

# Francesco Cappelletti

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## Work Experience

01.2022 – Present	<b>Adjunct Professor,</b> Brussels School of Governance, Vrije Universiteit Brussels	"Disinformation, Cyberwarfare and Post-Truth" (2022) - "The Rise of TechnoPolitics: Cybersecurity, Cyber Diplomacy and Technologies Shaping Digital Society" (2023) - "Disinformation and Cybersecurity" (2024) - "Cybersecurity and International Relations" (2024)
01.2023 – Present	<b>Senior Policy and Research Officer</b> European Liberal Forum, Brussels	Engaged in policy analysis and research in security, cybersecurity, and foreign affairs, with a focus on EU digitalization and Sustainability. Responsibilities encompass drafting policy recommendations, briefs, and papers, as well as managing the research team and the projects.
01.2021 – 12.2022	<b>Policy and Research Officer</b> European Liberal Forum, Brussels	Conducted policy analysis and research, focusing on the development of policy-oriented research within the Policy and Research Unit in the field of digitalization. Key responsibilities included editing and enhancing the quality of publications to ensure clear and impactful communication of findings.
05.2020 – 01.2021	<b>Policy and Research Fellow</b> European Liberal Forum, Brussels	Policy analysis and research, developing of Policy-oriented research in the Policy and Research Unit in the field of digitalisation
01.2020 – 12.2020	<b>Consultant</b> Various locations	Served as an independent consultant, collaborating with prominent figures in the field of international relations to draft strategic documents for stakeholders across diverse countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Russia, and France.
12.2019 – 05.2020	<b>Analyst,</b> Gambit Global Intelligence, Moscow/Paris	Expert in analysing complex data, HUMINT, and economic intelligence, with a proven track record in conducting due diligence, providing litigation assistance, and performing pre-entry market analysis to support strategic decision-making.
12.2019 – Present	<b>Researcher</b> Luigi Einaudi Foundation, Rome	Collaboration to publications and conference projects.
01.2019 – 06.2019	<b>Researcher</b> Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)	Drafting briefs and documents for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Conducting research in the areas of international security and terrorism, EU-Russia relations, cybercrime, and financial technology.
09.2017 – 12.2022	<b>Researcher</b> Center for Cyber Security and International Relations, Florence	Researcher in Cybersecurity and Cyber Diplomacy, specializing in policy and best practice analysis for enhanced security and international cooperation. Proven track record of advocating for the Center for Cyber Security's initiatives through successful collaborations with partner universities.
01.2017 – 05.2020	<b>Assistant</b> Thomas More University, Rome	Assistant at the lectures of International Relations and Strategic Studies and training in Security Studies.
09.2016 – 07.2018	<b>Project Manager,</b> Orchestra Toscana Classica, Florence	Overseeing the Toscana Classica Orchestra's concert season, which includes a talented team of 35 members. Coordinating both international and national engagements for the ensemble, while handling financial and accounting responsibilities. Demonstrating a strong track record of successfully obtaining national and European public grants.
01.2016 – 01.2017	<b>Relations Manager</b> Conservatory Luigi Cherubini, Florence	Managed international relations and music business development in the Middle East and China. Collaborated on international projects funded by the Ministry of Education, working closely under the guidance of the Director.

## Education

2022 - 2025	PhD candidate in Cybersecurity Law, Cyber and Data and Security Lab, VUB, Brussels
09.2017 – 06.2019	M.A. in World Politics - Moscow State Institute of International Relations
09.2015 – 07.2019	M.A. in International Relations and European Studies - University of Florence
09.2012 – 01.2016	Music Diploma, Violin Diploma, Conservatorio Luigi Cherubini, Florence
09.2011 – 01.2012	Classical Diploma (high school), Liceo Classico F. Petrarca, Arezzo

## Language Skills

Italian	Native
English	Certificate in Advanced English (C1)
Other	French (B1), Russian (B1)

## Other Skills

IT Skills	Office Suite, Windows Server, Linux OS, Python (basic), Adobe Suite, Apache Spark, Google Analytics, SQL
Legal	Legal research tools (Lexis Nexis, Dalloz, Curia), legal methodology
Other	Refined general and academic writing skills; organization and time management; excellent interpersonal and communication skills developed in a multicultural environment, team player; research methodology and practice, proofreading, attention to detail; social media and website management.

