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Making Sense of the US Abortion Landscape after the Demise of Roe v. Wade

The United States is wildly divided on access to abortion following the US Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overruling *Roe v. Wade*.

Returning the regulation of abortion to the states has created immense variation between state laws on the timeframe during which abortion may be legally secured, as well as the particulars of exceptions giving access in cases of rape, incest and pregnancy threatening the woman's health or life. In some states, more than 50 different state law provisions govern the delicate question on access to abortion.

This talk will draw on the "coding" of state abortion laws in all 50 states done by the Abortion Exceptions and Misconceptions Initiative at the College of Law, a team of 10 students led by Professor Wilson. The talk will canvass the complexity of state laws through the frame of misinformation and disinformation.

Biography:

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