

### **4.3. Shadow Patent Systems. Technology, Economics and Geopolitics**

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1. The digital economy has added new strategic dimensions to the use of patents.
2. Some of the business effects are far removed from traditional stylized thinking about how the patent system works.
3. While the TPP may have little direct impact, it adds new uncertainties related to the expanding use of investor-state dispute settlement by large multinationals and the disadvantages for smaller, domestic-scale competitors.

*Intended audience:* international innovation policy community.