## Other relevant experiences

Trainings	Trainings at Armed Force Circle, Italian Ministry of Defence (Rome, 2016/2018): a) sport, nutrition, and the armed forces; b) the migratory crisis; c) the new security measures in the Mediterranean Sea.
Conferences	Cyber Symposium (Abu Dhabi, 2018); EU Cyber Diplomacy (Florence, 2018); Russia-UK Cyber Relations Committee (Moscow, 2019); IDEX Conference (Abu Dhabi, 2019); Lecture for the Ministry of Family on cybersecurity safety measures for children, Office of the Prime Minister, (Rome, 2019); International Telecommunication Society European Conference 2022 (Gothenburg, Sweden); Digital Czech Republic (Prague, 2023); International Telecommunication Society European Conference 2023 (Madrid, Spain); ITS European Symposium 2024 (Berlin, Germany);

## Publications:

Articles, Chapters, Monographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cappelletti, F. Bohlin, E. (2024) Will 6G be the killer application? Lessons learned from 5G development. Paper presented at the ITS Symposium, Berlin, 15-16 April 2024</li><li>• Bohlin, E., &amp; Cappelletti, F. (2024). Editorial: Policy for 5G and 6G. <i>Telecommunications Policy</i>, 102721. DOI: 10.1016/j.telpol.2024.102721.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F., &amp; Pogorel, G. (2024). Sustainable? Competitive? EU's Industrial Autonomy – Facts and Fantasies. <i>ELF Study Series – 7</i>, Brussels. ISBN: 978-2-39067-066-7.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F., &amp; Goretti, F. (2023). Ongoing Healthcare Revolution: Building Trust in AI-Driven Medical Applications. <i>Future Europe</i>, 3(1), 93–99.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (Ed.). (2023). <i>Towards a new European Security Architecture</i>. ELF Study Series - 6, Brussels. ISBN: 978-2-39067-037-7.</li><li>• Papakonstantinou, V., &amp; Cappelletti, F. (2023). 'A Question of Strategic Legislation: Can the EU deal with cybersecurity issues in space?'. Paper presented at the ITS 32nd European Conference, Madrid.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F., &amp; Hodun, M. (2023). <i>Putin's Europe: Russian Influence in European Democracy</i>. Project Polska.</li><li>• Bohlin, E., &amp; Cappelletti, F. (Eds.). (2022). <i>Europe's Future Connected: Policies and Challenges for 5G and 6G Networks</i>. *ELF Techno-Politics Series*, Brussels. ISBN 9782390670346.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F., Nestoras, A., &amp; Pogorel, G. (Eds.). (2022). <i>Strategic Digital Autonomy</i>. ELF Techno-Politics Series, Brussels. ISBN 9782390670339.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2022). The Promise of Magnetic Fusion for a Sustainable Future. <i>ELF</i>. ISSN 2736-5816. DOI: 10.53121/ELFPP13.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2022). Batteries Charging the Future: The New Cycle for Energy Storage, and the Global Arms Race for it. <i>ELF</i>. ISSN 2736-5816. DOI: 10.53121/ELFPP14.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F., &amp; Nestoras, A. (2021). 5G Geopolitics and European Strategic Autonomy: Security, Standardisation, and the (False?) Promise of Open RAN. <i>Future Europe</i>, 1(1), 89–95.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2021). Sustainability and Climate Change. In <i>Liberal White Book – Europe 2030</i>. European Liberal Forum.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2021). Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights. <i>Novum Institute</i>, Lubjana.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F., &amp; Alesina, M. (2021). Algorithms VS Culture? Freedom of choice and human-centred digitalisation in Europe. <i>Future Europe</i>, 1(1). ISSN: 2790-3354. DOI: 10.53121/ELFFEJ1.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F., &amp; Martino, L. (2021). Achieving robust European cybersecurity through public-private partnerships: Approaches and developments. Discussion Paper, ELF, Brussels. ISSN: 2684-6667.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2020). Le grandi potenze e l'Afghanistan: quarant'anni di tormenti (Part 1/2). <i>Limes Club Firenze</i>.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2020). Le grandi potenze e l'Afghanistan: quarant'anni di tormenti (Part 2/2). <i>Limes Club Firenze</i>.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2020). AI policy in Italy: Comprehensive focus on core infrastructural robustness and humanistic values. In <i>AI in EU</i>. Fores-ELF. ISBN: 978-91-87379-81-9.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2019, April). Financial Technology and security. An introduction to the situation in Italy and EU. <i>Russian International Affairs Council, Moscow</i>.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2018). Russian-western relations. <i>Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)</i>.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2019). Russian Constitutional order and other aspects. <i>Osservatorio Russia</i>.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2019, May). Italy, France, Libya. <i>Russian International Affairs Council, Moscow</i>.</li><li>• Cappelletti, F. (2018). Russia, Ucraina, Cyber. <i>University of Florence</i>.</li></ul>
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