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Project Title:

Does Corporate Nationality Still Matter in the Era of Globalization? Investigating Ownership and Power in the Twenty-First Century

Brief Abstract:

The world's top corporations now straddle the globe and influence virtually every aspect of our lives, yet basic questions remain concerning their nature: Do they still have a nationality or are they beyond the control of nation-states and their domestic populations? Are they representations of national elite power, or do they form a new transnational capitalist class? This project seeks to address these questions by compiling corporate ownership structures using the Bloomberg Professional database, among others, to map the global distribution of corporate ownership and power in the twenty-first century

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