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Preface

Fellow Reader,

This Handbook delivers manifold perspectives on data strategies worldwide. Policy cycles, concepts, instruments, and effects of data strategies are mapped and analysed. The contributions focus on different parts of the world and combine different disciplinary angles. An overview of the contributions (§§ 2–9) can be found in the Introduction (§ 1 mn. 8 et seq.) to this book. Common starting point of the chapters was the Global Data Law I: Global Data Strategies Conference to which the authors contributed. The conference was held in Passau in September 2021 and was organised by the University of Passau Research Centre for Law and Digitalisation (FREDI).

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We do sincerely hope that you, fellow reader, will enjoy the following chapters. We look forward to your feedback and thoughts. Please drop us an email to fredi.digitalisierung@uni-passau.de.

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