Intellectual Property Without Borders

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My work in progress examines a questionable trend towards enforcement of intellectual property rights beyond national borders. Although a basic tenet of intellectual property rights is that they are limited in scope to the country that granted them, that tenet is being turned on its head in a number of cases. For example, there are existing or proposed laws that permit or even require countries to enforce intellectual property rights over goods in transit and permit enforcement of rights granted in one country in another jurisdiction. This article aims to explain the genesis for such over-reaching rights and offer some preliminary thoughts about ways to reverse this trend to promote a better balance.