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Political economist specializing in digital sovereignty, European technology governance, and the geopolitics of innovation. My research examines how regulatory frameworks, platform capitalism, and strategic autonomy intersect in shaping global technological orders. Combining comparative political economy and international relations, I focus on Europe's responses to U.S. and Chinese digital power through regulation and industrial policy.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer in Geopolitics

Since September 2025

Université de Bordeaux, Pessac, France

- Teaching graduate-level courses on the geopolitical dynamics of innovation, European digital sovereignty, and the governance of emerging technologies. These courses are part of the multidisciplinary Master's program *Law for Innovation* at the University of Bordeaux.

Project Research Manager - Graduate Research Programs

Since September 2024

Université de Bordeaux, Talence, France

- In charge of coordinating international and interdisciplinary graduate programs (Master's and PhD), including project design, academic partnerships, financial and scientific reporting, and compliance with institutional and EU regulations.

Researcher in Digital Policy and Regulation

From September 2021 to August 2022

GEODE Géopolitique de la datasphère, Aubervilliers, France

- Eiffel Excellence Scholarship recipient in international mobility at Paris 8 University:

Assistant professor

From February 2021 to August 2021

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro

Undergraduate Courses Taught in Political Science and International Relations

- *International Relations Theory*
- *Security and Defense Theories*
- *History of Major Global Conflicts*
- *Brazilian Foreign Policy and Latin American Politics*

Selected Scholar, William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies

From June 2019 to October 2019

U.S. Department of Defense / National Defense University, Washington, DC, USA

- Awarded a scholarship to attend a specialized program in Geopolitics and Defense Studies, focused on hemispheric security and Latin American strategic issues.

Lead Researcher, Scenario Simulation Laboratory

From March 2018 to June 2021

Brazilian Naval War College (EGN), Ministry of Defense, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

- Conducted strategic foresight and geopolitical risk analysis using scenario simulation methodologies. Led interdisciplinary research teams focused on defense policy, emerging technologies, and national security challenges.

EDUCATION

PhD in International Political Economy

From March 2019 to June 2025

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

Dissertation: "Digital Sovereignty: Geopolitical and Strategic Challenges for the European Union."

Specialized Master's in International Innovation Management

From September 2022 to September 2023

Institut Mines-Télécom BS, Paris

Master's in International Political Economy

From March 2017 to February 2019

Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

Bachelor's Degree in International Relations

From August 2013 to August 2016

Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

SKILLS

English (fluent), Portuguese (mother tongue), French (Bilingual), Spanish (intermediate).

Technical skills: Project management (Erasmus+, ANR, Horizon Europe), budget coordination, EU reporting, partnership building, multilingual communication, strategic foresight, teaching & mentoring.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Grants and Fellowships

- 2021 | Eiffel Excellence Scholarship – Campus France
Visiting researcher at *Centre GEODE – Géopolitique de la Datasphère*, Université Paris VIII, France.
- 2020–2021 | Research Fellowship at FEMAR – Fundação de Estudos do Mar (Foundation for Maritime Studies, Brazil)
- 2019 | Research Fellowship – National Defense University (NDU), Washington D.C., USA.
- 2019–2021 | CAPES – PhD Scholarship in International Political Economy, Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES), Brazil.
- 2013–2014 | Young Talents for Science Program (Brazilian Ministry of Education), Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES), Brazil.

RESEARCH WORK

Full articles published in journals

- Colbert, C. (2024). Advances and challenges of Brazil's new national cybersecurity policy. *Institut d'études de géopolitique appliquée*, 2(1), 1–22. ISSN : 2739-3283
- Colbert, C. R. T., & Souza, D. M. (2020). Blue Amazon: Reflections from the Law of the Sea and National Sovereignty. *Revista Hoplos*, 4(1), 68–86. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.0000/hoplos.v4i7.43096>
- Jaeger, B. C., Colbert, C. R. T., Ferreira, L. F., & Barreiros, D. P. (2020). Cuban-American relations (1895–2018): Continuities and strategic reconfigurations. *Oikos (Rio de Janeiro)*, 19(1), 62–78.
- De Moraes, I. N., Deng, B. L., & Colbert, C. R. T. (2019). One China Policy: Origins and implications for the current US Taiwan policy. *Revista Mural Internacional*, 9(1), 8–20. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.12957/rmi.2018.36080>
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2018). A theoretical dialogue between Everett Dolman's Astropolitics and the classical geopolitics of Mahan and Mackinder. *Revista de Geopolítica*, 9(1), 66–77. [dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.16593.48488](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.16593.48488)

