

Privacy in Crisis

Law and Policy in Times of Extremism, Pandemics, and War

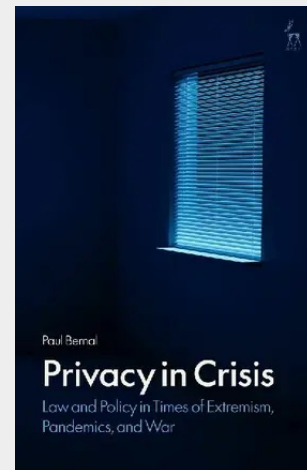
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