Reconciling Copyright with Cumulative Creativity

The Third Paradigm

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Reconciling Copyright with Cumulative Creativity: The Third Paradigm examines the long history of creativity, from cave art to digital remix, in order to demonstrate a consistent disparity between the traditional cumulative mechanics of creativity and modern copyright policies. Giancarlo Frosio calls for the return of creativity to an inclusive process, so that the first (pre-modern imitative and collaborative model) and second (post-Romantic copyright model) creative paradigms can be reconciled into an emerging third paradigm which would be seen as a networked peer and user-based collaborative model.

‘In this important book, Giancarlo Frosio combines historical insight and legal scholarship to prove what many of us have suspected for a while: that the current, exclusivity-based paradigm of copyright no longer is optimal to foster creativity. Accordingly, he identifies the features of the emerging inclusive and open model enabled by digital technology and advocates the regulatory changes which are required to pave the way to the success of this new paradigm.’

– Marco Ricolfi, University of Turin, Italy

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