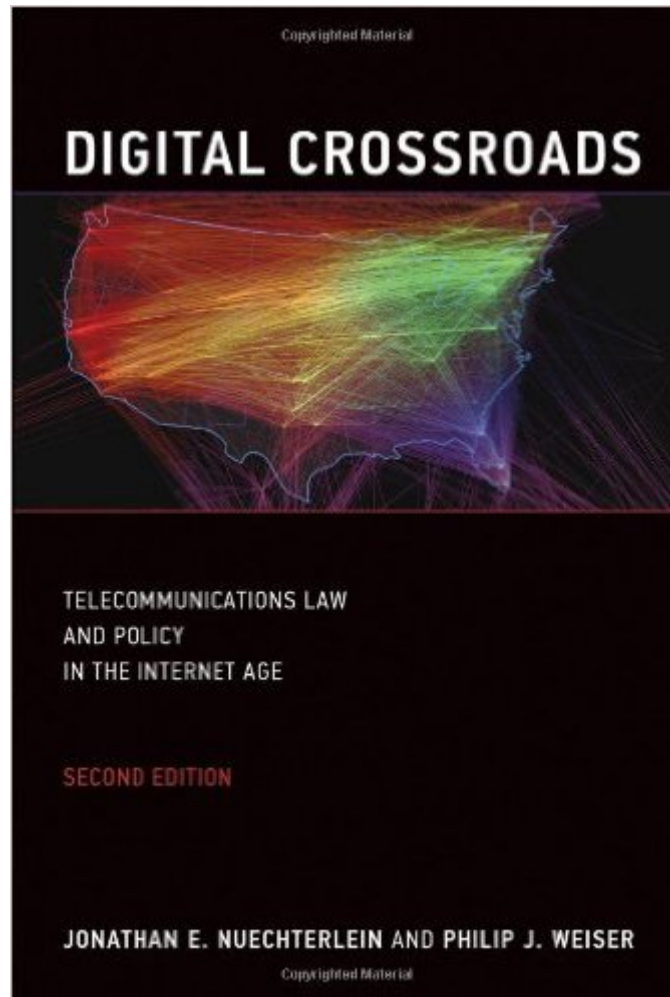# Digital Crossroads: Telecommunications Law And Policy In The Internet Age (MIT Press)

Synopsis

In Digital Crossroads, two experts on telecommunications policy offer a comprehensive and accessible analysis of the regulation of competition in the U.S. telecommunications industry. The first edition of Digital Crossroads (MIT Press, 2005) became an essential and uniquely readable guide for policymakers, lawyers, scholars, and students in a fast-moving and complex policy field. In this second edition, the authors have revised every section of every chapter to reflect the evolution in industry structure, technology, and regulatory strategy since 2005. The book features entirely new discussions of such topics as the explosive development of the mobile broadband ecosystem; incentive auctions and other recent spectrum policy initiatives; the FCC's net neutrality rules; the National Broadband Plan; the declining relevance of the traditional public switched telephone network; and the policy response to online video services and their potential to transform the way Americans watch television. Like its predecessor, this new edition of Digital Crossroads not only helps nonspecialists climb this field's formidable learning curve, but also makes substantive contributions to ongoing policy debates.

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Some of the policy questions raised in this book have seen new developments in the short time since it was published. The book's discussion on net neutrality ends before the FCC's 2015 Open Internet Order, for example. Even so, you couldn't ask for a better overview of telecommunications

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This book should be mandatory reading for the Telecommunications Masters program at Syracuse University. I learned more about Telecom from this book than I got from the entire program. If you are new to the world of Telecommunications (or even an old pro) you will absolutely get lot out of this book.

Great background for someone getting into the telecom world or anyone looking for a refresher. I just started working on telecom policy earlier this year, and this book has provided helpful background and context, weaving enough detail to be a serious resource with a conversational style that makes it very readable and accessible to the novice such as myself.

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