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With time to spare, I reflected on a book I had completed two years earlier entitled *Globalising Intellectual Property: the TRIPS Agreement*. It struck me that the book I had written about the role that multinational companies had played in creating a new international regime for intellectual property rights deserved a companion volume, outlining the extent and influence of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that had subsequently highlighted concerns about the relationship between intellectual property, human rights and development.

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