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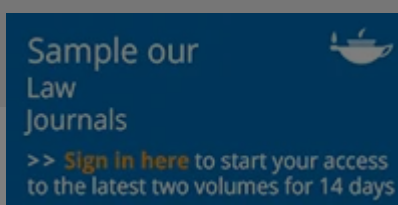
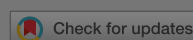
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# Inside Darknet: the takedown of Silk Road

Marie-Helen Maras reports on the unexplored underworld of cyberspace

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## Abstract

The anonymity afforded by the Internet provides perpetrators with an environment within which they can operate with a low risk of detection. Nowhere is this more pronounced than in Darknet, which is considered the ‘underworld’ of cyberspace. Darknet consists of a collection of non-indexed domains; accordingly, these sites cannot be found using search engines like Google or Bing. To enter Darknet, Tor (the Onion Router), a privacy-enhancing application originally created by the USA Naval Research Laboratory, is used. This system that provides a secure communication and communication system (Maras, 2014). When a user enters the network of the United States v Ross Wil

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