

Curriculum Vitae

STELLA BLUMFELDE

CURRENT POSITION

2024, December – 2025, November *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna
Project title: *Recasting the national interest in Europe. Institutions, politics and policies for the defense of critical infrastructures and supply chains*. PRIN 2022 PNRR (DD N. 1409 del 14/09/2022).

EDUCATION

- 2020 – 2025** *PhD in Security and Strategic Studies*, University of Genoa
Thesis title: *Regional intergovernmental organization role in cybersecurity governance: AU, OAS, ASEAN, and OSCE*.
Supervisor: Dr. Andrea Calderaro, University of Cardiff.
- 2018 – 2020** *MA in International Sciences and Cooperation*, University of Genoa
Thesis title: *Securitization of cyberspace in Estonia and Italy*.
Supervisor: Prof. Fabrizio Coticchia, University of Genoa.
Vote: 110/110 *cum laude*.
- 2015 – 2018** *BA in Political Science*, University of Latvia
Thesis title: *Political corruption in Italy from 1973 to 2013*
Supervisor: Dr Valts Kalniņš.
 - Erasmus+ mobility at University of Genoa (2016; 2017)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2019-20** *International Relations Office* (municipality of Genoa, Italy)
Internship

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

- Blumfelde, S. “Security Governance of Dual-Use Emerging Technologies: Export Control regulations in the US, China, and the EU”. *Global Policy* (forthcoming 2025).
- Blumfelde, S. “The role of International Organizations in Global Cybersecurity Governance”. *Rivista di Digital Politics*, 2022/3, 331-350.
- Calderaro, A., Blumfelde, S. (2022). “Artificial intelligence and EU security: the false promise of digital sovereignty”. *European Security*, 31(3), 415-434.

Book chapters

- Blumfelde, S., Potapovs, M. “Latvia’s strategic framework within the European Union’s cyber ecosystem” in *Cybersecurity in Latvia*, Springer (forthcoming 2025).

Public engagement

- Blumfelde, S., Bojarski, K., Shires, J., Smeets, M. 2024. *The story behind the uncovering of the Pegasus spyware scandal*, Binding Hook, <https://bindinghook.com/articles-book-binder/the-story-behind-the-uncovering-of-the-pegasus-spyware-scandal/>.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2024** Peer- reviewer for a special issue for *Policy&Internet*.

INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2024-25 *University of Bologna-University of Genoa-University of Rome (PRIN)*
“Recasting the national interest in Europe. Institutions, politics and policies for the defence of critical infrastructures and supply chains”
- 2022 *Parliamentary Deployment Votes Database (PDVD).*
- 2022 *Requested report production for the Government of the United Kingdom*
“Export control of dual-use items”
- 2022 *Requested report production for the United Nations*
“International digital cooperation initiatives”

INVITED LECTURES

- 2023, May University of Genoa
- “Cybersecurity governance as a common good”, MA Degree course in “Beni Comuni, Sostenibilità e Politiche Pubbliche” (eng. Common Goods, Sustainability, and Public Policy)
 - “EU and cybersecurity governance”, MA Degree course in “The Political System of the European Union: Foreign and Defense Policy in Europe”.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 *“CTRL+Power: The (Geo)politics of Digital Authoritarianism” workshop*, organized by University of Turin, LSE, and T.wai: “Bridging the Gap or Widening the Divide? Regional Organizations and the Future of Cybersecurity Cooperation”.
- 2023 *SISP Conference* (Genoa): “Security governance of cyberspace: the role of international organizations”.
- 2023 *ISA Annual Convention* (Montreal, supported with 600\$): “Cybersecurity governance and International Organizations”.
- 2022 *EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Conference* (Brussels): “Cybersecurity”.
- 2022 *UACES Annual Conference* (online): “Artificial Intelligence and EU Security: the false promise of Digital Sovereignty”.
- 2022 *ISA Annual Convention* (Online): “The geo-politics of EU Digital Sovereignty: security between Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing”.
- 2021 *Festival della Comunicazione* (Camogli): “Security challenges in the 21st century: academic perspective (ITA: *Sfide alla sicurezza nel XXI secolo:prospettiva accademica*)”.
- 2021 *SISP Conference* (Online): “A Critical Review of normative power in IR: shaping behaviour in cyberspace”.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND PANELS

- 2024** Programme Committee member, *Baltic Cybersecurity Innovation Forum – “CyberBazaar 2024” (Riga)*
- 2024** Panel discussant, *SISP Conference (Genoa)*: “Engaging techno-politics: security and strategy in the digital age” (with Georgios Glouftsiotis).

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCES

- 2024-25** ECCRI European Cybersecurity Fellow
- 2021** VCDNP Young Women in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Mentorship Programme. Mentor: Kerstin Vignard, previously Head for UNIDIR support team to General Assembly processes pursuant to resolutions 73/27 and 73/266.
- 2021** OSCE-UNODA Scholarship for Peace and Security
- 2020** NATO Youth Summit 2030 Video Contestant Winner: “NATO’s Future Role – deepening of the awareness of cybersecurity”

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2018-20** ALISEO Scholarship (4.000 €)
- 2015-18** Vītoli Fonds scholarship – SEB Latvian bank scholarship (6.100 €)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Latvian – mother tongue | *English* – advanced | *Italian* – advanced | *Russian* - basic