastructure, digital literacy and inclusion, accessibility, and security;
- elucidate the specific laws, regulations, and policies that impact information, including net neutrality, filtering, privacy, openness, and much more;
- use case studies from a range of institutions to examine the issues, bolstered by discussion questions that encourage readers to delve more deeply;
- explore the intersections of information policy with human rights, civil rights, and professional ethics; and
- prepare readers to turn their growing understanding of information policy into action, through activism, advocacy, and education.

This book will help future and current information professionals better understand the impacts of information policy on their activities, improving their ability to serve as effective advocates on behalf of their institutions, patrons, and communities.

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