Full articles published in journals (accepted but not yet published)

- Corrêa, C. R., & Colbert, C. (2025). *Scenario planning for South Atlantic security*. Marine Policy. Elsevier.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Book Chapters Published

- Batista, P. R., Colbert, C. R. T., Missagia, R. S. (2020). The Brazilian space sector and humanitarian issues. In C. A. L. da Silva, E. S. O. da Silva, & G. Vilar-Lopes (Eds.), *Humanitarian Issues and Aerospace Power* (1st ed., pp. 87–110). Rio de Janeiro: Editora Luzes.
- Oliveira, L. D., Colbert, C. R. T. (2018). Geopolitics of the Amazon: Notes on defense of frontiers, sustainable development, and forest knowledge. In P. Stoyanov & V. Simeonova (Eds.), *Latin America: Space, society, economy* (Vol. 1, 1st ed., pp. 54–75). Sofia and Barcelona: Sofia University Press.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS 2025

Digital Sovereignty at a Crossroads: EU and Americas' Diverging Paths to Governance,

Colloque international 2025, Institut des Amériques & IRM – Université de Bordeaux (Nov. 2025)

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Full Articles Published in Conference Proceedings

- Colbert, C. R. T. (2019). The Gulf War and the use of space technologies for strategic purposes by the United States. In *States and Currencies in the Development of Nations III – International Political Economy Meeting* (Vol. III). Rio de Janeiro.
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2018). The expansion of U.S. power through the space sector: From Eisenhower to Obama (1958-2016). In *National Defense and International Security in Times of Crisis: Sovereignty and Democracy in Debate – 10th National Meeting of the Brazilian Association for Defense Studies (ENABED)*. São Paulo.
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2017). Between the pacification and militarization of outer space: The role of diplomacy in arms control. In *Instability and Reconfiguration: Perspectives for the International Order – Graduate Symposium in International Relations of the San Tiago Dantas Program (Unesp, Unicamp, PUC-SP)*. São Paulo: Unesp.
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2018). The expansion of U.S. power through the space sector: From Eisenhower to Obama (1958-2016). In *National Defense and International Security in Times of Crisis: Sovereignty and Democracy in Debate – 10th National Meeting of the Brazilian Association for Defense Studies (ENABED)*. São Paulo.

ACADEMIC SERVICES AND REVIEWING

Reviewer for:

- Geografia e Espaço
- Hoplos - Revista de Estudos Estratégicos e Relações Internacionais
- OIKOS - Revista de Economia Política Internacional
- Revista da Escola de Guerra Naval

External Examiner for

B.A Thesis for Marina Autran Caldas Bonny - *Space Force: The Militarization Process of Space Research in the United States*. Undergraduate Thesis (Bachelor's in Defense and International Strategic Management) – Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (2021).

B.A Thesis for Brenno Dias Consídera - *The Chinese Space Program: Evolution, Capabilities, and Impacts on the International System*. Undergraduate Thesis (Bachelor's in International Relations) – La Salle University (2020).

Technical Productions

- Colbert, C. R. T. (2020). Review of an article for *Hoplos: Journal of Strategic Studies and International Relations* (2020).
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2019). Methodological divisions and research practices. (*Research report*).
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2019). Exploratory survey of aspects of the South American region. (*Research report*).
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2019). Qualitative regional survey (South America). (*Research report*).
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2019). Quantitative regional survey (South America). (*Research report*).
- Correa, C. R., Janick, V. R. F., Colbert, C. R. T., Batista, P. R., Santos, T., & Germano, J. (2019). *Prospective scenarios mini-course 2019*. (*Extension course, short-term course taught*).
- Correa, C. R., Carneiro, M. M. P., Serrão, N. T., Colbert, C. R. T., Germano, J., Sochaczewski, A. G., Macedo, M. C. B., Costa, V. A., Rodrigues, M. L. P., Jacobino, T. H., & Nichols, G. L. (2018). *Prospective scenarios: Methods, practices, and defense trends*. (*Extension course, short-term course taught*).
- Colbert, C. R. T. (2017). Foreign policy in Latin America. (*Other technical production*).