

Cyber Security and Digital Vulnerability in Society

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Biographies

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Diego Brasioli (Rome, Italy, 1961) is a career diplomat, currently serving as Ambassador of Italy to Luxembourg. Previously, he has worked in various diplomatic posts such as Pakistan, Jordan, Lebanon, USA (Los Angeles), Romania, as well as in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (President of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Human Rights, Director for North Africa and the Middle East, Director for Security and Disarmament and Deputy Director General for Political Affairs). Contract professor at LUMSA University of Rome (Italy). Director of the University of Luxembourg Diplomacy Lab.

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